

**Chelsea District Library
Interim Director's Report
July 2015**

Questions from Last Board Meeting

- None

Library Board

- Director Search
 - The search committee is in place and after several meetings, recommended John Keister and Associates to conduct the search. A full report of their progress will be provided at the July board meeting.

Budget & Finances

- 2016 Operating Budget Planning
 - After two meetings with the Finance Committee, the 2016 draft budget will be delivered to the Board of Trustees its July meeting. Please submit any questions you have to the interim director at least one week before the August budget hearing.
 - Budget hearing for the public is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18 and final approval of the FY 2016 will be scheduled for the Board of Trustees Tuesday, September 15 meeting.

Programming

- 5H Community Read
 - Book: Jack Ganto's *Hole in My Life* for the communities of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge as its 2015 community read.
 - The kick-off event will take place after Labor Day on Saturday, September 12 as part of the Heritage Day festivities in Grass Lake. See adult services report for further details.
- Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens
 - Grand Prize winners will be announced on July 29th after the Finale at 2:05pm on the Library Lawn. Please refer to the youth/teen department report for full update.
- Summer Reading Program for Adults
 - Please refer to the adult department report for this update.

Professional

- Professional Exchange Program- Update from Vidie:
We have heard from Vidie now that she is back home in South Africa. From her email to us:

"I miss you guys already and I hope you find a nice and good Director like Bill as you counting days now to his final day. If he/she doesn't like Coney dogs or beer then that's not a good director I hope you still stick to that criteria Patty because I'm with you all the way.

Chat to you later. Love you lots.

Kind regards

Vidie"

Outreach

- Community Center- you have probably heard by now that there is an exploratory committee conducting a feasibility study for a community center in Chelsea. They have asked the library to participate in a focus group of community stakeholders, with an electronic community-wide survey to follow later this summer. You can follow their progress on their Face book page under Chelsea Community Center.

Respectfully,
Linda Ballard
Interim Director