

Library Director's Report for August 2019

Staff

- Beth, our Early Literacy Outreach Specialist, will be leaving at the end of the month. She is moving to Wisconsin. Beth has been an amazing member of the WACL team and will be missed! Rachel has started the interview process and we hope to have her replacement by the end of the month.
- Our next staff meeting will be on Monday, August 26. The personnel committee will attend to talk about the search for a new library director.

Services & Programming

- The county is working on a way to better promote the discoverability of non-traditional items such as our Tech Takeout collection. The hope is that there could be a shared page, similar to the county eResources page, that would list the unique collections across the county.
- Heather has been hosting a series of adult programs that have been successful including InstantPot and Cutting the Cable Cord. She is always looking for new ideas!
- Love Your Library month is just around the corner, please take a yard sign with you after the meeting and if you are willing to place any throughout the community please let me know.

Updates & Announcements.

- Glenn Miller, our State Librarian attended our last West Region meeting. As you all know, we are receiving an increase in state aid for the first time in over a decade. Glenn is anticipating that libraries should receive about a 9.2% increase.
- Plans for the new circulation desk are moving forward, the carpenter and his designer will be here on Monday to see the library before submitting some designs.
- The final fire inspection is still on hold. Stephen has been working on replacing all of the emergency fixtures, but there are some wiring issues that are slowing things down.

ACLA, EiNetwork & LAC

- The library ILS (Sierra, what we use to checkout books) now has the capability of automatically renewing books. This will be based on our loan rules (typically for three weeks and can be renewed up to 6 times) and only for items that are not on hold for another patron. I am unsure about when this feature will go live, but I will update you when it does.
- ACLA is scheduled to ask RAD for a 3% increase on Tuesday. The LAC also requested that CLP ask RAD for an increase to eResource, but it does not appear that will happen.
- The Hill Groups Shared Services program, where I serve on the Facilities Management group, had their first meetings. This was productive and I think long-term will be very beneficial to libraries like ours that are not in a municipal building.
- EiNetwork will be updating the Creative Software currently installed on the patron computers. They are also preparing for updates to the Catalog this September including Grouped Search Results (grouping together different formats of the same work).