

DATE: September 27, 2016
TO: Manchester Friends of the Library
FROM: Susan Lavin, Branch Manager
RE: September Monthly Report

Facility: Rusty cleaned the carpets on Labor Day. He was able to get the big stains out, especially in the meeting room.

Meeting Room: Eight community groups reserved our space for a total of fourteen different meeting days. The Library utilized the meeting room for seven days, three of which were youth oriented.

Programs: Serena took some well-deserved time off, resulting in just two storytimes this month. The Lego Club met once with a good turnout and some impressive creations. We had two come to the wonderful "Introduction to Corporate Giving" session, both of them were involved in the Turner Joy ship.

Our Walking Club perseveres! We are increasing KRL visibility as we travel our community on Friday mornings.

The presidential debate airing was lightly attended, but much appreciated. We hope to attract more of an audience to the next one we will show in October. The air antenna worked seamlessly and provided a crisp, sharp picture.

The Bookworms discussed the Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert. We were treated to a unique and very special exhibit put together by our own Paula Siddens. She created a trifold containing graphics and articles about the fossils and the time periods in the book. She also brought some of her prized possessions that used to belong to her father, who was a geologist in Texas. These included a meteorite, some petrified wood, and a fossilized mollusk shell.

Summer Learning was a resounding success! We have statistics to share and brag about to anyone who is interested! Manchester Library had 257 finishers, 35 more than last year. We had 98 100 hour finishers, 39 more than last year! Our teen finishers were 32, last year there were only 14. We had 53 adult finishers, in 2015 we had 34.

Staff: We were closed for the holiday on the 5th and for our Staff Day on the 22nd. It was great to have both Cherm Mercer-Gilbert and Frank Gilbert join us for the Kitsap Regional Library Staff Day. Among the various activities was a mystery set up to emulate Twin Peaks, the old television series. Kevin O'Brien, local author, was a keynote speaker. The Gilberts and I sat in on a session called, "Initiating Difficult Conversations," led by Dr. Candido Trujillo. He taught skills that could be used to frame a problem without blame or defensiveness.

Upcoming events: Comedy Night is Saturday, October 22, at the McCormick Woods clubhouse. Doors open at 6 p.m. Comedy begins at 7 p.m.

**The South Kitsap High School Crew Team is practicing on Tuesdays down at our dock. It is fun to watch them cart the shells in on a long flatbed truck, and then carry them down on the shoulders of the team. Reminiscent of the Boys (and Girls) In the Boat!!