



To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning
Date: 1/20/2022
Re: Donations

In November, the Busha Team with RE/MAX 24/7 Real Estate brought over 100 pumpkin pies for a pop-up pantry. To enhance the event, we used gift cards provided to us from Trim Hunger to purchase hams to go with the pies. We also put out donations collected in the fall from the KHS Civic Engagement Class. News media attended the event.

Fox Valley Unitarian Universalists brought a truck full of donations in December to support the pantry.

We received new picture books from the American Legion Auxiliary #41 about serving in the military to add to the circulating collection. Books donated included: *H is for Honor* by Devin Scillian, *The Poppy Lady* by Barbara E. Walsh, *America's White Table* by Margot Raven, *Hero Mom* by Melinda Hardin, *Hero Dad* by Melinda Hardin, *The Wall* by Eve Bunting, and *Why Do We Celebrate Veterans Day?* by Grace Houser.

Midwest Carriers also reached out to the library about food donation and staff were able to connect them with a project that Assistant Director Schneider was working on with Park Community Charter School. As part of the Stone Soup Project, first grade students created 25 holiday meal kits. Midwest Carriers pledged to create another 50 kits and also gave away gallons of milk and eggs from Lamers Dairy. They came with a semi-truck and the community was encouraged to visit the pop-up. Two media stations attended the event.

In January, Trim Hunger visited with catered food from Heirloom Kitchen for our community. The extra food, which would have gone to waste was able to be individually portioned and given out at a pop-up event. Seeing this on our social media, Kaukauna Coffee & Tea also gave us some sweets for a pop-up too.

In January, we also accepted three picture books from the Les and Joyce Abel Positive Attitude Fund. We received *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi, *My Friend Maggie* by Hannah E. Harrison, and *I Won't Give Up* by Daniel Kennedy.

With the Appleton Public Library renovation project ramping up, the Outagamie Waupaca Library System will also be moving and are looking to downsize. We will be receiving some tables, a large storage shelf, and cubicle panels. To be ready for the large storage shelf, we recently spent time purging our own storage unit to make room for the new unit in our lower level storage area. This helped us to free up additional shelves to be brought back upstairs to be used in the workroom and IT room for additional storage. DPW will be assisting us with these large moves. We hope to be able to utilize cubicles from OWLS to create a third private cubicle in our

workroom for our new librarian, as we currently have no private office space allocated for them and no funds set aside for a cubicle unit.

This month, Miller Welds in Appleton participated in Give Back for MLK Day through Volunteer Fox Cities and was assigned to our library. Team Miller helped us take down all the lights in the garden, wrap them, put them in bins, and haul them down to the storage unit. Then they helped us put some of our furniture back out on the floor. Their help saved us hours of work and we are very thankful for the donation of their time.

