

Director's Report – September 2019

Joy Neal, Director

Library:

Circulation for September 1619. Patron count was 2066. We had 221 uses of the computers. We had 19 new library cards. 81 people attend library programs.

Tech nights were held on September 4, 11, 18, 25

Story times were held September 6, 20, 27

We had a stuffed animal sleepover the evening of the 17th. Kids were encouraged to come in PJs for bedtime stories and leave their stuffed animal to spend the night in the library. Katryna had pictures, which we posted on Face Book, showing what the animals did after everyone left the library.

Sept 3rd K-20 (our Internet provider) installed an up graded router for our system.

Sept. 11th Katryna and I manned a booth at the school open house. We had 10 people sign up for library cards.

Sept 13th we closed the library for the morning so we could get training from the State Library on our VR headsets. We will be setting up opportunities to use them.

Sept 17th Barron Heating was called since we didn't have a working HVAC system. I discovered our service contract had expired. We are back on a regular maintenance contract

Sept 22-28 was Banned Books Week. We had a display for people to check out a banned book. Ken did a piece in the paper.

We promoted National Voter Registration Day, Sept. 24 and had applications available to sign people up to vote. It was pretty low key with just FB and my weekly column, since I was out of town at the Symposium.

October is Skagit Reads with programs around the county. We have the book "The Hate U Give" available to take and pass on.

There were interviews for an Owner Representative on the 25th. Four were interviewed.

Staff:

Susan and I attended the installation of the story pole at the Elementary School on the 11th.

I attended Beyond our Doors Symposium put on by the State Library in Wenatchee Sept 23 & 24.

Community:

I attended the opening of Gail Harker's new studio September 13th.

Susan, Katryna and I attended the FOL meeting on the 16th. Frances facilitated a good discussion on what to do with the Book Nook/Thrift Shop. The building timeline was shared so they could determine when to vacate the building. A committee was formed to look at options for the future.

I attended the Kiwanis breakfast on September 18th. I was not available for any of the other meetings this month. I was elected back up treasurer with the death of Chuck Hedlund.

I attended the Foundation Board meeting on the 19th.

The KSVR radio reviews (Bookviews) are now scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month and I took the Anacortes Librarian with me as another voice.

The Skagit Directors meeting was on the 17th (after Bookviews) most of the discussion was on the upcoming staff training in March and Skagit Reads programming.

Other:

I attended the Skagit Island Human Resource Manager's meeting Sept 12. It focused on an update of employment laws both State and Federal.

I was asked to attend the San Juan Island Library building retreat on October 1 to share about our building project. The director of the Orcas Library was also invited to share about his project. They are hoping to build a new library.

Upper Skagit Trustees interviewed a candidate out of Florida and offered her the job. She will start around Nov. 1st.