

Circulation/Usage Update

1. Circulation in October (7,016 items) is down by 4% when compared to September 2016. Circulation historically drops after summer gradually to the end of the year. This drop in circulation is on track with what is expected in October.
2. New library cards in October (38) were up by 6% over the month before but this is not uncommon for October historically. The majority of these cards, approximately 61%, are for Newtown Township residents. New library cards in 2016 are down by about 16% when compared to 2015. A total of 26% of new library cards in October were for juvenile patrons.
3. Our public computer usage in October (332 sessions) is up when compared to September but continues to be low compared to 2015.
4. Our patron visits in October (4,887 visits) were slightly less than September (4,915). The busiest hour in October was 1-2 p.m. Mondays continue to be the busiest day of the week. We are looking forward to identifying trends as we gather more data.

Adult Services Update

3D Printing Demonstrations will be scheduled every other month starting in January 2017 on the second Thursday to meet the demand of folks who are just interested in seeing the 3D printer in operation. The first of these simple demonstrations will be on Thursday, January 12 at 4 p.m.

Local realtor and author, Brett Furman, returned to Newtown Public Library to share his tips and tricks with patrons who are looking to sell their home on Tuesday, November 15. Furman is the author of "What You Really Need to Know About Selling Your Home".

The annual Medicare Annual Enrollment Update program offered by APPRISE was held on Wednesday, November 16. This is a classroom style presentation that explains new and updated information for the forthcoming Medicare Year. These presentations consist of explanations of the upcoming year's information concerning Original Medicare Premiums, Deductibles, Copays, and New Medicare Advantage Plans and Part D Prescription Plans Information.

Youth Services Update

This report will be made in December.

Upcoming Events:

In addition to regular toddler and baby story times scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week, the Library has the following programs scheduled in the coming weeks:

- Dance Me a Story: Friday, November 18 @ 10:15 a.m.
- Music, Art & Me: Thursday, December 1 @ 10 a.m.
- Music with Mr. Tom: Tuesday, December 13 @ 10 a.m.

Miscellaneous

1. Arlene met with Janet Elliott, the Vice Chair of Newtown Square in Bloom and a member of Newtown Township's Environmental Advisory Council, to discuss ways the Library could partner with Newtown Square in Bloom. A pollinator garden was discussed as well as an environmental expo. Nothing has been decided except that we will definitely work together to make Newtown Township more beautiful.
2. Arlene is still working on a grant with Tyler Arboretum to bring an "edible garden" to the library's green space. It is hoped that by the spring, the library will be ready to plant. It has not been decided exactly where this garden will go.

Respectfully submitted,

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