

Rolling Meadows Library

March 2023 – Executive Director’s Report

Executive Summary

We’ve found ourselves with a rather short reporting-period for this month, so some department directors will be postponing their contributions until the May board packet, at which time they may report on both March and April accomplishments. However, a few major items are included below. (KM)

In the Community

Laura G. attended the Rolling Meadows Partners meeting held at WINGS Rolling Meadows. Highlights include the Needs Assessment Survey which is currently being conducted, and a focus on adults headed back to school with a Harper College contact to assist them navigate the process. (LK)

Special Feature

We are pleased to announce that March 5 marked the successful completion of RML’s first Adult and Teen Winter Reading Program!

“Play LibraryOpoly” was the theme. In contrast to our summer reading program (which focuses primarily on reading) the winter program was focused on patrons learning about all of the different collections and platforms the library has to offer. A Monopoly-style board game was designed around library services and collections. There were 12 ways to win. Each time a patron completed a property set, they would earn the opportunity to spin the LibraryOpoly prize wheel. Prizes included a cozy winter gift set (book and mug) upon completion, gift cards, and Rolling MeadowsOpoly Game. In addition, an adapted version was created for our NWSRA and Clearbrook patrons so that any adults or teens with special needs were also able to participate.

To help promote the program, flyers were posted at local businesses that granted us permission including; Rep’s, Panera, and the RM Community Center. Moreover, Lisa M. wrote an article that appeared in the Daily Herald. It included a large color photo of Carrie D. and Robin S. inviting patrons to join.

When patrons came to the Readers Desk to report, staff would ask for feedback. An affecting insight came from a mother and daughter duo who found it to be a “bonding experience”. They finished their boards together and said it was “very fun” and they had the “best time”. They mentioned they spent several hours the first night they signed up, moving throughout the library “almost like a scavenger hunt”, and they felt they learned a lot of new things. The mom was happy to learn about Libby (Libby, by OverDrive is the eBook and audiobook app), which she is now using.

Reference staff remarked they were glad to be included as it brought patrons they did not usually interact with to another section of the library. It also gave reference librarians the opportunity to promote several of their valuable resources.

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A total of 126 people participated in the program. 119 were adults; 7 were teens; 13 were staff. 13 Adults and 1 Teen completed the entire challenge. (MCB)

Per Capita Goals Check-in

Facilities Evaluation under way

We hosted Building Consultants Ltd. for their on-site assessment on March 22, 2023. One engineer toured and inspected the interior of the building. Another engineer toured and inspected the exterior. The main inspector/consultant will visit the facility later this month. (PD)