

Meetings Attended

March 2 – Casual Staff position interview
March 17 – Board meeting
March 24 – Helping Hands/Rowing the Boat Together meeting in Grimsby
March 25 – MFR Adult Book Club

Pages

Alex J. was granted a leave of absence to mid-June. Jacob V. has let us know that he'll be leaving at the end of April. We advertised for two new Pages to start mid-April.

Programs

Marketing: I produced the Children's and Adult Spring Programs brochures, edited the Computer Training brochure and wrote and formatted the April newsletter. Programs were also mentioned in the Inheritance column.

March Break:

March Break programs were a resounding success. The Sing-along "Frozen" program at Fleming sold out in advance, as did the Book Bash with Mr. Bubbles at MFR. In total, we had 84 children and 47 adults at the three programs aimed at elementary school children.

The teen programs were not as well-attended; for two of them, four signed up and paid but only one came. We did, however, get great publicity from one program when the Grimsby Lincoln News covered it and the teen's photo was on the front page of the paper. The Teens vs Seniors Wii Bowling Tournament was better attended, with seven teens and eight seniors battling it out to a tie.

Art Shows:

Fleming: Stuart McPherson, photographs; MFR: Mira Rados, watercolour paintings (continued)

Special Projects

We have renewed our agreement to be a temporary shelter in case of an emergency for The Orchards Retirement Residence.

Our outreach to Twenty Valley Public School has proven popular, to the point that it is getting difficult to accommodate all the requests for class visits and programs. A total of eleven classes (over two hundred students) visited in March.

At my urging, Technical Services Co-ordinator Dana Schwarz investigated and was able to fix an Evergreen problem – patrons and staff were able to place holds on items that were long overdue. Items that are overdue more than ninety days are now being declared lost. Some items have been reordered; for others, interlibrary loan has been offered.

I edited and formatted the two versions of the annual report.

We received a donation of an 1958 aerial photo of Vineland, a 1964 Vineland Fire Department (VFD) photo, a VFD crest and two photos of Victoria Avenue in Vineland, one from the late 1920s and one pre-1960s – our Local History specialist Veronika Reiser knows the date because the trees are in it! Veronika is working with Dana on adding them to the collection.

Facilities

The phones at MFR were finally fixed after being down for over two weeks.

Continuing Education

On March 17, I attended a webinar called "Beyond Book Displays – Helping Readers Help Themselves."

Respectively submitted, Janice Coles