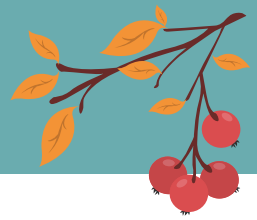


Cherry Hill Public Library

Director's Report

September 2021



CHPL was awarded the ARPA grant from the NJ State Library for \$14,854 for Cherry Hill Digital Inclusion- narrowing the digital gap and enhancing online learning with a focus on the workforce, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), entrepreneurs and homeschoolers.

One Book One Cherry Hill

Titles = *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett and *Genesis Begins Again* (YA selection) by Alicia D. Williams

Sept 1 – Website, events, promotion all go live September is the reading month, events for all ages run Oct-Nov.

Applying **LibraryLink Ready for Anything Grant** by Sept. 30 for Emergency Preparedness.

September 7, opening until 9 p.m. M- W, Thurs- Sat 5 pm
September 12, opening for Sunday hours 1-5 pm

Summer Reading Program summaries:

Early Literacy (preschool) program: 85 participants (All 85 completed missions)

1 Grand Prize basket awarded

Those who completed missions was given a board or picture book

Kids Program (K-5): 457 participants

581,774 minutes read

10 Grand Prize baskets awarded

5 - Five Below gift cards awarded weekly during the program

Teen program (6-12): 171 participants

1,745 books read

4 Grand prize baskets awarded

2 – Amazon gift cards awarded weekly during program

Winner of the CHPL Summer Reading School competition was once again **Kingston Elementary!**

Kingston
110,759
Kilmer
91,796
Johnson
64,295

Adult Summer Reading Program:

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| Enrolled | 393 |
| Books Read | 2541 |
| Activities Completed | 717 |
| Log Entries | 3477 |
| Book Reviews | 546 |
| Redeemed Prizes (Prize Wheel) | 168 |
| Games Played | 235 |

The 2021 Summer Reading Program for Kids and Teens was a little bit back to the numbers we saw pre-COVID. The most popular live program was Tales and Tails with Live Animals which brought in 170 attendees. We also did an Animal Habitats Scavenger Hunt upstairs on the YS floor that 171 kids completed. Other highly attended children's programs were Stories at Croft Farm (average of 120-150 people) and Tie Dye Open Hours (150). The most successful Teen program was the Teen Open Mic event which had 50 attendees.

We had a very successful ASRP this year with almost **400 adults registered, 2500+ books read**. Patrons attended a mix of in person and virtual events, some indoors, some outdoors – all were great fun. Programs touched on music, wildlife, gardening, author events, pets, and more.



Youth Services Board Report July 15 - September 2

In person programs:

Make and Take Birds, 200 participants

7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13 **Stories at Croft Farm**, 122, 150, 145, 120, 35 attendees

7/19 **Be a Famous Artist**, 33 attendees

7/21 We're Going on a Story Walk, 27 attendees

7/21 **Be a Famous Musician**, 44 attendees

7/21 TAB Meeting, 7 attendees

7/22, 8/5 Rhyme Time Live, 31, 29 attendees

7/28, 8/11 **Summer Stories in Friendship Grove**, 42, 60 attendees

8/7 Teen Open Mic, 50 attendees

8/31 CHPS New Teacher Orientation, 21 visits to CHPL table

8/31 Beck Middle School Community Night, 150 visits to the CHPL table



Live online programs via Zoom, Discord or other platform:

7/20 **Kitchen Explorers: Mug Cakes**, 30 attendees

7/20, 8/18 Teen Book Club, 6, 5 attendees

7/22 High School Survival Guide, 7 attendees

7/26 Among Us for Kids, 6 attendees

7/28 Dungeons and Dragons for Kids, 5 attendees

7/28, 8/11, 8/25 Animal Crossing Open Hours, 3, 3, 9 attendees

8/2 Barking Book Buddies, 5 attendees

8/3 Kitchen Explorers: No Bake Energy Bites, 13 attendees

8/5 TAB Meeting (virtual), 8 attendees

8/9 LEGO Challenge, 7 attendees

8/18 Teens Discord Gaming Night, 4 attendees

8/26 Open TAB Meeting, 13 attendees



Virtual Programs for Kids-On demand:

7/15, 7/29, 8/12 Rhyme Time, 19, 9, 7 views

8/4, 8/18 Kids Story Break, 5, 5 views

September events that we are particularly excited about include:

Stories in the Parks (that will be in different parks!)

New Story Walk story!

Social Justice Book Club for Tweens (new program!)

9/11 Day of Service Workshop for Teens

SAT & PSAT Crash Course

Adult Services Board Report July- August

Recent Events (virtual unless otherwise noted)

- 7/6 Book Club: The Female Persuasion – 8
- 7/8 Author Event: JoAnn Hill, Secrets of DC – 28
- 7/10 Opera Roundtable: The Barber of Seville – 8
- 7/13 Needlework Guild – 8
- 7/15 **Elie Honig Author event – 200**
- 7/17 Music Roundtable: Love Potions – 16
- 7/17 Pooch Parade (part of Pet Expo) – 50
- 7/17 Bunnies 101 – 9
- 7/27 Needlework Guild – 7
- 8/2 Ladies of the Deep: History of Mermaids – 9
- 8/3 Book Club: Circe by Madeline Miller – 10
- 8/4 **Sasha Issenberg Author event – 100 (in person)**
- 8/7 How to Start a Butterfly Garden – 16 (in person)
- 8/9 Adult Dungeons and Dragons – 8 (in person)
- 8/12 Taste of Korea cooking class – 10
- 8/14 Music Roundtable: 'Midcentury Modern' – 18
- 8/23 Tri-State K9 Response Team Info Session – 40
- 8/26 Lotus Lantern Craft – 20



July- August English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL):

- 7/2 - 8/13 ESOL Virtual Writing and Grammar (Intermediate I) 5,4,4,3,2
- 7/2 - 8/13 ESOL Virtual Writing and Grammar (Intermediate II) 3,3,3,2,3
- 7/6 - 8/10 Virtual ESOL Book Club: A Wrinkle in Time 5,5,5,5,4
- 7/6 - 7/27 Virtual ESOL Book Club: I Survived the Children's Blizzard 4,5,4,4
- 7/14 - 8/4 ESOL Virtual Reading and Grammar (Intermediate) 5,5,6,4,5,5
- 7/15 - 8/26 ESOL Virtual Conversation (Beginner) 6,7,7,9,5,6
- 8/25 ESOL Virtual Writing and Grammar (Beginner) 2

Upcoming Events

In Person Computer Classes – resume in September

- 9/9 Habits of Happy People (virtual)
- 9/11 Yoga series (virtual)
- 9/13 Cooper Fall Prevention Bingo (in person)
- 9/14 Book Club: Lilli de Jong by Janet Benton (virtual, in person starts October)
- 9/27 Reaction, Not Genre: 1970s Horror Films
(in person, partnership with Camden County College)
- 9/30 "We Refuse to Be Enemies" Author events (virtual)