

Library Monthly Report to City December report for January 2015

Adult Services: Staff had time to take a closer look at several sections of our collection and weed as needed. We continue to try to make do with crowded shelving in many areas. Denise keeps two book displays filled near the Information desk and changes them out routinely. People are drawn to small sets of books when looking for something to read so the displays attract attention.

Children's Services: In December we participated in the Chamber's Christmas in the Park event and contributed a storybook walk and ornament craft in the library. We had 707 people make a craft! We also had a scholastic book sale in the lobby during the event which brought in just under \$300 to use to purchase prize books for our reading programs.

We took a break in story times to prepare for our upcoming reading programs but we did offer some special events including Babble & Brew, Music Together, Doodlebugs, and Noon Year's Eve. The Noon Year's Eve party had a turnout of 166!

Olivia is working on several early literacy initiatives including 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Early Literacy Kits (made possible by a generous donation), and partnering with Extension to bring parenting classes to the library.

Young Adult Services: The Teen Winter Reading Program will be "Reading Road Trip" and will begin on January 5. Participants will also be able to count their reading toward the ongoing all-ages "Book a Trip" reading program. We're trying to promote different parts of the Young Adult collection through displays and suggested reading lists on www.marionpubliclibrary.org/teenreads.

Circulation Services: Thanks to Susan Kling for bringing in her collection of Christmas Village libraries for display at the Circulation Desk. Patrons and staff enjoy them very much!

Circulation Desk Staff are now collecting Coffee Cart money. Patrons give staff a dollar and in return staff gives them an insulated cup. This system is working well and was implemented because the Coffee Cart money box was stolen.

Library Programming: The library continued its successful partnership programming with Principal Financial and SCORE in December. We showed Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" for our second monthly Movie Monday with a nice crowd about a dozen. It was a quiet months for adult programming; adult staff is making plans for the adult winter reading program that begins January 5.

Building/Facilities Update: The final City report regarding damage from the storm event of last summer was submitted to FEMA. FEMA may reimburse the City for damage expenses related to flooding and cleaning of the library's AHU's and OA ductwork. ICAP provided a settlement check for storm related damages. Climate control of the lobby atrium and meeting rooms is limited. A off/on schedule for the heat pumps connected to the heating loops to the east side of the building is in place but we do not have specific temperature control and cannot regain without significant and costly repairs to the controls system.

Technology Update: A new city-wide IT service company, Marco, has been selected. The contract will be negotiated and a transition timeline set soon.

Personnel: No personnel news this month.

Metro Library Network Update: Programming planning is underway for 2015 Linn Area Reads; title will be announced February 16.

Out Loud! Update: The MLN Out Loud! committee is still hashing out authors and trying to determine who we can afford to ask. We hope authors will be finalized early in the New Year.