

Adult Services Librarian Report

Programming

Taste of Central and South America

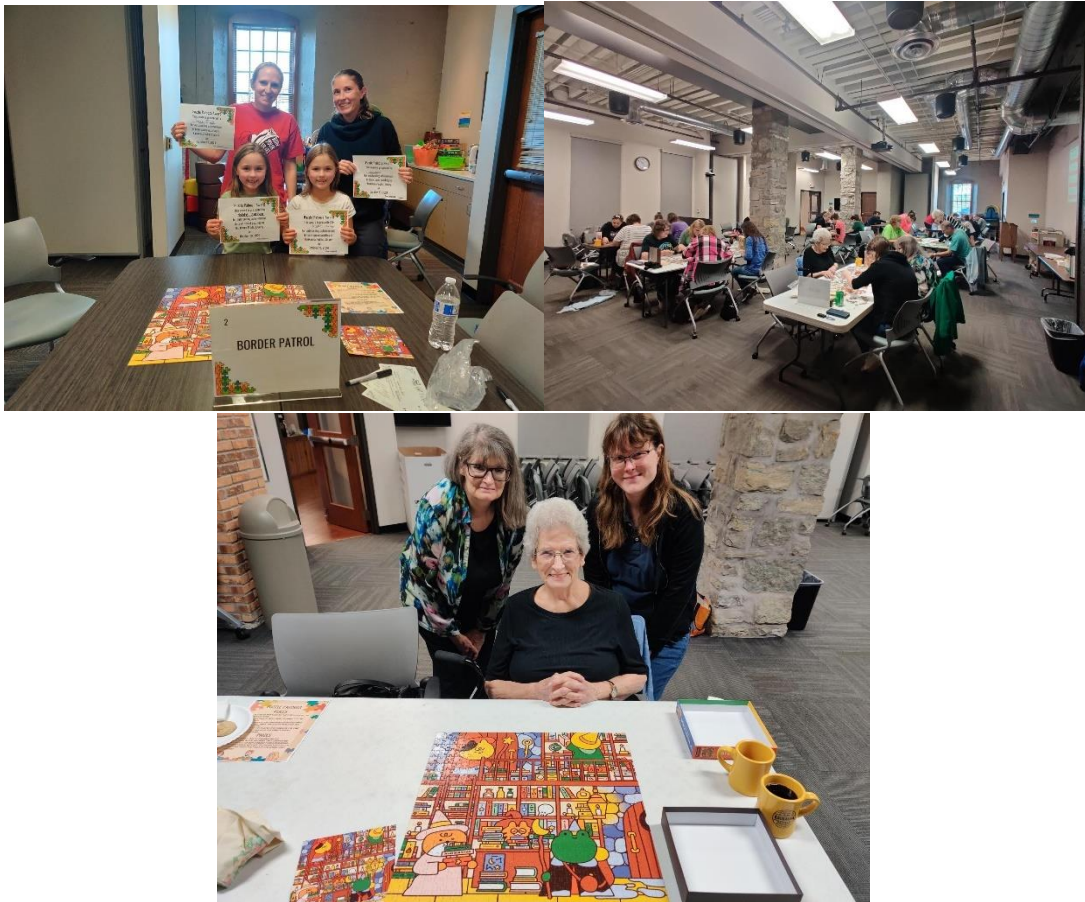
Yenny took patrons to Uruguay via her presentation during November's Taste of Central and South America program. Her presentation covered Uruguay's culture, climate, history, landmarks, and gastronomy. She also prepared fresh Uruguayan pizza, medialunas filled with dulce de leche, and Yerba Mate to drink. Patrons were engaged throughout the presentation and asked many relevant questions!



Yenny presenting during Taste of Central and South America (above). Her Uruguayan pizza (left).

Puzzle Palooza

The library hosted our sixth Puzzle Palooza on October 19th. We had another full registration as well as some special guests. My mother and grandmother were visiting from out of state, and they played with my wife as one of the ten teams! I didn't realize it until the competition began, but I apparently picked a very difficult puzzle. It took the first-place team almost twice as long as our previous record holder to complete it. However, they were also the first team with two children on it to win, they did very well!



Winning team Border Patrol completing the puzzle in just over an hour (top-left). My mother Robin, grandmother Phyllis, and wife Ella (bottom).

Chad Lewis – Wisconsin's Most Haunted Places

On October 29th the library invited Chad Lewis to come speak about Wisconsin's most haunted locations. His 45-minute presentation drew a crowd of 80 people! Two members of the audience needed a sign language interpreter, and one was provided for them.



Patrons eagerly awaiting Chad's presentation (left). Chad Lewis presenting (right).

Salsa Night

Yenny also hosted Salsa Night in November. Patrons enjoyed a variety of salsa to taste test, as well as learned how to salsa dance from Yenny herself. The dancing went on for over an hour.



Yenny showing patrons the steps to salsa dancing.

Cribbage Competition

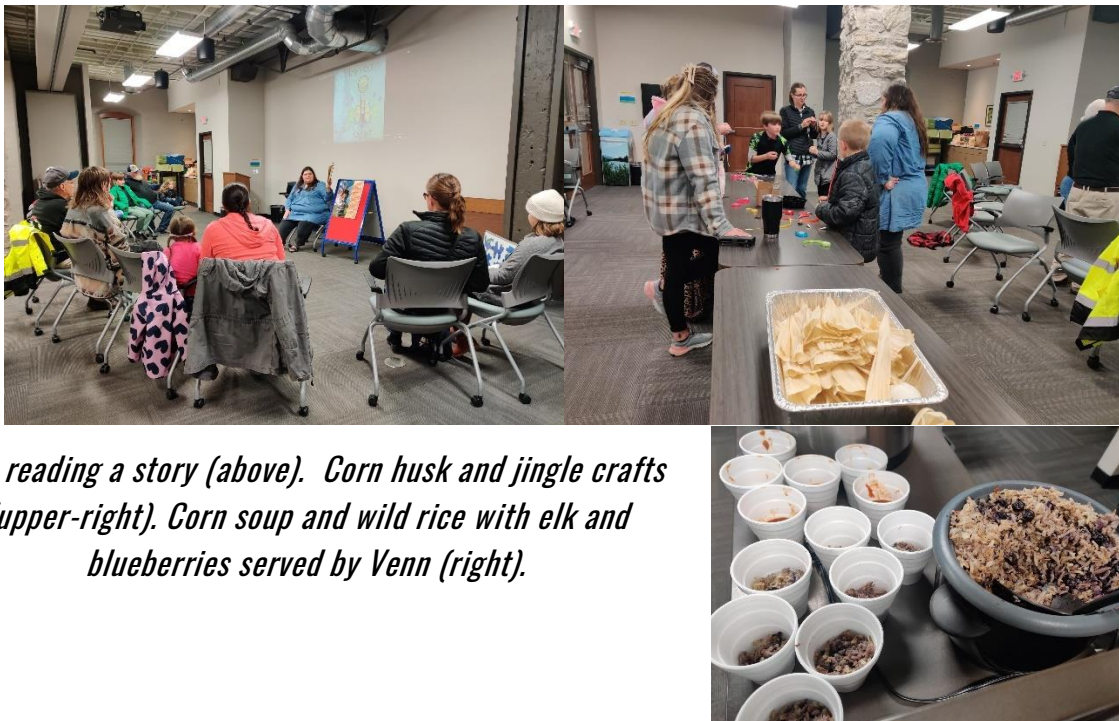
John tried something new this month and hosted a cribbage tournament. The event was well received, if modestly attended. 4 players competed for first place on Saturday November 16 for about three hours. Patrons were very engaged in the competition and displayed sportsmanlike behavior. John is planning a chess tournament in the spring.



Patrons playing cribbage (left). First place winner on the right, second place on the left (right).

Native American Month Celebration

This event was among multiple that was held at the library for Native American month. Kim and Venn hosted the event which featured a storytime, jingle and corn doll crafts, and indigenous food sampling including corn soup and wild rice with elk and blueberries.



Kim reading a story (above). Corn husk and jingle crafts (upper-right). Corn soup and wild rice with elk and blueberries served by Venn (right).

New Hires and Collection Development

Most of my time in October and November was used to train our four new hires. I'm happy to say that they all have learned very quickly and are now trained. I've used my new free time during the third week of November to make significant progress on the collection development cleanup project. Thanks to Dafina's help with identifying our Sci-Fi/Fantasy series gaps, I was able to weed materials that aren't circulating well and order books to complete our existing popular series. To not spend thousands of dollars immediately in January I have placed orders evenly each month of 2025 so by the end of next year the collection should have no series gaps and contain the most relevant collection for our patrons. The plan is to work on our romance section next, also with Dafina's help.