

## September-October Librarian's Report

Submitted by Alex Hess at the monthly meeting on 10/20/22

- **Circulation/Catalog**
  - 69 checkouts, 68 checkins, 9 renewals, and 2 lost items
  - 43 patrons checked something out, 32 of those were for ILLs
  - 5 new patrons/cardholders
  
- Most days, 1 or 2 patrons
  - In total had 12 unique patrons, 5 of them repeat visitors
- Patron computer issues: currently having issues with accessing certain features on the public computer, especially onenote and/or word
  - I am working on figuring this out
  - Has me wondering about more long-term tech support now that Eryc is gone and I'd like to find someone local who could help once in a while
    - First thought is to ask other library staff @ Newport and Lempster
    - Any other suggestions?
- Major weeding/acquisition still to be done
  - 64% (3,871 items) of collection has not circulated in over 10 years
    - Goal: weed 300 items by end the of 2022
      - Will continue working on weeding in new year
        - So far: about about 100 items
    - Bookcart status: have borrowed one from Dunbar in Grantham, is on loan until January
      - Farmington is giving us 2 full size carts!!!
        - Need to figure out how to get them here
          - Van? Truck? Meeting halfway?
      - Once we have those, I will be moving the weeding project to the front burner
        - We will have a lot of books to be discarded or donated
          - Any suggestions for where to donate ones in decent condition?
    - Goal: Acquire a total of 250 new items by the end of 2022
      - So far: about 210
        - Definitely on track for this!
  
  - **Events**
    - September 16th, 6-7 pm: All ages fall craft night: 4 different craft options plus cocoa and tea

- Okay turnout: 2 kids and 2 adults
  - September 17th, 11 am-12 pm: Hispanic heritage month storytime
    - No turnout
  - September 23rd, 6-7 pm: Banned Book Week Trivia (teens and adults)
    - Low turnout: 1, cannot play trivia with 1 so was scrapped
  - September 30th, 7 pm: Plumbago mine talk
    - Low turnout: trustees will expand on this
  - October 6th, 6:30-7:30 pm: Book Club: The Thirteenth Tale
    - Good turnout! 4 of us attended
    - One new member!
  - October 8th, 11 am-12 pm: Autumn Storytime
    - Okay turnout: 2 kids and 3 adults
    - Lots of fun! Read 3 books, made halloween masks, and asked the kids to add their favorite book to the book tree
  - October 14th, 6-7 pm: LGBT History Presentation
    - No turnout
- **Schedule of upcoming events for reference**
  - October 22nd, : Scarecrow Building
  - October 25th, Groundbreaking
  - October 28th: TeenTober Night
  - October 30th, : Trunk or Treat
  - November 3rd: Book Club
  - November 5th: Native American Heritage Storytime
  - November 5th: Glow Cardio Drumming (rain date: 6th)
  - November 11th: Family Game Night?
  - Date TBD: Crafts with Ginny Parker
  - Date TBD: Crafts with Judy Gagnon
  - Date TBD: Nature/native critters storytime and possible collaboration with Dawn Dextraze
  - December 3rd: Holiday Craft Fair
- **Other thoughts:**
  - Book recommendation slips now available: please fill a few out!
  - ALA membership is finally sorted out/fixed for good!
  - NELA (New England Library Association)
    - conference is this weekend! 23rd and 24th
  - New library cards: will be completing order before the next meeting
    - Process has been complicated and I admit it has fallen by the wayside as I worked on other things

- Mask policy?
  - At least 10 libraries in the state are still/currently requiring masks to be worn
  - I have been reading about how the lack of a mask requirement in public libraries are an accessibility barrier to high-risk/immunocompromised people and the library is supposed to be accessible to all
  - I don't intend to do this right away, however I am considering it and want to know how we put it into place
  - Any particular procedure?
- How best to distribute posters/info?
  - We need a better system as it varies who hangs up posters and where and when
  - Post office, store, dump - can we choose a regular person for each of these?
  - I always print several of each poster and have them available to be picked up
    - If you need one for the outdoors, let me know and I will laminate it
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- **Website/social media thoughts:**
  - Website is up to date and decently organized for now
    - Was provided info from the State Library about accessibility online and how it can be improved
      - I intend to work on this in the next month
- Instagram
  - 98 posts total, 21 since our last meeting
  - 77 followers so far, up 4 from last meeting
- Facebook
  - Goal: 250 likes/followers by end of 2022 (currently at 136 and 149 respectively)
  - Goal: at least 2 rsvps to each event and at least 3 likes/reactions to each post
  - Engagement has still been low

