

Director's Report
August 2 2010

Community:

ECKAN's Youth in Action Banquet invitation.

Just finished the World's Most Successful Summer Reading Program for Adults, Children's, and Young Adults. OK, maybe not quite... but awesome work by the staff creating and supporting the programs. Thank you to the community volunteers and for the community for coming out and enjoying these things.

Staff Development:

Several staff members are attending Tech Day at the Topeka Library on August 6 2010. We welcome Bob Becker, former head of technology at USD290 to replace Hal Bundy.

Capital:

Construction contracts pending.

Several meetings with designer have yielded plans for the project to start probably in September.

I have included a bid from Thomas Transfer which includes renting movable bookshelves when we need to move the books prior to the project. We can keep these carts for as long as we need them, but this bid includes 2 months.

At some point we will have to close the circulation desk/library during the project but I don't know for how long or when exactly yet. Loyd Builders will be providing a Project Calendar in the next few days.

Prior to the project starting and during, we invite members of both Library and Friends' Boards to help move books and other library materials.

Part of project includes purchasing computers so I am suggesting the plan calls for an additional 14 computers including 6 adult, 4 YA, 3 children's and 1 child OPAC.

Programming:

Summer reading wrapped up with a pool party July 31. There were 350 attendees.

Summer reading numbers for circulation, program attendance and participants were huge. I think circulation was up almost 18% June 2010 for the same time last year.

Respectfully submitted to the Ottawa Community,

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