



REPORT TO MUNICIPALITIES
AND
STATE LEGISLATORS

May, 2016

Goodbye and Thanks – and Hello!

This is Linda Beck's last month as director of IVPL – after 28 years here. She started her work in 1988 as the children's librarian and became director in 1996. Over the years the library has grown both physically and digitally in ways no one could imagine three decades ago.

Margie Stern becomes IVPL's new director in June. Margie has been the coordinator of youth services for the Delaware County Library System for 20 years (the equivalent of what Montgomery County calls the 'district consultant') and is past president of the PA Library Association.

A number of goodbye events were planned, including an evening at the Indian Valley Country Club on May 22. The public is invited to the library for cookies and punch to say goodbye and hello on Wednesday, May 25, 4-6 pm.

Coming in May and June

• **Summer Reading!**

Kids will take part in "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" Registration begins June 1 and lasts throughout the summer. Kids will keep track of the minutes they read; there are programs and workshops and events throughout the summer, daytime and evenings. Kick-off begins Saturday, June 18.

- **Museum passes**
IVPL will offer free museum passes for families to places such as Drexel's Academy of Natural Sciences, the Elmwood Park Zoo, the Pearl S. Buck House, and six more. Most passes cover 2 adults and several children. The passes can be borrowed for four days, starting June 1.

- **Native Voices Exhibit**
Thanks to the U.S. National Library of Medicine, IVPL will have a traveling interactive iPad exhibition about our native people's concepts of health and illness. On display May 26-July 5.
To kick off the exhibit, Lehigh University professor Jean Soderlund will discuss her book Lenape Country: Delaware Valley Society Before William Penn on Saturday, May 28, 2 pm.
Kids can attend a program on woodland life skills, presented by the Museum of Indian Culture, on Saturday, June 11, 11 am.

- **Exercise Your Mind - Film and Book Discussion**
Begins Wednesday, May 25, with "Ping Pong," a documentary about 80- and 90-year-olds competing worldwide in pingpong. We'll also read Olive Kitteridge and talk about determination. Series continues for four more Wednesday evenings this summer; a collaboration with POV (Point of View) on PBS.

Continuing throughout the Summer....

Book groups and movie matinees

 Magic: the Gathering

 Knitwits and Knitters

 Tech Help Wednesdays and Thursdays

 Genealogy help

 Forgotten Voices Poetry group

 Having Ancestors for Lunch

 Adult storytime

 Stammtisch and Le Cercle Francais

 Feeling Board?

 Socrates Café

 Yoga @ the Library

 Congressman Fitzpatrick and Staff

 Second Fridays

Used-book sales

Looking at the Numbers for April:

People coming to the library:

*21,495 people came to IVPL in April
(average 716 people every day)*

Books and materials checked out:

*30,429 books and A-V items were checked out in April (6% more than Apr 2015)
Includes 12,857 for kids (up 6.7%)
984 for young adults, and
16,309 for adults (up 4.6%)*

Programs/workshops/classes for kids and adults:

*45 storyhours and programs for kids
For 810 children and 489 adults
60 classes and programs for adults
Involving 584 people*

Internet and word processors:

Computers were used 3269 times in April.

Library card sign-ups and usage:

Franconia	7875
(60% of total pop. of 13,064)	
Lower Salford	8159
(55% of total pop. of 14,959)	
Salford	1525
(61% of total pop. of 2504)	
Souderton	5455
(82% of total pop. of 6618)	
Telford	4103
(88% of total pop. of 4680)	

TOTAL borrowers from the 5 municipalities: 27,117

TOTAL borrowers from other areas: 11,064

Reference questions:

1563 questions were asked and answered.

Meeting rooms were used 18 times by 281 people.

What you can borrow at the library:

There are 159,087 items in the collection.