



# Directors Report January/February 2017

Happy Belated New Year!

Since our last meeting in November I have been wrapping up 2016 and preparing for the year ahead.

- We finished our Parent/Child Mother Goose Program with fantastic feedback from the participants. This was a partnership with the Early Childhood Development Initiative and we plan to offer it again in the fall of 2017.
- Careers under Construction offered classes in Computers for Beginners, Email for Beginners, and Social Media 101. In 2017 we have scheduled one workshop a month between Jan – June, some computer classes and some job readiness workshops.
- I attended the learning day at NLLS in November, sessions were on the EPL staff learning model and accessibility training.
- Our Comic Book Fair was very well attended (Jay from Happy Harbor said it was one of the best turnouts they've had in a public library). We earned over \$200 in comics for the library and I am working with Jay to curate our current comic/graphic novel collection.
- We held another Paint Night for Kids in November & Kompany Family Theatre returned with a holiday performance in December.
- I had breakfast with Mayors Smith and Flynn to discuss library funding. I don't know if it had any bearing on the increase but we have an additional \$4000 from the county.
- I continue to visit the lodge twice a month and have a steady group of residents who are using this service. I have had a request to offer the same service to the long term care patients at the hospital but may need to look at a different delivery model for them.
- In January I attended a Community Services planning meeting for town events. I brought up the need to replace our annual COW Bus event and what that might look like in the future. I also attended a meeting with various agencies that provide early learning and/or family literacy programming in the region, the goal of the meeting was to find gaps and overlaps in our communities.
- Our emails & MS Office programs have all been switched over to Office 365. It was not without a few hiccups but we are figuring it all out.

- Our staff laptop finally gave up the ghost and I had to replace it. Also our public computers are starting to fail and I have requested a quote from NLLS on the cost of replacing them.
- I applied for both the STEP and CSJ Grants. Because of the narrow scope of the ABYI Grant, we couldn't qualify for this current cycle. We could hire someone in April and apply for funding if/when it is announced in the fall. I am working on a SCIP Internship for someone to coordinate our Early Learning event to replace the COW Bus.
- I posted for a library clerk/ program staff and have hired Aimie Williams. Aimie has a background in Graphic Design, is comfortable working with technology and has a great deal of programming experience. She will be working some Saturdays and will be running the library programs (freeing up a great deal of my time).
- We received \$600 from Baytex to make up Literacy Bags. Aimie is working on creating those.

#### Currently working on Grants from:

LAA (to cover costs of Jasper conference)  
 North Parkland Power  
 Lions Club  
 Canada Post Foundation  
 CIP Grant (Next deadline is March 15)

#### February Programs:

Rhyme & Rhyme - Wednesday mornings at 10:30  
 Storytime – Friday mornings at 10:00  
 Pop Up Makerspace – Thursday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30  
 Movie Night – Friday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30  
 Mandalas & More – Tuesday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00  
 Valentine's for Vets – Thursday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00  
 Lego Creations – Friday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00  
 Intro to Email – Monday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00-4:00  
 Book Club – Wednesday, Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 5:30  
 Afterschool STEAM – Thursday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 3:30  
 Family Game Day – Friday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00  
 Card Making 101 – Tuesday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00  
 Paint Your Own Pottery – Tuesday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00