

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff Institute Day is Friday, August 18. We start the day with breakfast and then a brief welcome. After that, Sharon Karpel and I will present the Kids' Library renovation plans. The presentation will include an update on trends in library service to children and how the Library is changing to meet patrons' needs. We're also going to include an update on the Makery and procedures that are in place to help patrons navigate the Makery. Staff will then attend different sessions to learn about Makery equipment and Library technology. We've received very positive feedback on using this small class format for Staff Institute.

The highlight of the day is always the staff longevity award presentation. Kathy Murphy, Head of Technical Services, is celebrating thirty five years with the Library! It's great to have the entire staff together for one day. We always look forward to this day of learning and celebrating.

Summer reading is almost over and both the adult and kids' programs were very successful. More than 4,779 kids participated in the program this year. Another wonderful statistic to share is that 210 middle schoolers volunteered 910 hours working as summer reading helpers. The volunteer commitment is what makes this summer program great!