

Friends of the South Coastal Library
October 22, 2024
Director's Report



Hi all--

The library is moving along nicely into fall. The library system is steadily being reconstructed after the attack. Both the public and staff wifi are now safely operational. Work continues on bringing back the patron computers and printing/scanning/faxing capabilities, but these services are still currently unavailable. Programs are able to continue, the catalog is functioning and all our basic library services are back. As our sign says, We Can Check Out Books!

- The library FY25 budget request is completed and submitted to FOSCL. No major additions are included or cannot be set aside for another FY request in order to help meet FOSCL's attempt to limit shortfalls. FY24 budget is still being spent/reconciled, but are not doing or have cut back a couple of lines there too, for the same reason—we can make do with less right now.
- SAVE THE DATE: Bella has sent out the flyer, and details need to be finalized. The Volunteer Holiday Brunch will be at Cripple Creek Country Club on Friday, Nov. 22nd, from 10am to 12noon. Please RSVP by November 9th to Annabella.Viggiano@sussexcountyde.gov. Anyone not going forfeits their bacon to me.
- We will be having our (now) annual children's coat giveaway on Monday evening, Nov. 4th from 4pm—6pm. Children's coat sizes are: 4, 5/6, 7/8, 10/12, and 15/16. Grotto's Pizza, grab-and-go craft kits and children's books will also be available for the children and their families. If you know of children in need, please let them know about this or have them call the library. If anyone would like to donate some pre-packaged snacks (cookies, chips, etc) so the kids have snacks to take home for the evening, that would be wonderful. You can drop them off at my office or leave them with Megan in the Children's Room. And thank you for helping the kids.
- Nearly 650 children's board and paperback books, for ages birth through 12, have been bought, with FOSCL/Halloween labels placed in all of them, for the Cops & Goblins event in Ocean View on Saturday, October 26th, from 1pm to 4pm. If you're at the event, stop by our booth, say hi, and even help the kids pick out their own book to keep. Thanks for funding this event—it's a great outreach opportunity for the library and FOSCL.

*Sue Keefe, 10/18/24
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