

Hunterdon County Library
Director's Report
October 2016

The Bookmobile is on the move!

- September 17 : Raritan Township Community
- September 27 : Flemington Jewish Community Center Nursery School
- October 5 : Goddard Nursery School in Flemington
- October 6 : Holland Brook School Readington Community Health Day
- October 7 : Happy Time Nursery School in West Amwell
- October 12 : Fire Prevention Night Sergeantsville Volunteer Fire Company



Kerri Messinger at the Raritan Township Community Day

Hunterdon County Library 2016 Seed Exchange "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle"

The library Seed Exchange group held their "End of 2016 Growing Season" meeting on Saturday, September 10. Members shared over abundant produce with one another including mini pumpkins, tomatoes, cucumbers, and an eggplant with a very distinctive profile. The Seed Exchange group got off to a great start in early spring with \$500 worth of seeds donated by Territorial Seed Company, Oregon. The most popular were the Jersey Devil Tomato, Market More 76 cucumber, Provider beans, and Red Butter Crunch lettuce seeds. Looking forward to 2017, seeds have been received from Baker Creek Rare Seeds and Stokes Seeds.



Headquarters' Displays

The Headquarters' displays for October include this wooden ballot box on loan from the Board of Elections. Patrons were asked where and when they have used a ballot box such as this and some of the answers were: Flemington [Free] Public Library, 1965-1970, Cliff Island, Maine (still in use!), 1970's Lambertville 3rd Ward and in school in the 1960's for class president.



September at South County Branch



Banned Books Bulletin Board
September 25-October 1



Take Home a Good Book



It's Pumpkin Time!

Adult Summer Reading Club

Once again, the Adult Summer Reading Club was a great success. The 188 club members read a total of 1,476 books over the summer! The End-of-Summer Party was held on September 8, where grand prizes and door prizes were awarded. A fun time was had by all. Watch for the Adult Winter Reading Club to start up in January.

Active Shooter training

It is unfortunate that in this day and age the staff needs to undergo training in the event of an active shooter, but with an eye toward the safety of both staff and public, train we did. We were very fortunate to have Lieutenant Kevin Burd from the County Prosecutor's Office come and speak with the staff on September 30. During the course of the training Lieutenant Burd did a walk-through of the main level and offered suggestions on how the staff and public can be made safer. At the end of the month Lieutenant Burd will return to Headquarters and visit North and South County Branches to do more thorough investigations of the buildings and offer suggestions.

Youth Services

Preschool storytimes have restarted for the Fall sessions. All ages at all locations are popular and well attended.

The Bookmobile along with the Youth Services Department has visited the Flemington JCC Nursery School, the Goddard School in Flemington, and the Happy Time Preschool in Mt. Airy.

Reference

Residents of Little Brook Nursing Home and their families have been at the forefront of the Adult Coloring craze for quite a while, and have made a cheerful "Scarecrow Happiness" banner for the North County Branch Library. Every few months they install a new banner on the main staircase, for all visitors to enjoy.