

Director's Report – August 2019

Joy Neal, Director

Library:

Circulation for August 2062. Patron count was 2330. We had 231 uses of the computers. We had 9 new library cards. 69 people attend library programs.

Tech nights were held on August 7, 14, 21, 28

Story times were held August 2, 9, then Katryna left on vacation for the last three weeks of August.

Summer reading program end of summer party was held in the side lot of the Thrift Shop. We made ice cream in a bag and created the moon phases with Oreo cookies. We also drew the names for the prizes.

Staff:

Katryna took 2 ½ weeks off to travel to England with her sister and daughter.

Susan was gone for a week on vacation.

I worked Saturday the 24th since everyone was out of town.

Community:

I was invited to attend a meet & greet at the Everett Public Library, August 1st. Dr. Carla Hayden, the Librarian of Congress, was visiting thanks to Congressman Larsen. Other library directors from the 2nd Congressional District were also invited.

Bill Taylor, Jim Airy and I met with the Mayor and other city people on the 7th to talk about our project as well as 6th street becoming a plaza. Not likely to happen as there are utilities in the street that cannot be relocated. Mayor did mention later the thought of making it a parking area.

I attended the Kiwanis breakfasts on August 14 and 21.

I attended the Foundation Board meeting on the 15th.

A Kiwanis member wants to bring an author to town. The author's dad was a WWII pilot. I agreed to the Library be the sponsoring agency so it could happen. She and I are working on it.

Katryna helped man the library booth at the Skagit County Fair on the 8th.

I attended the School in-service day on the 28th. They had a panel of Swinomish talking about their story growing up Swinomish. They also had a speaker from the UW on understanding Native American culture and history. I had a table there promoting the library and our programs, encouraging the teachers to get library cards.

Other:

I gave a presentation at the Quilt Museum Kid's Camp on the 5th. I took some of my toy sewing machines and books about the toys. I talked about their history and had some that worked so they could play with them.

I was asked if we would display Spencer Arrington's Eagle Scout project at the library. We had provided him with some information on Fort Whitman and Goat Island for the project and it needed to have public exposure. We will have it until the end of Sept. There has been lots of interest in it.