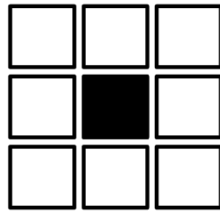


T-shirt Painting Family
Event 5/29/23



Howard Miller Public Library

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

June 2023

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Library Events/Programming Highlights

- Summer Reading Program began on June 1st and events kicked off this month with weekly Park Pop-Up program at Lawrence Street Park attracting hundreds of folks. Other weekly programs for Adults, Teens, and Children also began this month.
- The Community Survey and the Board and Staff Survey were both available online for people to complete throughout the month. We received a total of 215 community responses and 21 staff and Board member responses. While this is only a 2% response rate from the public for all HML cardholders, the strategic planning consultant assures us this is a very respectable number that can be used to inform future strategic planning efforts. We had a 70% response rate from Board and staff members.

Staff Highlights

- Kathleen Shaffer joined the HML team as the newest part-time Librarian I on June 14th.
- Several staff projects are underway this summer including a book spine relabel project by our full-time Summer Intern, Dustin Danckaert, to make materials easier to find for patrons. In addition, all staff are helping to relabel the picture books and readjust their shelving locations to also make these easier for patrons to find while browsing the collections.
- Sara VanLente, Librarian II in charge of the Adult collection, performed a deep weed of the Books on CD collection which has seen a dramatic drop off in circulation statistics since 2019. Debbie Vojak organized a Used Book Sale with these items which will carry over into the first week of July.

Other

- Library staff have been helping patrons use our new e-printing service which allows patrons to print documents and emails directly from their devices on a printer at the Library. We did a "soft launch" of this new library service, and we plan to promote it more heavily in the Fall after the Summer Reading Program rush has concluded.

Looking Forward

- The Library is working out details of new partnership with a new nonprofit educational organization in Zeeland, Empowering Youth Global Connection, which promotes cultural diversity awareness and appreciation for kids. Together we plan to offer quarterly programs for students in grade school and up which focus on learning about different cultures through stories, activities, and refreshments. This partnership is slated to begin in the Fall of 2023.

HML by the Numbers – June 2023

Children's Programs:

- June: 18 programs – 1,215 participants

Adult Programs:

- June: 3 programs - 23 participants

SRP Numbers as of 6/30/23

Challenge Name	Readers Count	Completions
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Children's ages 3-12)	342	35
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Teens ages 13-17)	124	22
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Early Literacy ages 0-2)	183	5
Summer 2023: All Together Now (Adults ages 18+)	193	28
Total	842	90