

Report of the Librarian for December 2022 January 2023 Activities

Unfinished Business:

Updates to Policy Manual discussion.

New Business:

December was fairly quiet with the holidays. Our attendance and checkouts stayed steady for the month, even with fewer days open.

Collection updates:

The City continues to be on a spending freeze. The Library has been able to get prior approval for any necessary spending needs, especially collections. Freeze should be lifted after the second City Council meeting in January.

Building issues:

The book drop bin at the main desk has hidden many secrets from us over the years. A book recently disappeared into it, so Public Works took it apart and found items dating back to 1971 inside.

In building updates:

Still waiting on our mural painter.

We continue to contemplate how to grow certain collections that have been checking out very well and we need to add more items, but are out of space to do so.

Passive Programming:

Our Holiday crafts were very popular, including our several weeks long multiple craft table we set up in the teen room.

In-person Programming:

We are seeing around 16 kids at each of our Story Times. We are contemplating the need for an additional Story Time each week. We took a break for two weeks over the holidays.

Our next Community Read will be *There There* by Tommy Orange. Books should be available to pickup starting January 10. Discussions will be February 28th and March 1st.

We have a second performer/educational experience booked for our Summer Reading Program already and will work on connecting with the school district for Summer School attendees to attend the programs.

New Building:

We are looking at ordering a new outdoor bookdrop very soon and having it installed on Kalmia with better access than our current one. It would also be able to take media and books in separate bins. The drop can also move with us where ever we go. The older green drop will move to City Hall.