

Support & Public Services Report to the Mead Library Board of Trustees

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Staffing:

- Staff evaluations have been completed
- Santino Laster received his Master of Social Work degree from Walden University. Santino was a recipient of both the Board of Trustees & The Friends of Mead PL Scholarships
- We have a number of staff who are taking classes or using online training modules to learn basic Spanish and American Sign Language so we can better meet the needs of our patrons

Programming/Exhibit/Outreach Highlights:

- January:
 - [Free Tax Prep for seniors and low-moderate income taxpayers](#) through AARP Tax-Aide began on Jan. 14th
 - We had waiting lists for two popular programs for adults: [Sourdough Starter w/ Amanda Strojinc](#) (Jan. 12) & [Learn to Sew with Elaine Jacks](#) (Jan. 10)
 - Mead's first ever [Craft Supply Swap](#) will be held on Jan. 17th
 - Staff traveled to Lake Country Academy to teach 50 fifth graders how to paper quill, a skill they will be using for an upcoming school fundraiser.
 - We now have 283 people badged on Imaginarium makerspace equipment and are adding more people each week!
 - Kids will create fun art projects with Mary Tooley during our [Art4Fun](#) program on Jan. 21st
 - Tweens will get an introduction to mindfulness and yoga during the [Mindful Movement](#) program on Jan. 22nd & Feb. 5th
 - Families will have fun with dice & card games at [Family Math Game Night](#) on Jan. 28th
- February:
 - [America 250-Patriots of the American Revolution: Legacies in Wisconsin Exhibit](#) with a presentation by Katie Reilly to kick the exhibit off on Feb. 7th, as well as a [Finding Your Revolutionary Patriot Genealogy Workshop](#) on Feb. 17th
- March:
 - The Shakespeare Club will have its first meeting on Saturday, March 14th in the Loft.
 - The Children's area will launch its annual Peeps Diorama Contest on March 1st.

- Wintergreen will be held on Saturday, March 21st with lots of activities for the whole family.
- Academy Talk: Finding Home Among the Stars, with Anishinaabe photographer, Travis Novitsky, and UW Madison's Professor of Astronomy, Dr. Robert Mathieu, will take place the evening of March 19th.

Collections

- The Collections Committee met in January to review our policy and guidelines before FY26 selection resumed.
- Poetry and Book Club Kit Collections will be moving up to 2nd floor this spring.

Patron Services

- We have implemented our new Card Holder Management system which is designed to streamline the process of signing up for a library card for the first time, and for renewing and updating existing cards. The system verifies the name and address of each patron, granting those who live in Sheboygan and nearby, un-librariated, areas immediate access to the library's resources.
- We are waiting to receive a final draft of the 3rd floor's Sensory Room plans before moving forward with the bidding process and construction.
- Furniture for the new Community Resources desk, meeting room, and phone booths is scheduled to arrive in March.
- The Accessibility working group is finalizing an assessment report of the entire library building and will be handing that report off to the User Experience Committee.
- Vending machines will be removed Feb. 24th.