

June Adult Services Report

Summer has definitely been off to an interesting start so far. Coming from youth services, I was used to jam packed summers in terms of programs and reference.

Luckily, a little bird mentioned that maybe I might want to slow down over summer. We have had great success in terms of programs since I started, but I definitely underestimated how busy parents and adults are in the summer.

I've also had to work really hard to get people to sign up for and try new things. A perfect example is trivia night. A week before the event, I only had two teams, one of which was a library team so they would be ineligible to win. Jenna made me flyers and I delivered them to businesses and begged people to come. It ended up being a fun event and hopefully people will spread the word and if we do it again it will grow.

Collection:

Limberlost adult nonfiction just finished in terms of topic driven. It's crazy how fast Anita, Theresa, and Bonnie have made this happen. Our new board game collection is doing pretty well, so I just purchased two more games to keep the momentum going. We have also had luck with the state park pass, so we purchased a pass to the Eiteljorg Museum so that families are able to visit this Indianapolis museum for free when they reserve the pass. We are just waiting for it to arrive and then Jenna will publicize when patrons are able to access it.

Trainings:

Our library is so fortunate in that we have support to attend trainings to bring ideas back to make our library better. I attended ALA for the first time in June. I came away with some great ideas for the adult department in terms of outreach, mentoring, programs about health, and services for aging populations. Being a new manager, trainings like this are invaluable and I can't wait to implement new ideas. We also stopped at the Chicago Public Library while we were in Chicago and got some ideas from that visit as well.