

Report of the Library Director for Nov 2025-Feb 2026 Activities

This is a summary since the last meeting in Nov. 2025.

Collection updates:

See attached numbers for the 2025 year.

DVDs continue to be our most popular collection. We have rearranged the DVD collection to give more space to the Kid's DVDs and TV shows.

We rearranged the puzzles to allow space to add our new STEM kits.

Building issues:

We had emergency repairs done to our HVAC in December. It is running great now.

After several minor issues with the electrical, the new Handicap door (funded by the ALA Libraries Transform Communities Grant) is full functional and working very well.

We will be adding some new signage for the door. ADA compliant door handles for the bathrooms will be installed soon.

In building updates:

We rearranged the public computer area slightly to have a bit more space and visibility.

The Teen room has had a few additional things donated including a rolling whiteboard that the teens can use for homework or art.

We have added the ability to Fax. This is very useful, as many government and medical places still require faxing of documents.

In-person Programming:

We offered almost the same number of programs this year as last year (1 short!)

Our Valentine's Day Tea Party is this Saturday!

We are hosting Linn Together for a QPR Suicide Prevention training on March 9th.

The Spring program schedule will be out soon.

Our Kids Clothing Drive was a success with over 30 "shoppers".

New Building:

The updated Donation Policy went to City Council for review on Feb 10th.

Other updates:

We have finished purchasing for the Roundhouse Foundation grant to add STEM kits to the Library. We have added about half of them to the collection so far. More will continue to be added every week. We are seeing good interest in them, especially the ones with magnets.

We received a grant of \$2000 from System of Care to continue to provide items for the teens, including hygiene products and after school/program snacks. We recently started offering noodle cups to teens after school and are seeing a great need for after school food. We are also focusing on snacks that can be taken home, such as granola bars and applesauce.

We continue to purchase materials for our Harm Reduction grant. These materials are also being distributed to Albany and Lebanon Libraries as part of the grant.