Dayton’s police, fire departments seek minority recruits

DAYTON, Oct. 26, 2015 — Officials in Dayton say they want to hire more minority police and fire fighters, as a step toward increasing diversity among its police and fire departments, as it begins accepting recruits again.

The Dayton Daily News reports (http://bit.ly/1OWG4Yx) the departments recently began accepting applications for new recruits for the first time in about three years. Officials say the city received approximately 325 applications on the first day of hiring.

Police Chief Richard Biely said the department continues recruiting class with more than 20 percent of minority and female candidates as a success.

The U.S. Department of Justice filed a complaint against Dayton in 2008 alleging the departments’ testing unfairly discriminated against minorities. Dayton says the city has aggressively promoted employment at the departments throughout Dayton’s history.


T-LC Public Library participates in national ‘Libraries Transform’ Campaign with CPL

October 29, 2015: The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library is participating in a “Libraries Transform” campaign, announced today, a public awareness effort that highlights the transformative nature of the nation’s libraries and elevates the critical role libraries play in the digital age.

The campaign was launched today by Sari Feldman, newly elected American Library Association President, and also Director of the Cayuga County (Ohio) Public Library.

The campaign points out the rapid advances in technology which are helping to fuel a library renaissance. No longer just places for books, libraries like the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, now offer an assortment of free or low-cost programs and services including 3-D printing, eBooks, digital creative studios, Maker Spaces, and technology training.

Such tech-based resources are transforming lives through digital literacy and lifelong learning, contributing to education, employment, entrepreneurship, engagement, and empowerment. Yet, libraries are often overlooked as catalysts for powerful individual and community change.

“One system is proud to engage in this most timely ‘Libraries Transform’ campaign. Sari Feldman’s vision of demonstrating how libraries have dramatically converted peoples’ lives for the better is brilliant. It’s time for public libraries to be bold in our enthusiasm and extremely proud of how we impact our customers and help them to succeed in life,” said Clyde Scholz, Director of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

“The stories of transformation right here in Lucas County are powerful and endless. We’ve impacted individuals, families, the elderly, students, small business owners, the underserved, and so many others on such a transformational and epic scale. This will long be our legacy, a system that has been transforming lives for more than 175 years.”

As part of the Libraries Transform Campaign, Toledo-Lucas will offer a reading challenge, Create Your Library Challenge, and Salmon P. Campbell, the day-to-day library’s mascot, to help library patrons celebrate the day.

Libraries Transform please visit:

www.librariestransform.org

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Tasmanian Devils now on exhibit at the Toledo Zoo

The Toledo Zoo has announced that new Tasmanian devils, Nugget, Tatiana and Orchid, are now on exhibit in Tembo Trail. Tasmanian devils (Sarcophilus harrisii) are the largest living carnivorous marsupials to be found in the wild only on the island of Tasmania. They are black all over with white marks on their chest and sometimes on their thighs. They have a unique expression, black color and terrible screams helped earn the devil nickname.

The acquisition of Tasmanian devils from the American Foundation for the Conservation Today fund and Zoo Development of a vaccine for the deadly Devil Facial Tumour Disease (DFTD) has added Tasmanian devils to the Conservation Today Fund and Zoo PAL, funded by private patrons.

The devils arrived at the Zoo last week after an approximately 30 hour flight from Australia with stops in Los Angeles and Detroit. Upon arrival, the devils were immediately introduced to their new home to start getting acclimated.

They exhibited in Tembo Trail was designed to mimic Tasmania’s forest habitat where devils are commonly found. The devils will be receiving enrichment and food multiple times a day to promote interaction within the group and visibility for guests.

As Dr. Randi Meyer, Toledo Zoo’s associate director of animal programs, related: “Our devils are adjusting well to their new habitat. The move was a big change for them with crossing multiple time zones getting used to a new diet. Their actual keeper from Australia accompanied the devils to help get them settled and help train our staff.”

He said this was a great group of animals for us to have and that they will be very successful. We hope that our visitors will enjoy seeing the devils up close and learning about the endangered species in our nation’s conservation effort to save these iconic creatures.”

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