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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT September 17, 2018

### **Budget:**

I am still plugging away at the numbers. I met with the Finance Committee on Friday, 9/14, to discuss the budget. The budget looks very promising.

### **Visits:**

I attended the Coldwater Branch Advisory Board and gave my report. They were most curious about the repair of the steps. I also attended the Union Village Council meeting. I spoke about statistics for their branch and they were impressed by the uptick in numbers. I also reminded them about being fine free.

This report is short because of my hand surgery. Hopefully, next month's will be a tad more interesting.



## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT September 14, 2018

- Work continues on the steps and porch at the Coldwater Branch. The historical marker is finally back!
- Replacement people counters have been ordered for 4 branches, and installed so far at Coldwater. They are replacing damaged ones, or are more accurate than the existing one in some cases. More importantly, the new counters don't have an audible click as they count, which often led to kids delightfully running back and forth to make the noise happen and inflate the count (which we'd have to estimate back down). An accurate count is an important figure for us.
- We have moved to a new management system for Apple mobile devices, Jamf, and it's an absolutely fantastic system for controlling, locking down, and updating our Apple devices. While the learning curve was a bit steep, the ease of use to add new devices and maintain them is amazing, and I'm super excited to have Jamf in the toolkit.
- We are evaluating a new web filter, purchased through The Library Network, a Detroit-area library cooperative. This new filter, Cisco Umbrella, provides a way to filter secure web pages, something our previous filter cannot do.
- Configuration of MyPC, the new computer time approved last month, is going well. We'll be conducting staff training the first two weeks of October, and plan to start turning it on branch-by-branch the week of October 15.
- In the discussion section, please find the Tech Committee's recommendation for this year's major technology purchasing.



Submitted by John Rucker

This month brings you a short report. Between recovering from BDL's time spent at the Branch County Fair and taking some vacation time, I don't have much to report.

However, during the month of September, BDL is celebrating Library Card Sign up month and encouraging all residents of Branch County to come and get their library card. With the help of staff, BDL has created a list of reasons EVERYONE should have their library card.

- 1. A Library Card is FREE:** Apply online or visit any of our friendly convenient branches and within a matter of minutes you will have a card that puts the world at your fingers! No cost and no subscription fees, sounds like a winner to me!
- 2. One Card = 6 Library Branches:** That mean 6 times the library staff and 6 times the library materials!
- 3. Borrow BDL Library Materials (books, DVDs, magazines):** Could you imagine having to pay for all of those items? Why would you want to when you can get them for FREE with your library card.
- 4. Hoopla:** Really, do I need to say anything? ☺ We all know Hoopla is the place to be to get access to ebooks, eaudiobooks, music, movies, TV shows, and comic books!
- 5. Discounts to Michigan State Parks, Cultural Attractions, Museums, and more:** The Michigan Activity Pass Program allows you to check out FREE or discounted passes to over 400 locations across the state just by using your library card.
- 6. Libby/Overdrive:** Check out the newest and greatest ebooks and audiobook on your favorite electronic device.
- 7. MeLCat:** With your BDL library card you get a membership to libraries across the state. If we can't find an item in Branch County, there is a good chance that we can somewhere in the State of Michigan.
- 8. Access to Online Materials:** Need some research or to improve your language skills? Check out digital resources, Newsbank, Consumers Report, Ancestry, or Mango!
- 9. Got a child in school:** BDL knows that Readers are Leaders! Need to get an item for a book report or start a research paper then you better visit BDL.
- 10. Access to Computers:** Starting in October 2018, a library card is needed to use a computer at the library! Don't wait – sign up today!

Respectfully submitted,  
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