

6. Librarian's Report: L Bernardin

You may notice an extra line on the Operations Report titled Memberships - not expired. This is because we have made all our Non-residents memberships inactive as opposed to removing them from our system. We chose to do this because it is faster for us to reinstate an inactive account than it is to create a new patron account. Future ops reports will only have the non-expired membership line.

The TCT committee has put a counter on the Storywalk section of the Ironwood Trail. Cam Elliot contacted me with the totals of 3,743 in the month of June and 5,498 in the month of July. Of course we know that not everyone who walks the Ironwood Trail reads Storywalk or visits the Little Library, and that there are people in our community who walk or bike that section both ways daily, so the numbers are not in direct correlation to how many people visit the trail for our activities or displays. However we have reason to believe that Storywalk and the Little Free Library have attracted a number of visitors to this section of the trail and it was good to hear that they get a high amount of exposure.

The plaque for the Little Free Library had to be increased to an 8 by 14 size in order to get all the words in, which brought the total price for us up to \$673.46.

I have been contacted by Pam Warkentin of the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists to see if we would be interested in taking part in a free 100 day radon test kit challenge. Apparently 100 free kits would be given to us to distribute to the community. We would also be the collection place for them when they are returned and be responsible for shipping them to the lab. I plan to have a Zoom meeting with her on October 2 to learn more about the program.

We have hired Raquel Long as our new student assistant and are pleased that she is quickly learning the job. A staff member is away indefinitely on personal leave due to family illness. Tara Anderstedt, a former student assistant on leave from university, is working for us on a casual basis this fall, as we foresee the possibility of being a little short staffed.

We will need to make a decision as to whether staff should be given stat pay for the September 30 and November 11 holidays this year. Neither of these holidays are mandatory stats. We normally close the library and pay staff the stat time but this year both holidays fall on Saturdays when the library is closed.

Mika and I plan on working with Mrs. McEachern and the other LA teachers to create a new YA book order. As there is a huge interest in chess among the high school students, Mika is planning a poll to see if there are students who are interested in either learning or teaching others how to play chess. Depending on the results, we may organize sessions for this at the library. We are also considering extending this to the community in the evenings. A chess tournament is another idea that Mika hopes to organize in the near future.

Scotlyn McKay sent a thank you card to the library for the graduation history award. Her Dad also stopped by to thank us for doing this and asked that his thank you be sent to the board.

7. Treasurer's Report: B McCamis

- The Treasurer's report was sent to the PPL board by e-mail on September 23, 2023.
- The Treasurer's report is accepted as presented.
- Discussion on further breakdown of items in financial report.

8. Children's Report: J Miller

a. The Children's Librarian Report was submitted to the PPL board by email on September 22, 2023:
StoryWalk: The StoryWalk and Little Library are both running smoothly. We are continuing to update the story once a month, and continue to receive positive feedback. We are in the process of procuring permanent signs and sign posts for next year.

Literacy for Life Grant: The students did a lovely job with StoryTime in the summer! We had an average of 9 attendees per session in the summer. We have just begun our fall StoryTime sessions. They are every second Wednesday morning, and will include stories, songs, puppets, easy crafts, and snack time.

Parent Packs: We are currently in the middle of ordering some new books for some of our Parent Packs. We are hoping that by updating the books and advertising them on social media, they will receive more circulation. They are a great resource for families.

Looking Ahead: We are hoping to have local author, Laurie Robin (Springfield, MB) come and do a reading of her book, I Want You to Be You. This children's book is written in rhyming verse, and intended to help create a

