

Columbia Heights Public Library

Library Board Report – February 2025

BUILDING

- Northland Refrigeration continued to service malfunctioning heating and snowmelt boilers.
- An electrician repaired lights in the children/teen areas.

TECHNOLOGY

- There were numerous issues with the online printing portal or print release kiosk.
- One of the dedicated catalog computers malfunctioned multiple times.

COLLECTION

- New books were selected from reviews in the October and November issues of *Booklist*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*. Adult and youth DVDs were ordered. Juvenile purchases included replacement of worn books, and requests for *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*, *Hunger Games*, and missing volumes from the EJ series *Magic Quest*.
- Weeding was completed in adult fantasy and large print and in juvenile fiction and readers.
- Adult displays featured Oscar-nominated or winning films, Minnesota authors, heart health and Black History month. Juvenile displays highlighted Black History month.

PROGRAMS AND SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES	DATE	INTENDED AUDIENCE	ATTENDANCE
Glass Fusing for Families	2/1	Children (6-11)	
Storytime	2/3	Children (0-5)	34
English Language Conversation Circle	2/3	Adult	6
EL Conversation Circle	2/5	Adult	5
Ancestral Connections	2/6	Adult	2
Daycare Storytime	2/7	Children (0-5)	12
Pet Beds for Animal Shelters with HeightsNEXT	2/8	Adults	45
Storytime	2/10	Children (0-5)	32
EL Conversation Circle	2/10	Adult	6
Tinker Time: Shrinky Dinks	2/11	Children (6-11)	20
North Park Kindergarten Field Trips	2/11	(Children (6-11))	80
EL Conversation Circle	2/12	Adult	4
ICS 1st Grade Visit	2/13	Children (6-11)	
Ancestral Connections	2/13	Adult	4
Arabic Storytime	2/15	Children (0-5)	24
ICS 2nd Grade visit	2/18	Children (6-11)	
Evening Storytime	2/18	Children	8
Book Club	2/19	Adult	8
Mystery Book Club	2/19	Adult	4
Conversation Circle	2/19	Adult	4
YSL visit to ECFE (offsite)	2/20	Children (0-5)	10
Storytime	2/24	Children (0-5)	36
EL Conversation Circle	2/24	Adult	6
DIY Teen: Boba	2/25	Teen (12-18)	13
EL Conversation Circle	2/26	Adult	6
Winter Reads	1/6-2/28	Adult	129

STAFF

Elizabeth Ripley, Adult Services Librarian:

- Weeded and shifted the large print collection.
- Met with the Friends of the Library.

- Planned programming for summer.
- Met with potential volunteers and program vendors.
- Made four deliveries to At-Home patrons.

Eliza Pope, Youth Services Librarian:

- Assisted children and caregivers in creating Shrinky Dink keychains and magnets at a Tinker Time program.
- Created a DIY Teen: Boba Tea program where teens brewed a strong tea bases and customize them with flavored syrups and milk. After crafting their perfect boba, teens enjoyed socializing and coloring.
- Welcomed four kindergarten classes from North Park School for Innovation on field trips where they enjoyed storytime, participated in a scavenger hunt, colored owl-themed library assistants, and took a special behind-the-scenes tour of the workroom.
- Visited an ECFE class for parents and babies and presented a sample storytime.
- Met with Anoka County 4-H staff about summer programs on birding and LEGO engineering.
- Selected summer programming to be funded by Legacy and MELSA funds through Anoka County Libraries.

Renee Dougherty, Library Director:

- Participated in city division head meetings.
- Facilitated the adult book club discussion of *Fly Girl: A Memoir* by Ann Hood.
- Participated in a two-day teambuilding and norm setting workshop for elected officials and staff.
- Met with staff from the Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority staff on how the library can assist with the April application period for Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8).
- Met with staff of the MN Attorney General's office about an April expungement clinic at the library.

Rin Gorman, Library Supervisor:

- Conducted three sessions of Tech Assistance.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Anoka County Law Librarian John Murphy held office hours on February 27.
- Eight adult volunteers donated 18 hours. 1 teen volunteer also worked this month.