BALDWINSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY GOALS UPDATE FEBRUARY 2024

Goal 1: The Baldwinsville Public Library will provide community residents of all ages with a Library Staff, skilled and updated regularly in current technology.

Dania Souid

- Helped a few patrons with technology questions, like using Hoopla and Libby as well as printing from a variety of devices.
- Have also been helping patrons retrieve tax forms and find out how to re-login to their tax accounts to get copies of previous year's tax returns.
- Assisted a patron who needed to post ads for their horse farm on a few different websites. Assisted with the wording and design of the ad and found the best places and Facebook groups to post it.

Meg Van Patten

- Helped patrons print wirelessly from their phones.

Jacquie Owens

- Edited and updated the library web pages to reflect new programs, etc.
- Coordinated volunteers who help community members with Medicare and insurance enrollment.
- Worked with patrons to solve Hoopla, Libby and other phone, tablet and computer issues.
- Helped patron write a resume using an Employment Booklet and MS Word.

Robert Loftus

- At Meg's request, as part of NYSL's minimum standards for public libraries, am putting together a Tech Plan for the library Will, during March, update the inventory of all the library computer equipment and putting together plans for end of year equipment purchases.
- Current focus is on maintaining services while reducing energy consumption.
- The end of fiscal year plan is to replace several switches in the basement server stack with updated units and to replace several staff workstations upstairs.

KC VerHage

- Attended multiple online and in person seminars and trainings to increase personal skill levels. Sessions included a Homeschooling and the Library seminar, a ReadSQUARED training, and a Summer Reading seminar.

Goal 2: The Baldwinsville Public Library will build a partnership with Baldwinsville School District Personnel.

Meg Van Patten

- Communicated with the school district art teachers about the setup of the March student exhibit.

Dania Souid

- Working on the Teen Photography Contest with the photography teachers.
- Am approaching the Durgee librarian about who she may know that would like to lead a digital music program for teens here at the library.

KC VerHage

- Working with the librarians at the elementary schools to prepare a summer reading list.
- Preparing a presentation for the whole school at McNamara.
- Visited Bright Visons Preschool and did a storytime.
- Planning storytimes for B'ville's Head Start Program.

Goal 3: The Baldwinsville Public Library will be seen as an integral part of the Baldwinsville Community

KC VerHage

- Currently work on interacting with people who are in the library, patrons are now actively coming up and talking to me.
- Actively asking patrons what they do and do not like and obtaining their ideas. This is done with the goal of enhancing and improving the Children's Section.

Goal 3: The Baldwinsville Public Library will be seen as an integral part of the Baldwinsville Community (cont)

Meg Van Patten

- Actively working with Rotary, Baldwinsville Center for the Art, and McHarrie's Legacy to help with the missions of the organizations.
- Participated in the Community Conversation Group February meeting. Coordinated by the Lions Club the group will meet monthly. One need the group is looking at is food insecurity, including a discussion about starting a community garden some place in Bville. I have gathered information from the library in Cicero about how they run their community garden.

Dania Souid

- The teen programs have been going very well! There is an increase in new teens attending programming and then starting showing up regularly.
- Currently have removed registration for the teen programs for now. Would like to see if it makes a difference and if it will encourage more last-minute attendance.
- Will be presenting next week at the Collaborative Summer Library Program's Teen Workshop about the Summer Program series, 4 Elements of Adventure, will be done at Bville.
- In April, will be doing a table talk at the NY Library Association Youth Services Ssection conference about teaching teens candy making and baking at the library. The teens have been very excited and interested in these types of programs and am glad to continue them and help other libraries start similar ones for their teens!

Jacquie Owens

- Coordinated volunteers who helped with holds, and dusting.
- Helped coordinate the Reading To Go Program.
- Coordinated book lending to 2 outside and 2 inside reading clubs.
- Performed Notary Services for 37 folks.
- Organized programs on Maj Jong, knitting, writing, puzzle exchange.

Additional Activities

Nancy Howe

- Met with Meg Van Patten, Craig Maguire, and Frank Valchine to work on the 2024-25 BPL budget.
- Upon recommendation from Meg Van Patten, was named the chair of New York Library Association's Continuing Education Committee. Attended the first Council meeting on February 1st and facilitated the first CE Committee meeting on February 8th (both via Zoom).