

Librarian's Report
January 2011

Programs

I have booked 9 programs for next year's lecture series. I have also started to begin booking summer programs. There are a few collaborative programs occurring including a Memoir project with the senior from the FCCA and 7th grade students, and the preschool postcard writing campaign to Vermont Authors for new books for the library. We are also looking for a new playgroup facilitator, and will begin actively posting the position once I have a firmed up job description.

Vermont Associates

I met with Peg Crowley and Fred Matthews last week to talk about Fred joining BNML as his training site. Vermont Associates is a training program for adults 55 and older who are looking to return to the job force and therefore need to gain new skills. Fred will need to work 20 hours each week and I will conduct his training. We will focus on Technical Skills, Customer Service, and Basic Library Tasks. His resume is attached and he is able to start early March if approved.

Grants

We submitted the Libri Foundation grant (Denise had the final copy) and will submit the CLiF grant new week. Both are for children's books - picture or chapter. If awarded, we will be able to purchase new books and process them here. The Libri Foundation required a match of \$350 is which we identified a Fill the Floor Family Event as the fundraiser. This event will occur on the floor of the new library with the goal of filling it with families for an evening read aloud. Guest readers will read and rotate among groups of library patrons who have contributed \$10 per family for the evening.

Internet

I spoke with Regina Spillane to officially place our order with Fairpoint for both data and phone service beginning March 15th. She explained that there will be a technician in the field by next week to confirm that T1 service will be available (they are also visiting the school). This contradicts our previous conversations when Fairpoint explained that we would definitely have the option of a T1 or a T3 connection (the email is attached). While the order will be placed today or tomorrow, the speed of service is not confirmed. Our backup plan is to use Surfglobal, though I am confident it will not provide enough broadband to fully serve patrons.

Furniture, Hardware, Copier

We need to be compiling lists of furniture and hardware items to be purchase for the new library. The furniture lead time is about 8 weeks, the hardware and copier is about 6 weeks.

Automation

I have begun submitted out Marc records to Richard Pritsky of the Koha group with is helping to migrate them into the Koha database format. Our live launch date with the new catalog is March 1 which will give us an opportunity to add the new titles to Koha and not to Destiny. We will try to work behind the scenes cataloging our new books so we have a new database to work with come April 1. This may be ambitious, but I will have a better idea once we get going. We have a few volunteers who could be a great asset cataloging.

e Vermont

The eVermont group had our initial meeting with our eVt rep, Sean Sheehan. We defined goals and will meet with the Communications Committee from the VCRD Community Visit process on Feb 2nd.

Year End Report

was submitted to Amanda yesterday and is attached! Please be sure to note the average per capita revenue for Franklin County libraries!