



Staff Report

The Blue Mountains Public Library

Report To: The Blue Mountains Public Library Board
Meeting Date: March 30, 2017
Report Number: CHD.17.03
Subject: Craigleith Heritage Depot, March 2017
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A. Recommendations

THAT The Blue Mountains Public Library Board receive Staff Report CHD.17.03, entitled "Craigleith Heritage Depot, March 2017" as information.

B. Overview

The Craigleith Heritage Depot (CHD) report will provide information on the operations to January 1 to Feb. 28, 2017.

C. General Visitorship

Visitors January 1 to February 28: 636

Virtual visitors through Facebook: to date: 2922 February only: 1311

Twitter Followers 188 (+13)

Facebook Likes: 79 (+2)

Then and Now Website hits, to date: 13,165 February: 7076

D. Museum Services

Media/Marketing:

Museum tab on the BMPL page has been created to feature the resources/programmes of the museum.

Collection:

The Then and Now Project are planning future interviews about the Apple Industry. Mountain Goat Films will be creating three professional three minute films for the collection and use in programming. The three subjects are the First Peoples, the Ski Industry and the Apple Industry. These short films will be used in the Then and Now Project, the outreach kits and for education purposes. The research phase is complete, the writing phase is complete and filming began in February.

Three volunteer positions have been posted through Community Connections. We are seeking volunteers to assist with research, collections cataloguing and media/marketing. One person has volunteered as a research assistant.

Research: The research room is in transition as we continue to integrate and inventory the collections from the Library and Museum.

To Date Requests: 17, February Requests: 8

Exhibition:

Completed the research and writing for the exhibit panels featuring the natural history of the Delphi Point Park and the Nippising Ridge Trail. These will feature the park resources and include touch panels for the fossil exhibit. First draft of panels has been completed. Images and touch panels have begun production.

An exhibit about Charles Stuart and Quilt Squares was featured for Black History Month. Creation of seating in the turret space has been completed.

Education/Programming:

Children's Programmes: The hands-on activity centre in the museum provided for young drop in visitors was well used and stocked with activities relating to the exhibit theme and seasonal themes.

Black History Month activities were held including two film presentations with talks, afterschool programme and gallery interactives. After school programme focused on Quilts as part of the Black History month.

The Blue Mountain Writer's group is ongoing first meeting and has five people interested. Writing Your Life History Programme will also be offered again in March 2017 and registration is full, a waiting list has been started.

Ongoing planning for the Canada 150: 12 Months 12 Themes programme is underway with the Town of the Blue Mountains and the Thornbury BIA. Circus month will profile local Funambulists in an exhibit and the Film Vertical Belles will be shown March 9. It is by the TOBM film company Mountain Goat Films. It is about the local silks aerialists. Staff will run programmes for March Break at the LE Shore Memorial Library. Canadian Film Day April 19 has been confirmed with Snow People a film about our community love of winter.

A partnership with Answers4Seniors has established their first event, a free Tax return programme for March 25.

E. Library Services

Circulation since January 1: 664 February Only: 342

Book Club: 15 people signed up for the book club, it has now been capped.

Tourism Services continue with winter information filling the racks at this time. The tourism flag has arrived and is scheduled to be installed by Elizabeth Cornish when the weather improves.

Snowshoes have been a success and will consider adding to the collection in the future.

SOLS DVD collection was switched out. SOLS large print collection was returned, awaiting new titles.

A charging station has been set up in the library space.

F. Facility Report

The repair from the tire damage in the summer will proceed in March. Investigation by Facilities is ongoing how to improve the solar light when we have too many cloudy days for it to recharge. The doors are slated for replacement for weather proofing accessibility and emergency exit. LED lighting is being installed as current lights are replaced. A discussion about the light levels occurred in order that interior lights on dimmers to ensure museum standards. A safe has been delivered for use. The outdoor sign is beginning to show wear and was repaired.

Respectfully Submitted,

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