

Report of the Librarian for December 2021 Activities

Unfinished Business:

Fine Free continues to go well, with happy reactions from patrons. Other Libraries in the consortium are also considering going fine free.

Proposed changes to the Library Policy manual were presented to City Council at the January 11, 2022 meeting.

Our circulation went up for December over our November numbers. For both print and electronic items.

New Business:

New Library Board member application has been received.

Joy and Megan are starting to plan for Summer Reading 2022. This year's theme is "Beyond the Beaten Path." We will meet with the Friends of the Library soon.

Collection updates:

Staff continue to be busy with various projects to refresh the collections.

We are going to be adding games and puzzles for checkout soon, we have been delayed due to an illness. They will be all ages or targeted to child, teen, adult age groups, depending on the game. Thanks to a donation from the Friend's of the Library we will have over 50 games and puzzles available to the community.

We finished weeding the kid's non fiction books for checkouts and condition. New books are arriving and being added as time permits.

We finished a weed of the Science Fiction/Fantasy collection. New titles have been ordered to fill out popular series and new authors and titles have been ordered to refresh the collection.

We are working on weeding the adult fiction collection for checkouts and condition. New items are being continually ordered as gaps are found.

We are highlighting individual titles on Facebook and have already seen some checkouts directly because of this.

Building issues:

Staff and patrons continue to deal with cold areas within the building, especially during the great snow of 2021.

Items in both bookdrops continue to get wet due to weather. The alleyway drop is more concerning because it is uncovered and water can get in via the drop slot if not closed properly.

Passive Programming:

Take and Make kits for December started on Dec 3rd. We offered 3 different crafts and gave away over 70 packets.

We offered Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and New Year's Eve activity packets for kids.

The week of Christmas, we had a mini scavenger hunt for kids to find a Gingerbread cutout and turn it in for a bag of books supplied by the Friends of the Library. We had several families respond that they hadn't been into the Library since 2020, but came in for this.

New Building:

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

Grants:

The check for the Ready to Read grant from the Oregon State Library for 2022 should be arriving the first or second week of January. This will partially fund the Summer Reading program and allow us to update several children's collections.

Most grant applications open in January, so I will be looking at them and seeing which ones are relevant to us and worth the amount of time necessary to apply.