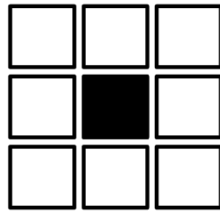


Sing Song Yoga Event
8/17/23



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

August 2023

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Library Events/Programming Highlights

- The 2023 Summer Reading Program themed *All Together Now* has officially ended and the final statistics are listed at the end of this report.
- A 3-week toddler yoga program was offered during the storytime break to keep little ones busy before the start of the school year and our Fall programming season.

Staff Highlights

- All staff worked hard to wrap up the SRP activities and distribute finisher prizes to children who completed their summer reading goal.
- Lynel Danckaert, Technical Service and User Experience Manager, successfully completed a 6-week online professional development course through the University of Wisconsin, the Information School, called "Strategies for Supervising Part-Time Employees."

OTHER

City of Zeeland 2023 Strategic Action Plan, HML Action Step #5

- *Create New Workstation in Workroom:*

Town and Country Group installed new data drops in the back workroom. Next steps include finding furniture for the new space, relocating computer equipment and relocating storage for book carts.

Zeeland Record Digitization Project Update

- The University of Michigan Library is considering taking over this project. They anticipate letting us know their decision by mid-September. The scope of the project includes the re-digitization of the publication, 1893-2005 from microfilm and digitization of paper copies from 2006 to present. The final digitized content will be hosted by U-M Libraries in one of their digital collection databases and will be freely available to anyone for perpetuity if they accept our project. – *Still waiting on their response as of 9/1/23.*

Looking Forward

- Fall program began on September 5th.
- Staff Development Day will be held on October 9th and the library will be closed to the public that day so that all staff have the opportunity to participate. Library Advisory Board member are invited to attend this day of planning and activities as well.

HML by the Numbers – August 2023

Children's Programs:

- August: 8 programs – 316 participants

Adult Programs:

- August: 1 program - 12 participants

Final SRP Numbers as of 8/5/23

Challenge Name	Readers Count	Completions
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Children's ages 5-12)	437	293
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Teens ages 13-17)	172	115
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Early Literacy ages 0-4)	228	120
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Adults ages 18+)	293	202
Total	1,130	731

Last year's numbers were 1,162 total readers with 529 completions. This is a 3% decrease in readers and an increase in the overall completion rate from 45% in 2022 to 65% in 2023.

HML statistics for June 1 – August 22:

Check Outs	54,695
Check Ins	52,359
New Cards	169
Items Processed	1,929
Total # Visitors	25,797
Total # Programs	48
Total Program Att.	2,029
Digital Check Outs	10,386