

Librarian's Report 11/2/15

- Fiber Optic connection installed and access points upgraded to handle the new technology, phone and internet service now supplied by Fasttrack. A few minor glitches during the switch-over but all in all there was minimal disruption for both patrons and staff - internet speed is markedly improved. Thank you for helping make this happen!
- Gretchen has completed her work for the year, all bark is "installed" and plants have been pruned, fertilized and prepped for winter. She is not sure if she will be able to renew her contract next year, but in either case she will be providing a write-up of considerations and next steps. Thank you for supporting her efforts!
- Still no response from Bonnie Loving re: picnic table for FOL recognition. Any other suggestions of metal craftsperson who may be interested in this project?
- Mill Levy committee will be having it's first meeting with representative from everylibrary.org mid-November, after elections are wrapped up (everylibrary.org is working with a few other libraries this year on their initiatives). Am going to try to schedule a conference call / Skype session for the Friends at the December meeting.
- Have been cleaning up the mailing list from the county and patron database and Shaine has been working on the content for our annual appeal, will be sending out mailers by the third week of November. Shaine is working with SW Printing and post office to ensure we will have access to returned letters this year. Discussion about Friend's insert will be at tonight's meeting. Will be requesting money from Friends to help offset costs of mailing - not sure of amount yet.
- Vehicle donation program has been picking up steam, 2 recent donations should garner around \$700 and more applications have been requested.
- Shaine, Dana & I met with Chelsea Jones, Economic Development Officer for the town, to learn about "crowdfunding" and how we might raise money for the library using this new avenue. First step is to develop a video, am going to ask high school students to help with creation and production of a video that can also be used for that can be used for mill levy marketing and later for a crowdfunding initiative.
- Met with Kat, the Activities Director at the Valley Inn Nursing Home. We will be stepping up services to the nursing home, our senior program employee will be making bi-weekly trips to restock their in-house "library" (with donations), collect library materials and deliver additional materials to residents, and spend an hour reading to those residents who desire.

- Preliminary town budget includes a \$5,000 donation to the library for 2016, final budget will be approved by the end of the year. If approved, money would be available on January 1.