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DELPHOS — The board of trustees of the Delphos Public Library met for its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The strong storms that rolled through the area allowed Director Kelly Rist to address the re-emergence of the leak in the foundation of the main building.

“You’ll remember we repaired part of the foundation a while back. It’s held up until now but on the bright side we know where it’s coming from,” she said. “The leak is in the southwest corner of the boiler room; I was able to see it. It will be taken care of but I’m not sure how much it will cost.

“I’m also planning to put in for a grant for a back-up generator, which we’ve talked about previously.”

Rist announced the continuing success of the Summer Reading Program, of which two weeks remain. Also, plans are being made for a teen group section in the library for young adult readers.

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“I’ve been told we have a bigger group of teen readers at the library than ever before,” Rist said. “We’ve sat down with some of them and asked them what they would like to see and we’ve decided it would be a good idea to have an area closed off and have a staff member there who is geared towards teens. They’re very excited about having an area of their own.”

Rist shared some statistics with the board on the Delphos library’s standing out of 251 libraries around Ohio as far as cost per circulation and operating revenue.

With cost per circulation at \$1.96, the Delphos library is 17th in the state, with Dr. Earl S. Sloan Library coming in last with \$33.84. Total operating revenue is at \$430,861, which puts the Delphos library at 177th out of 251.

“I think it really says a lot when you rank 17th for cost per circulation and 177th for total revenue,” Rist said.

In other news, plans have been made for the library’s Canal Days tent, which will be open between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday in front of the post office.

“This year’s theme is magic. We’ll be doing the learning portion so we’ll have some experiments set up and we’ll tie those into books,” Rist said.

The next meeting will begin at 4 p.m. Aug. 14 in The First Edition Building.