

Report of the Librarian for January 2022 Activities

Unfinished Business:

Continue discussion on Fine Free Library (later in agenda)

New Business:

Circulation was up 20% in January for physical items and 6% for digital items.

Our in person visits to the library were up 22%

Collection updates:

We have added 38 Board games and Puzzles in January. Most of these were purchased by the Friends of the Library. Patrons have also started donating games that are in almost new condition. Almost every item has checked out at least once.

We have integrated several small children's book collections into our larger picture book collection. This will make it easier for patrons to find a title. 100 Books to Read and the Ready to Read collections are now part of the picture book collection or the Easy Reader collection, depending on the type of book it was.

The small homeschool collection has been updated and integrated into the nonfiction education/language collection, where parents are more likely to look for the information.

We have completed the weeding of the Adult Fiction and Young Adult collections.

Building issues:

We have been having to pick up garbage on the exterior of the building at least weekly. As we move to Spring, we will have a need for someone to weedeat the flower beds and plant new colorful flowers or bushes.

In building updates:

We have added one new easy chair and 2 new beanbag chairs in the building. More easy chairs have been ordered to replace the old wooden reading chairs. Teens are enjoying the bean bag chairs and all patrons have been commenting on the easy chair.

We added space travel themed posters to the Teen Zone and reading related posters to the Kid's area to make them both feel cozier.

We have added wood block lettering on top of several shelves to help locate some of the smaller collections (large print, Pacific Northwest, CD, etc.)

Our Wifi name is now branded for the Library and has an easier to type password. Access has been extended to start at 8am

Passive Programming:

Take and Make kits for January, we gave away over 40 packets for Paper Fortune Cookies

We offered MLK Jr and Lunar New Years activity packets for kids.

All month we offered a free book to every kid on every visit to the library, courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

New Building:

RFP on hold for a few months due to other ongoing projects within the City.

The check is in the mail.

Grants:

The check for the Ready to Read grant from the Oregon State Library for 2022 arrived and has been deposited.