

Hunterdon County Library  
Director's Report  
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Commerce Bank

Commerce Bank will be donating \$4,000 to HCL in celebration of National Library Week. We got the good news from former Freeholder Harry Copeland, who now works for Commerce. Mr. Copeland will be presenting the check at our next Library Commission meeting on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at North County Branch at 9:00.

Ben Field

Mr. Ben Field will be present at our upcoming Library Commission meeting for the unveiling of his gift of a painting by Elizabeth Grandin to NCB.

New Student Musical Program at North County Branch

The NCB Program Coordinator Dana Neubauer contacted David Lockart, the head of the Music Department at North Hunterdon Regional High School and Voorhees High School, to see about starting a program where talented students can use the library as a venue for a performance for family, friends, and the public. These performances could be as either a solo act, several students taking turns, or small groups like a trio or quartet.

The thought behind this was to:

- add more musical events to the library's program at a good price (free)
- promote unity between the schools and the libraries
- allow local students a place to showcase their talent for family and friends in a more intimate level than a school auditorium

The first student to take advantage of this was North Hunterdon senior Timothy Naumovitz. Tim chose to do a program of classical music on the piano. He played 18 pieces over the course of 90 minutes, with a repertoire that ran the gamut from Chopin, to Scriabin to Beethoven to Naumovitz! He even included a "Nocturne for the left hand alone". The one thing that Tim did not need was music - everything was by memory. Despite the fact that he knocked everyone's socks off, Tim does not plan a career in music, but rather will be pursuing an engineering degree. The room was filled to capacity with 95 people in the audience, as well as people standing or sitting in the chairs outside the Meeting Room.

It is hoped that this is the first of what will be several performances a year from students. Another student, a violinist, is interested in doing a program next year. The schools will be contacted again in the fall to try to set up more events.

Youth Services

In addition to a full schedule of storytimes, tours, tween and teen programs, YS was awarded a free program, *Art Exploration: Drama & Theater Workshop*, from the NJ State Library. The 90-minute program on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> was well attended by children in grades 1-4. The workshop, led by an actor from the NJ Theatre Alliance, explored acting techniques through various theater games and activities.

Circulation Statistics

	March 08	Feb. 08	% Change	March 07	% March	FYTD 08	FYTD 07	% YTD
Headquarters	51,806	45,261	14.5%	44,904	15.4%	142,509	124,958	14.0%
North County	47,433	43,354	9.4%	40,981	15.7%	133,900	115,602	15.8%
South County	9,177	8,773	4.6%	8,184	12.1%	26,702	24,106	10.8%
Bunnvale	3,926	3,862	1.7%	3,440	14.1%	11,188	9,040	23.8%
Readington	7,027	6,190	13.5%	7,013	0.2%	19,382	18,734	3.5%
Holland/Alexandria	4,384	3,855	13.7%	3,485	25.8%	12,216	10,078	21.2%
Tewksbury	4,709	4,404	6.9%	3,679	28.0%	13,529	10,101	33.9%
Three Bridges	2,943	2,867	2.7%	2,860	2.9%	8,809	7,278	21.0%
High Bridge	988	1,023	-3.4%	918	7.6%	3,134	2,700	16.1%
Frenchtown	733	575	27.5%	590	24.2%	1,848	1,441	28.2%
Bookmobile	1,338	1,336	0.1%	1,056	26.7%	3,938	3,275	20.2%
Total	134,464	121,500	10.7%	117,110	14.8%	377,155	327,313	15.2%



