

LYNNWOOD LIBRARY – LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – April 2014

Lynnwood Library – Statistical Summary	APR-14		APR-13		% Change
Items Checked Out/Renewed	80,059		74,233		7.85%
Items Checked Out/Renewed YTD	273,613		297,163		-7.92%
Door Count	37,999		41,393		-8.19%
Door Count YTD	152,512		157,931		-3.43%
Program Attendance	1,425		2,290		-37.77%
Program Attendance YTD	6,134		7,083		-13.39%

WHAT’S NEW

AARP Tax Aide completed another season of assisting Lynnwood customers with filing their federal tax returns. Sessions were full right up to the April 15th deadline. In all, they completed 1,005 tax returns. Coordinator Don Campbell wrote: “As you will see, we had a very good year, helping over 1000 people with their taxes. That is a significant increase over previous years. I had the best team ever this year which, when combined with the superb support from your staff, resulted in a smooth operation. Please pass my/our heartfelt appreciation to your staff.”

Karin Thomsen reports on one of the children’s programs this month: “I hosted the raptor program with Sarvey Wildlife Care Center on April 9. We had a total of 56 people attend. This was a comfortable-sized crowd for our meeting room space since we had to keep a distance of 6 feet between the birds of prey and our audience. The staff at Sarvey did a wonderful job with this program. Three staff members came for the program, and they brought a barn owl, a great horned owl, peregrine falcon, red-tailed hawk, and a bald eagle. They provided general information about each bird and also explained the reasons that each of the birds must be kept at Sarvey instead of being released to the wild. They patiently answered many questions. My favorite question was “Can we touch the birds?” They also brought some hands-on items kids could interact with after the program since, unfortunately, they could not touch the live birds. It was an amazing opportunity for children to see these magnificent birds only six or seven feet away with trained handlers. We are grateful to the Sno-Isle Foundation and the Friends of the Lynnwood Library for the opportunity to offer this program to our customers.”

Following the March 31st open enrollment deadline associated with the Affordable Healthcare Act, library customers continue to seek information on coverage. Accordingly, Within Reach WA provided 2 open sessions in April, drawing 13 people. Within Reach WA also provided information about their “Help Me Grow” program at two of the April Toddler Storytimes. The focus of the program is to “identify children at risk for developmental delays and to connect them to existing early intervention services and community based programs.”

Page/Volunteer Coordinator Laura Dixon reports: “On April 16th we held our 5th annual Volunteer Appreciation Open House and Potluck. Laura Dixon worked closely with Mical, a local high school student working on her Senior Project, to plan and execute our recognition event. We had a live musical performance, (a game of) Bingo, lots of food and some small gifts for the volunteers. Mical worked hard soliciting donations from local businesses which resulted in over \$175 in donated gift certificates, a food donation from a local restaurant, and a check written by a local business for \$200. About 20 volunteers attended and it was a great success.

Many of the same volunteers, in addition to members of the Friends of the Lynnwood Library and Library Board attended the City of Lynnwood Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Library volunteers contributed over 4000 hours in 2013.

FACILITIES

The new Teen chairs and tables (equipped with electrical and USB outlets) are in place. The older tables and chairs are now in the lobby, with an overall increase in seating. Both areas are getting extensive use.

Respectfully submitted,
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Managing Librarian