

Directors Report
March 2010

Update on Joyce

Joyce's recovery from her broken leg is going well. She is starting physical therapy next week to help strengthen and improve mobility in her ankle and knee. She goes back to the doctor on March 31st and hopefully we will find out how well her leg has healed and also get a timeline on when she can return to work. Both the town and her doctor have signed off on her performing light duty work (up to 15 hrs. per week) from home during her recovery. She will continue to work on the book nibbles for the elementary school, read book reviews and provide a list of new books to purchase, and start planning the summer reading program. During her absence I will be helping with the ASK program and Heather will run the Thursday story hour.

Programs

I have started placing ads in the shopper for some of our programs in hopes of increasing awareness and attendance. The weekly film series has had 8 - 12 people attend each week and I would like to see an increase in attendance. The Atticus Finch program which was held on March 3rd was not well attended by adults. Luckily, I had a dozen 10th grade students attend because they were reading the book in school and they received extra credit for attending the program. I'm not sure if it's the date and/or time that's the problem or if it's a lack of interest from the community but I am somewhat frustrated by the lack of community participation.

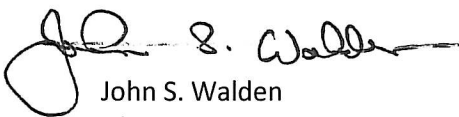
Starting on March 17, the library will be offering a new toddler program. The program will be headed by volunteer Shannon Martinez, who approached me last fall with the idea for the program. We had to delay the start of the program due to the basement repairs. Shannon has done a lot of research into toddler programs and has attended several sessions of programs offered in the area to help get a sense of what's involved in running a group. It will be a drop-in program and all ages of toddlers will be welcome.

Basement Project

The \$20,000 approved by the Selectman for the mold remediation has been expended. The only work remaining is the repair to the front entry and pest control. Both of these costs will come out of library funds once the work is done in the spring.

We will also need to purchase a large capacity dehumidifier to help with humidity levels in the building in the spring and summer. One of the contractors who bid on the job sent me some information on a model he recommended. I will try and have a cost estimate for Tuesday's meeting since the cost of the dehumidifier was not included with the remediation project costs.

Respectfully Submitted,



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