

To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning

Date:

Re: Community Partnerships

We had a very busy December! We had helpers from Down Syndrome Center of Wisconsin Fox Cities and 4Imprint come and help decorate the Library of Lights.

Ahlstrom gifted the Library with 100 period kits in size small through extra-large. The kits contain period underwear, leggings and feminine hygiene products. The company also held a children's book drive and brought down two carts worth of books as giveaways for Summer Reading Program.

313 Dodge stopped out and gifted the Friends of the Library a check from a summer series they held.

As a service project, Troop 2444 created hygiene kits, birthday boxes, and holiday dessert kits for those in need. They also created a collection box for can openers for us, as many cans we receive do not have openers on them, which makes it difficult for those without a can opener to eat.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 41 donated several new military books for our collection!

The Yarn It All Group that uses our gathering spaces graciously donated an entire packet of stars from our wish tree!

Ahlstrom and the Women of Steel hosted a food drive for the Little Free Pantry, bringing in two carts of food.

Bernatello's Foods also held a food drive for us and brought in several carts of food for the Little Free Pantry.

We honored the three students and the Civic Engagement class at the January 7 Council meeting for their efforts in collection food for the Little Free Pantry.

We have a bin in our lobby for a Local Girl Scout troop who are collecting plastic bags to make a bench for a service project.

The high school reached out asking if we could be a site for prom and winter ball dresses for students in need. We have collected a lot of dresses so far!