

Friends of the South Coastal Library

June 27, 2023

Director's Report



Hello all—

It's been a week. And a half. But we can't run away. Because the week will follow...

So—a super brief report:

- We are not taking material donations until sometime in September, to give the Tour committee the room it needs to work in the FOSCL office. Notices are posted online and in library.
- After losing power on Wednesday—and evacuating 200+ people from the library—the power returned an hour later. After rebooting/resetting every system in this building—from the little cash register to nearly 70 computers—all worked well again and we could clean up the backlog and finish out the day. Which was good, because look at the photo Barb took that morning before we opened. There was a children's program to start the day and people couldn't wait for it.
- So we walked into work Thursday early for a morning staff class—and the Internet was down. Somewhere, someone cut the fiber cable. We were out for the entire day but still managed to circulate items (thank heavens for ExCel!) and run events. And we took shifts at my laptop (the only one connected) to hand key in all the barcodes of the returned materials so the volunteers could at least get those back on the shelf.
- Today is Friday. All seems well, we've cleaned up the backlog (again) and are moving on. Phew.
- The Summer Reading Program Kick-off & Magic Party that we were going to have at the Millville Boardwalk (and our thanks to them for offering the space) had to move back to the library due to bad weather on June 16th—and 98 children and caregivers had a great time, even with all the rain.
- Cross your fingers for us on Monday, July 31st. We're partnering with the town to celebrate Harry Potter at the beach. We start with a Harry Potter movie, move on to a Harry Potter trivia contest, and wrap the celebration up with a Hogwarts Costume Contest. Unless the weather fails to cooperate—then we move everything back to the library. For more info, check specific event dates on the library's calendar at <https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/southcoastal?cid=9421&t=m&d=2023-07&cal=9421&inc=0>

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