

Librarian Report
May Meeting 2018

I am currently working with the school librarian and literacy specialist on promoting reading over the summer. Our combined reading program involves a party at the end for kids who 'Read In 50 Places'. It starts before the end of the summer and ends mid-August. I will be working with kids on a daily basis during the summer program, mostly in the library, on literacy and STEM projects. Our recent collaboration on Dorothy Canfield Fisher and Red Clover books will be repeated next year with more time to spare. We hope to add an older group reading the Green Mountain Book Award in the next school year. I continue to read to a 4,5 & 6 grade group on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our two robotics teams continue to work on Mondays and Tuesday. We have ten members of the Alphabots on Tuesday, twice last year's number, and five for the older Monday group.

Our board game night has been very successful with ten people attending at our busiest. We'll continue it monthly and occasionally add to our game collection. I am also adding a Dungeons & Dragons group for adults and young people, starting perhaps in May once I can gather the players.

Staying open late has not showed any changes in patron visits on the whole. Some people have dropped by to work in the evening or for a book after work. Our numbers have not, on the whole, changed much. I intend to keep these hours through the end of the year to see if the summer has any impact on these patterns. If summer increases patron numbers in the evenings we may want to move toward seasonal hour changes.

I have increased the number of magazine subscriptions and we now have New Yorker, Economist, several food magazines, Taproot and Northern Woodlands for the next year.

I am currently testing our new catalog Verso, which has been filled with catalog and patron records. We move over in full at the end of May but Verso is currently only accessible to me. I will train Ron in the system within the next few weeks.

Respectfully,
Craig Varley