

Report of the Librarian for March 2022 Activities

Unfinished Business:

1000 Books Before Kindergarten kicked off on April 1.
2022/23 Budget has been submitted to the City Council.
Circulation is up almost 18% month to month.
In building visits are up 38% over February

New Business:

Continuing to work on setting up Summer Reading.

Collection updates:

We are continuing to streamline collections. Kid's audiobooks have moved to the kid's area.
Joy is getting caught up with cataloging with her extra hours each week.
Teen and Kid's graphic novels have been added. We are looking at new shelving for the Teen graphic novels (we had ordered some, but they arrived damaged)
Nonfiction Audiobooks have been moved next to the Large Print books.
Western Audiobooks have been moved to next to the western fiction books.
Magazines have all been moved to the spinning display.
Staff is working on several computer generated lists to clean out old records from the catalog for items that are long gone or are orphan records.

Building issues:

Staff meet with Pro-tem City Manager and member of the SHPD to discuss any potential issues and solutions. We have come up with a phone tree of who to call for what types of situations based on what the issue is and what day/time it happens.

We had a patron trash one of the bathrooms. Public Works was able to fix the damage.

An exterminator came by to rid us of an ant issue.

In building updates:

More kid's toys have been put out.
Headphones are once again available at each computer station for the public.
Mask mandate was lifted mid-month and more people have returned to the library since then.
We gave out over 300 Free COVID rapid tests, thousands of face masks and hand sanitizer to community members. Several of which did not initially know that Sweet Home had a library, much less where it was.

Passive Programming:

The Decorate a Felt Egg table has been popular with all ages.
We have given out about 40 yarn wrap egg kits.
Activity/coloring sheets for St. Patrick's Day and Women's History month were popular.
We ended up giving out about 75 St. Patrick's Day watercolor kits.

In-person Programming:

The Community reads discussions for Braiding Sweetgrass will be on April 19th and 20th. The book is available now. We have given out over 30 so far.

New Building:

Meeting set with Community and Economic Development Director in April to initially identify possible property.