

Columbia Heights Public Library

Library Board Report - January 2022

COLLECTION

- Book displays focused on New Year's resolutions, new books, and the Winter Reads adult reading program.
- Adult print books were purchased based on selections from *Booklist* 9/15, 10/1, 10/15; *Kirkus Reviews* 9/15/21, 10/1/21, 10/15/21; *Library Journal* 10/2021; January and February publications of bestselling authors or within popular series; patron requests and necessary replacements.
- Juvenile print books were purchased based on selections from *Booklist* 9/1/21, 10/1/21; *Growing Minds* 10/2021; *Kirkus Reviews* 9/2021; *School Library Journal* 9/2021, 10/2021; patron requests and replacements.
- Weeding was completed in adult mystery collection.



Marie Olofsdotter teaches Art from the Heart

PROGRAMS, VIRTUAL EVENTS, SELF DIRECTED ACTIVITIES

NAME	DATE	INTENDED AUDIENCE	ATTENDANCE
English Language Conversation Circle	1/3	Adult	1
Winter Reads (1/10-2/25)	1/10	Adult	In process
English Language Conversation Circle	1/10	Adult	3
Embroidery: Experimenting with Stitches	1/10	Adult	9
Adult Book Club: <i>American Dirt</i>	1/19	Adult	9
Wine and Words Book Club: <i>The Music Shop</i>	1/21	Adult	8
Family Storytime	1/24	Children (0-5)	14
English Language Conversation Circle	1/24	Adult	5
Baby Read, Baby Grow	1/27	Children (0-5)	13
Artist Trading Cards	1/27	Children (6-11)	7
Family Storytime	1/31	Children (0-5)	21
English Language Conversation Circle	1/31	Adult	2
Art from the Heart Card making	1/31	Adult	10
TOTAL Programs = 14			102

FACILITY USAGE	2022	2021
Visitors	4,934	3,913
Public Uses of Study and Meeting Rooms	163	0

STAFF

- Eliza Pope, Youth Services Librarian, began 1/3. She
 - was trained and oriented.
 - began planning for the re-installation of the early learning play space this spring.
 - installed juvenile displays and shifted the juvenile graphic collection.
 - supervised and prepared bulk loans for Immaculate Conception School.
 - prepared and presented preschool storytime and baby read, baby grow classes.
- Georgia Cook, Library Supervisor, began training 1/19.
- Allison Muotka, Library Page, resigned 1/24.
- Maria Fink, Library Page, resigned 1/25.
- Rosa Boda, Library Page – Substitute, resigned 1/24.
- Winnie Coyne, Clerk, completed an annual performance evaluation.
- Cortni O'Brien, Adult Services Librarian
 - met with the Columbia Heights Public Schools Communication Committee.
 - served as the liaison to the Friends of the Library.
 - delivered library materials to four "At-Home" patrons
- Renee Dougherty, Director
 - Learned strategies for serving youth and adults experiencing homelessness from Anoka County Human Services, Hope 4 Youth, YMCA, and Guild Services staff.
 - participated in Anoka County Library Management Team and Public Service team meetings and weekly meetings of City department and division leadership.
 - served on an interview panel for the IT Help Desk Technician.

VOLUNTEERS	Total	Hours Served
Adult	4	18
Teen	0	0

TECHNOLOGY

The Director assisted the Information Technology Director with an initial application for E-Rate, a Federal Communications Commission program to make telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and public libraries.

PUBLIC COMPUTER USAGE	2022	2021
Users	781	604
Sessions	971	1049
Minutes	33,534	38,711

MISCELLANEOUS

- The City Council approved the elimination of overdue fines for people borrowing materials at the Columbia Heights Public Library effective 3/1/22.
- The library hosted a traveling exhibit from the Minnesota State Library; "Fix-a-Leak" emphasized the importance of saving water by fixing drippy faucets and toilets.
- The glass display case featured a "Winter Reading" display as well as promotional material for the upcoming pet bed-making program.
- Ten patrons with \$75 or more in fines were referred to Unique Management compared to three in January 2021.