

Columbia Heights Public Library

Library Board Report - February 2022

BUILDING

- Horwitz repaired a major leak in one of the boilers used to heat the building.
- Orkin inspected and applied preventative treatment for pests.

COLLECTION

- Book displays featured Black History month, new books, and the Winter Reads adult reading program.
- Adult and juvenile print books were selected from *Booklist*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*. Updated editions of adult reference books, replacement copies and patron requests for youth books about dragons, helping children with depression, “Little Bear” and additional graphic novels were purchased. Youth DVDs and adult audiobooks were ordered.
- Weeding was completed in large print and reference.

PROGRAMS, VIRTUAL EVENTS, SELF DIRECTED ACTIVITIES

NAME	DATE	INTENDED AUDIENCE	ATTENDANCE
Daycare Storytime	2/2	Children (0-5)	13
Baby Read, Baby Grow	2/3	Children (0-5)	10
Family Storytime	2/7	Children (0-5)	19
English Language Conversation Circle	2/7	Adult	3
Organize Your Important Documents Class	2/7	Adult	17
Friends of the Library	2/9	Adult	7
Design Your Own Wrapping Paper Class	2/9	Adult	16
Baby Read, Baby Grow	2/10	Children (0-5)	15
Family Storytime	2/14	Children (0-5)	17
English Language Conversation Circle	2/14	Adult	4
Adult Book Club: <i>My Beloved World</i>	2/16	Adult	4
Baby Read, Baby Grow	2/17	Children (0-5)	10
Baby Read, Baby Grow	2/24	Children (0-5)	12
Family Storytime	2/28	Children (0-5)	30
English Language Conversation Circle	2/28	Adult	7
Emerald Ash Borer Class	1/27	Adult	4
Winter Reads (Self Directed)		Adult	82 (30 persons)
Take and Make Pet Beds (Self Directed)		All Ages	40
TOTAL Programs = 18			304

FACILITY USAGE	2022	2021
Visitors	5,037	4,041
Public Uses of Study and Meeting Rooms	180	4

STAFF

- Eliza Pope, Youth Services Librarian,
 - attended M3 (Making Meaning of Multiple Datasets) Day with partners from the Columbia Heights Public Schools, Columbia Heights Recreation, and the Wilder Foundation to evaluate attendance and survey data from 21st Century Community

Learning Center grant-funded programs. Together, they generated ideas on how to better serve youth in the coming year, including better communication and advertisement of 21st CCLC grant programs and ways to support students' social emotional learning and mental well-being.

- Prepared bulk loans for six Immaculate Conception classes.
- Created a passive program for youth to cut and decorate snowflakes.
- Cortni O'Brien, Adult Services Librarian
 - served as the liaison to the Friends of the Library.
 - delivered library materials to three "At-Home" patrons
- Renee Dougherty, Director
 - participated in Anoka County Library Management Team and Public Service team meetings, weekly meetings of City department heads, and a meeting of Minnesota library directors convened by the State Library.
 - made a presentation to a joint meeting of the Columbia Heights City Council and Columbia Heights Public School Board on February 8.
 - attended the City Council meeting of February 14.
- Winnie Coyne, Nick Olberding, Kelly Olson and Renee Dougherty received training in the March Command software which operates the video cameras in building and parking lot.

VOLUNTEERS	Total	Hours Served
Adult	n/a	10.5
Teen	0	0

TECHNOLOGY

PUBLIC COMPUTER USAGE	2022	2021
Users	797	700
Sessions	1,083	1,063
Minutes	43,779	39,844

MISCELLANEOUS

- The City Council approved the updated manual of library policies.
- The glass case had displays on the "Winter Reads" program and facts about Presidents' Day.
- Eleven patrons with \$75 or more in fines were referred to Unique Management compared to three in 2021.
- Mariana Mac and Emily Anderson won Winter Reads grand prizes

