

LIBRARY COMMITTEE – Annual Report - 2014

2014 Chair(s): Chair Betty Weinstock. Chair since 2013, co-chair with Russ Bimber 2011-2012.

2015 Chair(s): still Betty Weinstock, till I can find someone to take it over.

Current mission statement: To provide recreational reading and basic information sources to Kendal residents. This library consists of books, newspapers, magazines, audio books (on cassettes and CDs videotapes), and videos (VHS tapes and DVDs). We also maintain a copier, a computer, a Merlin magnifying reader and a box for documents to be shredded.

Summary of activities and accomplishments: The library seems to be in fine shape. We have acquisitioned 267 books this year (so far, Oct. 19) which brings the total, at the moment, of books in the library to 6861. The books that are given to us that we either have already or don't think they will be useful to our library, are usually given to the town library for their book sales, and sometimes, if the book is special, to the college library. The ones we keep are catalogued except for trade paperbacks, which are not catalogued, are put in a special section and can be taken out and not brought back, if desired. We buy several daily (one weekly) newspapers. We have quite a collection of magazines, given regularly to the library by Kendal residents. Duplicates are sometimes given to the clinic waiting room, and or put on tables in the Lounge or hallway near the employees entrance. There is a committee of librarians one of whom serves an hour every day. They answer questions, determine if books given to us are duplicates, deal with returned books, newspapers. They, currently, are: Barbara Bruer, Fern and Jay Ingersoll, Barbara Burkhard, Beth Lewis, Sheila Eckstein, Betty O'Connor, and Judy Tandy. At the end of every year, Betty Weinstock "reads" the book shelves, to check everything is in the right place, record lost books, and get rid (to the town library) of books we no longer want, in order to make room for the new ones we will get next year. Terry Carlton is now head of the copier subcommittee and takes care of the copier, computer, magnifying reader and shredder box, with help from Russ Bimber, Bob Randel, and Ed Wardwell.. Other members of the committee take care of the DVDs, CDs, etc. We have a book cart, full of mostly large print books, which is taken to the care center every other week to help those residents find reading material.

Committee members:

Jane Moore is chair of the desk librarian subgroup.

Terry Carlton, Rus Bimber, Robert Randel, and Ed Wardwell care for the copier

Betty Weinstock is head of the "book group" to decide about donated books Terry

Carlton cares for the audio books.

Barbara Burkhard cares for the videos (VHS tapes and DVDs).

Vi Blount and Peg Schutlz take the book cart every other week to the Care Center.

Others (sometime attendees at meetings, Joanne Busiel, Eleanor Devereux, (KORA rep), Rita Haessly, Ardith Hayes, Lee Hefner, Joe Luciano, Anne Martin, Ruth Miller, Diantha Pare, Gretchen Roose, Ruth Serles, Priscilla Steinberg,

Copier and Printer Service Subcommittee of the Library Committee

2014 Chair(s): Russ Bimber was chair June 2000–September 2014
Terry Carlton is chair as of October 2014

2015 Chair(s): Terry Carlton

Current mission statement:

To buy supplies for and maintain the library copiers and computer printer for general use at 5¢ per copy or printed page. Also, to collect payments for copies and voluntary contributions for the shredder box, and to deposit them to the KORA checking account. Also, to report to the KORA treasurer those deposits and the charges made by KORA committees for copies that they have made. Copier profits go to copier expenses, library purposes, or, as feasible, to the Residents Assistance Fund.

Summary of activities and accomplishments:

In its first 16 months of service (to September 2014), the current Kyocera 1035 copier has made over 48,000 copies without any outside service. This machine replaced under warranty our first Kyocera 1035 machine, which was a “lemon.”

This year, the Copier Account (775) donated \$2,500.00 to the Residents Assistance Fund and bought three copies of *Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment 2015* (for the Library, the Clinic, and the Nurse Manager’s Office).

Problems? Needs?

The Merlin Magnifying Reader (which cost about \$3,000) in the library is not working. Its monitor is not lighting up, but what is needed is not yet known. If the repair cost is small, the Copier Account may be able to cover it, but the Library might have to ask KORA for help with the repair.

No other needs are foreseen.

Plans for 2015 and future: Maintain services as usual.

1. Committee members:

The following members are available to help with paper jams and paper replacement.

RussBimber
Bob Randel
Ed Wardwell