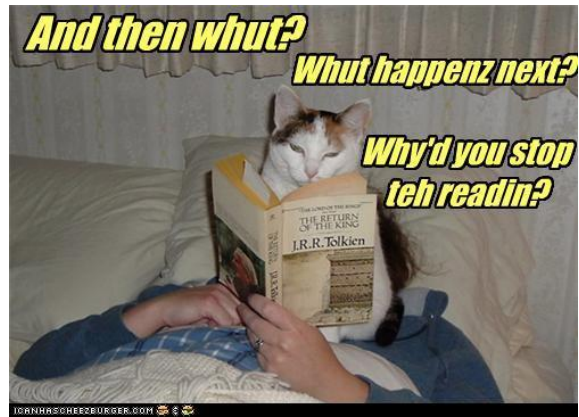


Friends of the South Coastal Library
August 27, 2024
Director's Report



Hi all--

We are at the tail end of summer, things are winding down a bit (compared to June/July), and staff are a bit tired. It was a good summer, and the new staff that saw their first summer here have not bolted, so all is well.

- The Summer Reading Challenge ended on August 10th and we are giving people until August 26th to return their logs, if done on paper. If done in Beanstack, please ask at the main desk. Prizes will be given while supplies last, but we are already out of some things.
- The incredible heat and strong storms derailed some of our outreach efforts, rescheduling indoors whenever possible. If you couldn't get in the library on one of those days, so sorry. But it seemed like 5,000 people wanted to go to the mermaid storytime. At least our events are well-loved, so your support was vital this summer.
- New addition to the state-wide catalog: Library of Things! Some libraries have already started. We will jump in too, as soon as the patron waiver is accepted by all institutions. We're planning on circulating puzzles, pickleball kits and instructions, and I've joined the partnership between the library system and the DE Astronomical Society. We'll be getting at least one super-cool telescope to circulate, and hopefully two. If you're interested in seeing what's already available, there are Chromebooks, wifis, blood pressure cuffs, highway clean-up kits, and more. Go to: <https://lib.de.us/things/>
- I will have a complete end of FY report and summer comparison for the September annual meeting.
- If you have questions before the meeting, please feel free to email and I'll try to find the answers. And count them in our Reference statistics column.

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