

Upper Dublin Public Library Progress Report for May 2016

Connecting people and ideas to educate, inspire and strengthen the Upper Dublin community

Goal 1: Commit to the development and marketing of the UDPL's digital collections and eBooks by educating staff and residents as existing and emerging formats become mainstream. (UDPL Reimagined: 2015-2017: A Strategic Plan for the Upper Dublin Public Library)

Activities	Results /Benefits	Reported By
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Launched Hoopla on May 2. Hoopla provides access to a collection of 400,000 movies, tv shows, ebooks, audiobooks, music albums. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 164 patrons have registered to use the service since program inception. In May, they checked out 70 ebooks, 74 movies/tv episodes and 139 audiobooks/music albums. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kay Klocko (Head of Reference and Digital Literacy)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Created a handout containing instructions for using UDPL's Mobile Printing service. Launched in 2015, this service permits people to print to the library's printer from anywhere. This service was also advertised in the enews on May 25. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Approximately 30 new people learned about the UDPL's Mobile Printing Service in the first week of promotion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kay Klocko (Head of Reference and Digital Literacy)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ After continuous reports that the wifi available in the Library was slow and repeatedly connecting/disconnecting making it otherwise unusable, Technet Services, MCLINC HQ staff and UDPL staff worked tirelessly to resolve the problems throughout the month. Formerly a hybrid network with UD Township equipment on the MCLINC Comcast pipe, the final decision was made to disconnect from Comcast and join the township's existing Verizon Fios account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The UDPL, its staff and visitors rely heavily on wifi for connecting to digital resources and the web. The UDPL is identified as a location for UD students in the UDSD one-to-one Chromebook program to access wifi for their school work. At this reporting, wifi is running smoothly on the new and faster Fios. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cheri Fiory (Director)

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Activities—Early Childhood	Results /Benefits	Reported By
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Delivered storytimes to four Upper Dublin preschools as part of the UDPL’s outreach efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 131 children (and teachers) were reached; supports UDPL’s focus on early learning and child development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jenn Sivers (Head of Children’s Services)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Advertised and hired a new Kids Place Volunteer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ With summer being the busiest season in the children’s department, the extra support for early childhood and elementary programs is much needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lauren Smyth (Assistant Director)

Activities—Elementary	Results /Benefits	Reported By
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Promoted the 2016 Summer Reading Club <i>On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!</i> in the four Upper Dublin School District Elementary Schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reached 1,850 students and faculty; flyers sent home to inform parents/guardians; reading throughout the summer helps prevent “summer slide,” the tendency for some children to lose some of the academic achievements they gained in the previous school year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jenn Sivers (Head of Children’s Services)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hosted the UDPL’s annual Touch A Truck event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 50 attended; continued this popular annual partnership with Upper Dublin Public Works Dept. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jenn Sivers (Head of Children’s Services)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hosted Alice in Wonderland Merry Un-Birthday Party, the final in a series of UDPL celebrations of this classic’s 150th anniversary (Guest Readers: Representative T. Murt, Superintendent Dr. Wheeler, Police Officers Pimm & Shanahan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 70 attended; brought community together around this classic book; was the UDPL’s first partnership with Temple Ambler (event was to held in the botanical gardens, but moved inside township building due to rain). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Jenn Sivers (Head of Children’s Services)

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Activities—STEAM Lab	Results /Benefits	Reported By
◆ Hosted a National STEM Video Game Challenge Workshop	◆ 26 participated (max registration); In partnership with national organizations such as eLine Media, Joan Ganz Cooney Foundation, Nat Geographic, introduced students to video game software, an activity which has been identified as an area of innovation in STEM.	◆ Molly Kane (Head of Teen Services & Emerging Technologies)
◆ Hosted 3D Printing classes for teens and adults	◆ Introduced 3D printing basics to 15 new people.	◆ Molly Kane/Kay Klocko
◆ STEAM Event at Upper Moreland Library	◆ With Upper Moreland Public Library, offered a hands-on technology night for students at UMPL; shared knowledge with UMPL staff so they can incorporate new STEM learning opportunities for their patrons.	◆ Molly Kane (Head of Teen Services & Emerging Technologies)
Activities—Teen	Results /Benefits	Reported By
◆ Hosted seniors in cooperation with UDHS’s Community Study Program	◆ Provided hands-on opportunities for 6 UDHS seniors to give back to the community through their three-week internship program; they provided administrative support for the Summer Reading Club and other projects.	◆ Molly Kane (Head of Teen Services & Emerging Technologies)
◆ Presented “Better Than Shelf Reading: Creating Authentic Volunteer Opportunities for Teens & Young Adults” at Leigh Valley PaLA Annual Conference at Kutztown University	◆ 30 librarians & directors learned about UDPL’s Teen Volunteer force.	◆ Molly Kane (Head of Teen Services & Emerging Technologies)

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Activities—Adults	Results /Benefits	Reported By
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Hosted 15 ongoing Computer tutoring sessions (including Open House on 5/6) at UDPL; also hosted one individual tutoring session at Senior Adult Activities Center (SAAC) in Ambler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 16 people received personalized, 1-hr one-on-one computer tutoring; continued SAAC partnership, which reaches underserved local residents with much needed opportunities to learn basic tech skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Kay Klocko (Head of Reference & Digital Literacy)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Surveyed One Book, One Montgomery County participants, both from communities and the libraries, to receive feedback for planning future events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 174 participants and 11 (of 20) libraries responded; 99% of participants rated the program overall as “excellent” or “very good”; 91% said they’d discussed and/or recommended <i>The Boys in the Boat</i> to someone else; 91% of the libraries said they’d “absolutely” participate again. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cheri Fiory (Director)

Other Activities of Note

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ As a member of the Master Plan “Leadership Team”, Cheri attended the first meeting of this group on May 5. With staff assistance, completed two surveys for the consultants. Participated in interviews with the consultants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Information gathered will be used in the development of the consultants’ plans and recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cheri Fiory (Director)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 8 staff attended the South Eastern Chapter of the PaLA conference on personality assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Learned tools for understanding themselves, co-worker and patrons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lauren Smyth (Assistant Director)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lauren earned the PSU Municipal Leadership Certificate (7 classes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Workshops covered areas like leadership fundamentals, performance management and human resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lauren Smyth (Assistant Director)