

Director's Report – October 2019

Joy Neal, Director

**Library:**

Circulation for October 2027. Patron count was 2323. We had 224 uses of the computers. We had 9 new library cards. 149 people attend library programs.

Tech nights were suspended in October since Mat was involved in a play which took up his Wednesday evenings. I tried to get the 4-H Tech kids to take it over, but that did not happen. Tech nights resume November 13<sup>th</sup>

Story times were held October 4, 11, 18, 25. Katryna has started back doing story times at the preschools

Skagit Reads was the month of October. We had copies of the book "The Hate U Give" to distribute and advertised the programs others in the valley were doing.

Katryna had a Halloween craft party on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We had kids paint paper bag pumpkins, and make spider head bands. We also served treats.

Halloween we usually give out bags of small goodies for the trick or treaters. We had no trick or treaters this year because of the parade and the carnival that followed the parade at the school. We did have treats for our adult visitors.

**Staff:**

Susan took off on vacation from October 10 through November 5

I was on vacation from October 21 through October 24

**Community:**

I attended the Kiwanis breakfasts on October 2, and 30. I also attended the Installation dinner October 16<sup>th</sup> at La Conner Seafood and Prime Rib.

I participated in the La Conner School Strategic Planning session October 9 and 10. They had community members, staff, students and paraprofessionals participating.

**Other:**

I attended the Skagit Island Human Resource Manager's workshop on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Cascade College and Career Academy is looking to place some of their students into intern positions. I am talking with them about getting an unpaid intern for the library.

I attended the San Juan Island Library building retreat on October 1 to share about our building project. The project is still in the exploring stage, but they were interested in our fundraising and the state monies we were able to get.

We had a Skagit Director's meeting in Anacortes on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but only two of us were present so it was cancelled.

Judy Menish had volunteered at the board planning meeting to work on the sale of the current building. She and I met on the 15<sup>th</sup> to exchange information about the building. She will contact a person she knows to try and get some kind of appraisal.