

## Director's Report: July 15, 2009

### Programming:

Ashley's children's programming going great! Full subscription and waiting list for program this Friday  
Jodi has Summer Reading Program well in hand, big crowds! Maybe 20 people!  
Children's "music hour" new program for 2010 could begin September, replaces story hour. Saturday  
AM overlapping with open hours ( 9-11) programming from 9:30-10:30

### On the same page programming:

Eric Hoffner: "That Log's Got Potential" paid up for round II in fall.  
Fly casting with Marla Blair, June filled, August filled. Awesome  
Amy Klippenstine, garden workshop for fall.

Art: Off until September, suggestions for next season?

Grants: All grant money must be spent by September 30<sup>th</sup>

Equal Access Kindles now out on loan, to purchase Wii  
On The Same Page Grant \$7500 of this we've spent about \$4500 on books and speakers  
Gates Grant-We have funds, waiting on final bid for ARPS computers.  
Highland Valley Elder Care I am now developing a 2009 grant for October, \$1500 again

Bookmobile: The program is likely to cease during calendar year 2010. Other possibilities include a heavy restructuring of the program as a whole.

Shifting: I am in touch with Jerry Champagne about moving computers to accommodate the new teen area. Working slowly towards wireless APRS network to accommodate new computers.

Money: No Warrant, bookmobile. Final FY '09 submitted this AM.  
Approx: \$2500 transferred from staff salary to materials Monday PM.  
Expect a warrant soon, will email folks.

KOHA: I am taking a trip to two libraries to see their implementation of KOHA. Of these Ashburnham is very similar to Pelham, about the same number of books and they also migrated from Spectrum. I am now leaning very much towards implementing KOHA after making a telephone survey of libraries using KOHA.

Initial fact finding shows librarians are happy with KOHA and that most ILLs can be filled seamlessly on the KOHA system. I was surprised to see the number of popular best sellers within the MassCat system. Many of the user features associated with CWMARS are available through MassCat at a much lower cost. The first tentative steps towards a true statewide union catalog are being made now at the state level.

Transition to MassCat will not be without problems, but in the end I think it will be a good move for us.

MassCat costs \$1000/year to be a member. We had been paying \$600/year for Spectrum support until I discontinued it. Pelham School gives us \$400/year in support for the ILS.

Kindle: Now lending, broke our first one Amazon is replacing.