



Directors Report September 2017

It has been a busy summer!

We kicked off our summer programs with our Word on the Block summer street party. We kicked off the day with a fantastic performance by Kompany Family Theatre followed by a variety of outdoor activities including face painting, petting zoo, and a free BBQ courtesy of the Lions Club. The weather was perfect for an outdoor event and we had record numbers in attendance. Staff was too busy to keep count but over 200 hotdogs were eaten.

Our SRP entertainer from NLLS was here on August 18th and we had a full house of all ages enjoying her hula hoop and light show. Children got a chance to try her hoops and those that stayed long enough were delighted by a special performance by her dog, Lily.

Our summer students, Josée and Kennedy, facilitated numerous summer programs including a series of book walks in parks around town. Attendance was sporadic in summer programs, STEAM and Makerspace seemed to be the most popular.

When they were not doing programming, our students completed other projects including labeling our children's and juvenile collections with reading levels to aid parents in selecting reading materials appropriate to their child's ability. I also took advantage of their input to help purchase updated materials for our YA collection.

The number of participants in our Summer Reading Program was up over 2016 with 55 children and 17 adults participating. In addition to the t-shirts, chairs and other prizes for the children, The Friends of the Library donated a tablet as a prize for the adult readers.

Our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program has seen an increase in participants as well. Not all of them will let us take their picture for our growing "Tree of Fame" but the ones who will love finding themselves on the wall.

Forty-nine children received free library cards in July & August.

With all the heavy winds and rain this summer we discovered that our book return was leaking. The metal door is cracked and water has been running down the wall on the inside. The structure inside the library was covered in mold and Linda and I removed it. To date I have not heard from the town about a decision on its repair.

September marks the return of our regular programming. In addition to programming at the library, we are partnering with Diamond Springs Lodge to bring some of our programs (and the community) to the residents with a Paint Night on September 28th. This is a paid event for community members but is free for any lodge residents who wish to participate.

The library staff will all be attending the NLLS conference on September 14-15 therefore the library will be closed on those days.

All the NLLS websites are being revamped, ours should be live within the next few days.