

LYNNWOOD LIBRARY – LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – July 2014

Lynnwood Library – Statistical Summary	JUL-14	JUL-13	% Change
Items Checked Out/Renewed	68,457	76,615	-10.65%
Items Checked Out/Renewed YTD	450,059	513,209	-12.30%
Door Count	39,638	41,190	-03.76%
Door Count YTD	266,623	276,221	-03.47%
Program Attendance	2,090	1,422	46.97%
Program Attendance YTD	12,927	14,604	-11.48%

WHAT’S NEW

For the Summer Reading Campaign, Sarah Zabel recounts: I offered my “Discover Shells” circuit program throughout the month of July. I created a digital “walk along the seashore” using Prezi. You can view it here:

<http://prezi.com/6wyhrk79furg/untitled-prezi/> I incorporated photographs I took at Carkeek Park, and videos from YouTube. The photographs showed the shells left behind by creatures. Many of the children were familiar with these. But the videos featured the living creature in its habitat, showing how scallops, mussels, barnacles, sea stars, and moon snails move and eat. This was a new experience for both kids and adults! Highlights included watching scallop swim, a sea star eject its stomach to digest a mussel, a Dungeness crab molt its shell, and a hermit crab leave its old shell to inhabit a new one. All children that came were able to start their own shell collection by choosing a bag full of shells donated by a local shell club. They were meticulously labeled with when and where the shells were collected. Children were excited to see that their new shells came from all over the world, including off the coasts of Vietnam, Fiji, Africa, and the Philippines.

Karin Thomsen hosted an interesting program entitled “Our Magnetic Sun” which drew some 248 people throughout the course of July 30th. This free program was presented by the Albuquerque Astronomical Society with Roger and Linda Kennedy. Children were able to safely explore the sun using a filtered solar telescope and materials from the NASA “Our Magnetic Sun” self-directed educational/interactive information table to learn more. The program covered such complex topics as energy transformation, the electromagnetic spectrum, and absorption and reflection, all at a child’s learning level.

Luis Miranda, who joined Lynnwood Library as Technical Assistant in mid-July, has classes planned on working with Pinterest and drawing digitally with the Bamboo Tablet in Photoshop. Luis has already used his Spanish-language skills to assist a native Spanish speaker learn more about the library’s ESL programs.

Fellow Technical Assistant, Brian Feller offered a wide range of programs on Twitter, Microsoft Word, Excel, beginner’s internet and email, and a series of Tech Mondays assisting with a variety of electronic devices and services.

Jackie Parker reports that her Guitar 101 class, taught for free by Guitar Center staff, was enthusiastically received by 6 students. Her four CodeAcademy classes also engaged several students in learning how to write computer code.

OUTREACH

Steve Sandbakken offered a class at the WorkSource office in Everett for people recently laid off by Boeing. He was able to cover some of the databases in depth and had a good question/answer session with the attendees.

The Economic Alliance of Snohomish County has extended an invitation to offer a class on marketing for small business owners. The class will be taught by nationally recognized marketing specialist Andrew Ballard, and Lynnwood Librarian Diane Brown on August 14.

FACILITIES

Staff continue to prepare for the DVD vending system, though the manufacturer has run into some delays with the latest version of software. Installation is slated for September. Staff and volunteers will be ready to assist.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Delury,
Managing Librarian