

Facilities:

Request for Qualifications submittals were received from ten architect and construction company teams by the deadline of April 18th. The Town and Library planning team began the process of reviewing the submittals on April 19th and selected four groups to interview in early May. The final architect and construction manager selected will be first tasked with developing a viable solution to the various issues related to the library's roof problems.

Staff Development:

The library staff participated in two special staff workday during the month of April. Activities included developing plans to relocate and expand the young adult section, reorganize the biographies, and expand the display area for new fiction books. Special project days allow the staff uninterrupted time to accomplish long term and complex goals.

Programming:

The library presented 28 programs during April. The programs included book discussions, nursery school visits, a Humanities presentation on Rome and Pompeii, a class on how to download e-books, a travel film, and an Italian cooking class. A larger number of people than usual, six hundred fifty-two, attended the various programs with the result that April 2016 numbers are 129% higher than April 2015 numbers. The 2016 Travel the World programming series is becoming even more popular than we anticipated.

Statistics:

Overall April 2016 statistics increased compared to April 2015 figures. Circulation increased by 7%, the number of people who visited the library increased by 2.5%, the number of reference questions asked increased by 14%, and Internet use increased by 56%. Book circulation alone increased by 15%.