

Director's Report – April 2013

1. The AADL once again participated in the Rotate Your Food drive sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline and Ypsilanti. Food donation receptacles were placed in all library locations, and over 300 pounds of food was donated at AADL libraries. Donation logistics were managed by Food Gatherers.
2. The AADL offers a program array to area service providers as part of our ongoing outreach efforts, particularly for the summer game. A copy of the letter explaining what is available is attached to this report. Below is a thank you note for a recent workshop from the Washtenaw County Youth Center.

Subject: Great Appreciation

All,

We at the Washtenaw County Youth Center would like to give a big THANKS to you for the wonderful block print/music tools workshops you conducted with the youth. They really enjoyed it and created some great things. We are looking forward to hosting other AADL workshops in the future. Also give kudos to Sarah for assisting with the workshops. (I didn't have her contact info to include her in this email)

Best,
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Washtenaw County Youth Center

The Washtenaw County Youth Center, a division of Washtenaw County Children's Services, is responsible for providing temporary custody and care for juveniles in a safe and secure setting. Juveniles that are placed in our Youth Center are temporarily detained pending disposition of court programs, or often awaiting transfer to another facility or placement that cannot be served in an open setting. The Youth Center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 365 days per year. The Washtenaw County Youth Center was opened in 2003 and has the capacity of 40 beds. The facility is located at 4125 Washtenaw Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48108

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3. In October 2012, to further promote WLBDP@AADL services, we produced a large print sticker to be placed in the front of our Large Print book collection, which circulates both to Ann Arbor District Library patrons as well as to Washtenaw Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled patrons. Since then, we've taken those stickers on the road and have been meeting with each of the public libraries in Washtenaw county, setting them up with demonstration accounts (if they didn't already have one), and asking them if they would help us promote the service by placing these stickers (provided by us) in all of their Large Print books too. Not one library has said no, and we now have upwards of 15,000 Large Print books stickered throughout the county!

It is challenging to track how exactly patrons are hearing about the service, but we are able to track our overall numbers. In the last six months we've had 70 new patrons apply for service compared to 47 during the same time-period last year.

The Ann Arbor District Library has many fun and exciting programs during the summer, and we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to participate!

AADL staff will visit your organization to conduct a storytime, teach a craft or provide information on our exciting summer programs! We can even bring Library card applications and provide new patrons with a brand new L-Card! Let us know what you would like and we will work with you to accommodate your requests.

AADL offers:

Preschool Storytime – Enjoy stories and songs for listeners age 2 to 5 years.

Duct Tape Balls - Make a custom playground ball that will stand up to repeated kicking!

Printing Extravaganza – Try your hand at printmaking. We will bring pre-carved printing blocks, ink and a variety of paper. Anything you make is yours to keep!

Summer Game – We will bring everything you need to participate in AADL's Summer Game – game cards, stickers, bookmarks, even the prize books! If you can't make it into the Library this summer, you'll still be able to join in the fun!

If you are interested in any of these programs, or if you have a different request in mind, please let us know.

You can also contact us via email at bookit@aadl.org or phone at 327-8326.