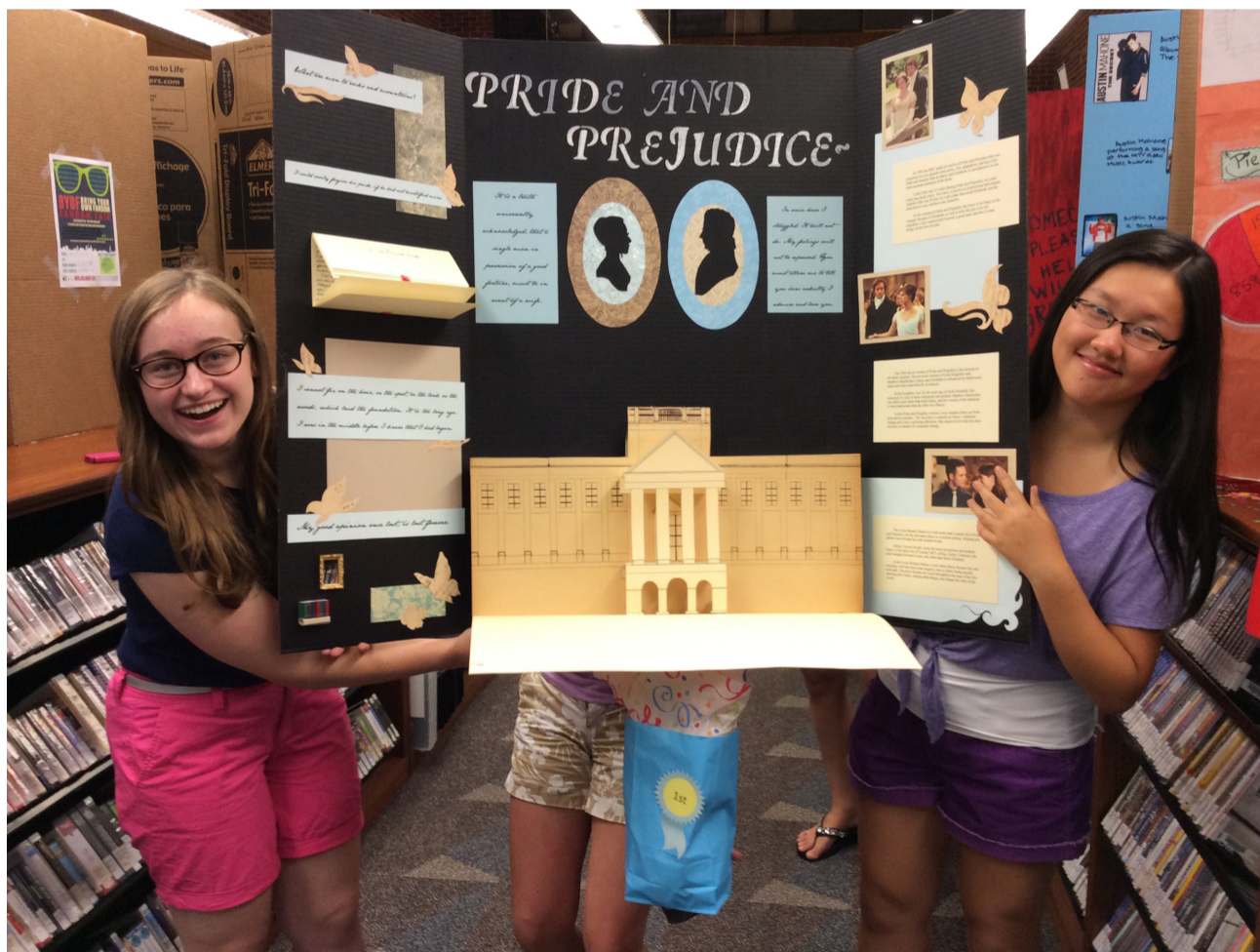


Library

County Librarian's Report July 2014



Johnson County Library's **first Fandom Fair**, part of a larger Bring Your Own Fandom program theme, took place at Cedar Roe Neighborhood Library and attracted 100 people, mostly teens. The event celebrated fanatics of various interests, including specific video games and books. Some attendees came dressed as their favorite characters and submitted 25 displays on their favorite fandoms. First place honors went to the Pride and Prejudice display seen above, which was created by three Johnson County teens.

INFORMATION ITEM

Sept. 11, 2014

To: Members of Johnson County Library Board of Directors

From: County Librarian Sean Casserley

Re: County Librarian's Report for July 2014

COMMUNITY


More than 15,000 children, teens and adults participated in the Library's 2014 **Summer Reading** program. Summer readers joined the fun online or through children's paper reading logs and took home some fantastic prizes, like Antioch Neighborhood Library winner pictured to the right. Young Summer Reading participants commented:



“My Daddy is deployed and we love sharing books over Skype!”

“Unlike books you read for school, where you have no choice, summer reading is all about me. I read what I want, I choose my destinations. I choose where to lose myself.”

July's **Second Saturday** featured a Steampunk brass goggle demonstration in the Central Resource Library parking lot, a Bring Your Own Fandom plushie workshop at Antioch Neighborhood Library and a lineup of storytellers from the Fringe Festival for the new series Mature Tales, storytimes intended for adults. More than 400 people attended Second Saturday programs across the Library system on July 12.

Second Saturdays 
Johnson County Library

More than 100 patrons of all ages enjoyed a **Doctor Who party** at Lackman Neighborhood Library. Aficionados of the British science-fiction TV show spent two hours teaming up for activities from crafts to trivia to scavenger hunts.



Without the library we wouldn't even get to try 3D printing, so thank you for expanding our world."

- James, Library patron on the **MakerSpace**

Antioch Neighborhood Library played host to the **Johnson County Commission District 1 Candidate Meet and Greet** on July 22. Approximately 50 people attended and heard each candidate's five-minute address followed by open networking time.

CONVENIENCE

The **Mobile MakerSpace** continued its tour across the Library system in July, stopping at Oak Park Neighborhood Library on July 16. KMBC meteorologists Bryan Busby and Nick Bender attended – along with 229 patrons – and broadcasted live from the event.



DeSoto Neighborhood Library began surveying the surrounding community for the most convenient hours of operation.

Staff at **Lackman Neighborhood Library** have made their stacks easier to browse with hand-drawn shelf visuals communicating book topics like decorating. “It makes it more fun to browse,” said one patron. “I’m more likely to pick out books now.”



Patrons can now check out **eBook and eAudiobook materials** directly from the Web catalog. Gone is the need to go to an external website known as the “Magic Wall” to place holds or download new items. eBook and eAudiobook titles currently checked out and due dates also now display in patrons’ online account summaries along with physical materials.

The Library’s Web Content Team flipped the switch and turned on the **new Library website** for all online visitors in July. In the two weeks following its debut, some patrons completed a brief feedback form with 41.2 percent responding they “Like or love” the new design and 16 percent responding “not sure yet.”

EDUCATION

The Library’s Melody Kinnamon and Leslie Nord presented at the Johnson County Department of Corrections as part of the **Collaboration Rotation Initiative**. The initiative aims to increase internal awareness of the services and resources provided by county departments and agencies. The duo talked about the Library’s eLearning resources, including Learning Express and Universal Class, and suggested ways Corrections could use these services to benefit its clients.



Shawnee Neighborhood Library hosted the local Shawnee Fire Department for a **Fire Safety program**. The program was packed and kids were excited. Parents shared how happy they were the Library provides programming like this for their kids.



Youth Services Manager Barbara Brand met with librarians from **Kansas City Public Library** and a board member of **KC Turn the Page** to discuss early learning initiatives shared across all metro library systems and how we can make sure they are recognized and promoted. The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce continues to consider early literacy for inclusion in its "Big 5" initiatives.

Summer school students visited **Gardner Neighborhood Library** by the busload several times in July. Staff happily answered readers' advisory questions.

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