

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
July 2007

Summer Programs for Adults

In years past, programming for adults at the Hunterdon County Library Headquarters and the North County Branch Library were discontinued for the summer months, ending in May and beginning again in September.

This year, HCL Headquarters and NCB have scheduled a sample series of musical programs and lectures to see what our library patrons' response would be. The overwhelming feedback was yes, our patrons are definitely interested in attending programs at the library over the summer.

Fiddler Lew Gelfond will be performing in the Meeting Room on Friday, July 13 with over 160 sign-ups (including a waiting list of 50).

"A Night at Hogwarts" Festive Friday will be held on July 20 with over 250 people already signed up to attend. An additional 30 teens will be spending the night and receiving a free edition of the new Harry Potter book (courtesy of the Friends of HCL).

There is also a two-part lecture series in July and August. Part 1 is titled "Blueberries: New Jersey's Wonder Fruit" and Part 2 is titled "Preserving Memories." Sign ups for both of these programs are exceeding expectations as well.

NCB Program coordinator Dana Neubauer reports that her two June programs, "Batty About Bats with Tom Sheppard" and "Meditation with Jim Rose" were both well attended. NCB has one more summer program in August titled "Hawk Watching." Sign ups have been steady and the program should be well-attended.

Summer Reading Club

Summer reading club is in full swing. Four summer librarians started on July 9 to help with programs at all our member/station libraries. All programs so far – a magician, yo-yo demonstration, storytimes, Tweens, Teens, and crafts -- have been filled to capacity and waiting lists. Over 800 children have signed up so far for the SRC! Incidentally, our new Adult Summer Reading Club has been extremely popular. So far we have 154 members and 226 books read!

New AV Shelving at NCB

Patrons and staff are thrilled with the arrival of our new furniture which holds audio visual material. The new shelving for DVD's makes it much easier to find materials and accommodates our current DVD collection. Additional shelving for videos, musical CD's, and books on CD also helps with browsing and selection. A bit hit with everyone!

Circulation Statistics

	June 07	May 07	% Change	June 06	% Change	FYTD 07	Last FYTD	% Change
Headquarters	41,528	35,161	18.1%	39,336	5.6%	241,078	175,304	37.5%
North County	41,149	36,124	13.9%	39,826	3.3%	231,488	223,911	3.4%
South County	8,734	7,633	14.4%	7,416	17.8%	47,728	45,696	4.4%
Bunnvale	3,450	3,086	11.8%	2,665	29.5%	18,400	13,461	36.7%
Readington	6,476	6,150	5.3%	6,410	1.0%	37,191	34,384	8.2%
Holland/Alexandria	3,509	3,360	4.4%	3,477	0.9%	20,620	20,245	1.9%
Tewksbury	3,787	3,573	6.0%	3,302	14.7%	20,639	14,016	47.3%
Three Bridges	2,642	2,286	15.6%	2,779	-4.9%	14,582	14,557	0.2%
High Bridge	1,207	956	26.3%	1,116	8.2%	5,708	5,278	8.1%
Frenchtown	657	469	40.1%	548	19.9%	3,082	2,972	3.7%
Bookmobile	950	1,151	-17.5%	888	7.0%	6,129	6,022	1.8%
Total	114,089	99,949	14.1%	107,763	5.9%	646,645	555,846	16.3%