

Columbia Heights Public Library

Library Board Report – December 2024

BUILDING

- Adams Pest Control made a regular monthly inspection.
- Northland Refrigeration was called to repair a leak on one of the heating boilers which resulted in no heat early in the month.

TECHNOLOGY

COLLECTION

- Final yearend book orders were placed, mostly for youth requests for *Pokémon*, *Minecraft*, *Ms. Rachel* and *Roblox* and series replacements. Some new books were selected from reviews in the August issues of *Kirkus Reviews* and *School Library Journal*. Adult and youth DVDs were ordered.
- Weeding was completed in adult fiction A-B. Weeding of mysteries began.
- Adult displays celebrated the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, baking, and crafting.

PROGRAMS AND SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES	DATE	INTENDED AUDIENCE	ATTENDANCE
English Language Conversation Circle	12/2	Adult	5
EL Conversation Circle	12/4	Adult	5
EL Conversation Circle	12/5	Adult	
Daycare Storytime	12/6	Children (0-5)	12
Clay Snowflakes	12/9	Children (0-5)	37
EL Conversation Circle	12/9	Adult	5
Adult Services Librarian visits the Dwelling Place (offsite)	12/10	Adult	16
Tinker Time: Waterless Snow Globes	12/10	Children (6-11)	54
EL Conversation Circle	12/11	Adult	4
EL Conversation Circle	12/12	Adult	1
ICS 1st Grade Field Trip	12/12	Children (6-11)	
EL Conversation Circle	12/16	Adult	5
Community Craft Evening	12/16	Adult	15
Book Club	12/18	Adult	11
Mystery Book Club	12/18	Adult	5
EL Conversation Circle	12/18	Adult	4
EL Conversation Circle	12/19	Adult	
EL Conversation Circle	12/23	Adult	1
EL Conversation Circle	12/26	Adult	
EL Conversation Circle	12/30	Adult	5

STAFF

Elizabeth Ripley, Adult Services Librarian:

- Led the Mystery Book Club discussion of “The Firekeeper’s Daughter.”
- Met with the Friends of the Library.
- Made deliveries to four At-Home patrons.
- Hosted a community craft night.
- With Library Supervisor Rin Gorman, launched a Tech Help program on Tuesday afternoons.

Eliza Pope, Youth Services Librarian:

- Hosted Erin from eHolt Art to teach a clay snowflake class for preschoolers and parents.
- Engaged 54 adults and kids in creating “waterless” snow globes with sculpted elements.
- Attended Valley View Elementary School’s English Language Family Night to share information about upcoming library programs and to engage kids in button-making.

Renee Dougherty, Library Director:

- Participated in the Anoka County Library public service team and city division head meetings.
- Attended the Columbia Heights Public Schools Communications Advisory Council meeting.
- Met with the Anoka County Library Director; the outgoing Minnesota Library Association Secretary; and a former Library Board member.
- Met with the adult book club for a discussion of “Remarkably Bright Creatures.”

All Staff:

- Began basic Spanish language lessons with Brenda Pliego-Geniz from the Police Department.
- Attended the City Holiday Luncheon.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Anoka County Law Librarian John Murphy held office hours on December 26.
- A Tiny Art Show, consisting of 32 pieces created by community artists, continued.
- A karst and water pollution exhibit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency continued.
- Eight adult volunteers donated 26.75 hours.

