

March 2018 Library Services Report

Youth and Family Services

The library was bustling on the evening of March 16 with 96 community members (and their 51 stuffed friends) who attended the **2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover**. Each child made a name tag and filled out a questionnaire for their special friend, followed by a teddy bear craft, snack, and special good night stories. Our guests finished the night with a round of "Twinkle Twinkle" incorporating sign language and then tucked in their friends. Once the kids and families left, our staff and volunteers helped the animals get into some mischief (with photographic evidence!). The following morning, kids were reunited with their animals over a breakfast of donuts and orange juice and were able to take home several photos of their animals' shenanigans.



We have our first **Jaffa Book Club** along with our giraffe mascot Jaffa. This program will run October through April featuring a different picture book each month. At the club meeting, the group read the book aloud, enjoyed a snack, and made a craft related to the book. One child won a copy of the book to take home.

Coding and Minecraft classes on March 23 kicked off spring break.

The tween Mother Daughter Book Club discussed their book and repurposed old jeans into tote bags. Tweens also participated in a spring craft class and used wood, paper, and decorative items to create bunnies.

TICOS members added a monthly project night. This month they helped prep summer reading prizes for tweens.



Youth Outreach

Amy and Allison visited Black Hawk and West Burlington Elementary to read and celebrate Read Across America Day on March 2nd. Amy, Allison, and Melissa visited 3rd-5th graders at the Grimes, North Hill, Sunnyside, and Black Hawk Elementary After School programs to read and sign up students for Grayhound library cards.

Adult Education Services

The March **Beyond the Book Club** featured a delightfully weird and funny novel about a young Iranian exile named Zebra who makes her way from New York to Barcelona to dive deep into the past, when generations of her brilliantly intellectual, underachieving forebears were "gored by history." Thanks to her father's relentless tutelage, Zebra has an almost encyclopedic knowledge of literature, but her embrace of fatalism has left her oddly uncertain about why or how to live.



First Friday Series featured Octogenarian Danny Steiber, “The Barn Quilt Guy,” from Waverly. Danny delighted the audience of 77 with stories about the people he met while researching barn quilts and their significance to the Underground Railroad.

Professional Development

Amy attended the Summer Library Program Round Table at the Coralville Public Library. She was able to share and receive information about early literacy, children, and teen program planning for the upcoming summer reading program with area public librarians. Included in the round tables were craft displays, drawings for door prizes, and displays of some of the books listed in the manuals.

Lois attended a webinar “Empower Patrons” sponsored by the State Library. Tax Identity Theft, Identity Theft, and Child Identity Theft were the topics of discussion. Lois said, “This was an excellent webinar educating librarians about government resources available to those who think they may be victims of identity theft.” Lois has ordered free brochures offered by the Federal Trade Commission to assist customers who are interested in protecting themselves against identity theft or want to know what to do if you have been a victim of identity theft.

Other Activities and News

Rhonda participated in the department meetings and the city’s PRIDE and CARE team meetings.

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Rhonda attended the monthly Friends of the Library board meeting at which the board approved a donation of over \$4,000 to the library for newsletters, class supplies, and registration for outreach at the Farmers Market.

Rhonda gave a tour to the Citizens Academy participants and shared information about library services while showing both the public and staff areas of the library.

An Iowa Wesleyan University student began her service learning hours at the library. For her class, she is observing and assisting primarily with evening youth classes.

Rhonda participated in an allocation panel for United Way.

Looking Ahead

- May 4: Butterfly Garden planting led by Kent Rector of Des Moines County Conservation along with a girl scout troop and Friends members
- May 19: Friends of the Library Book Sale

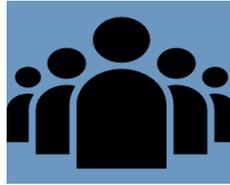
More information is available on the library website or Facebook page or by asking a staff member.

Mission Statement: The Burlington Public Library creates opportunities for people of all ages to connect with others, to learn about the world around them, and to imagine the futures before them.

March 2018 By the Numbers

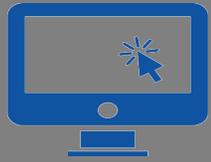
Visitors

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Meeting Room Reservations

 134 Laptop Checkouts	 N/A Wi-Fi sessions
 3,216 Database Uses	 5,222 computer logins

Classes and Events

Adults 6

Youth 89



Participants

Adults 303

Youth 2114

Nonprint Items

Borrowed

Adults 11,623

Youth 1,534



118

New Borrower Accounts Opened

Books & Magazines

Borrowed

Adults 8,436

Teens 787

Tweens 248

Children 6,403



Downloads

Books 1,113

Music NA

Audio 745

Magazines 65

