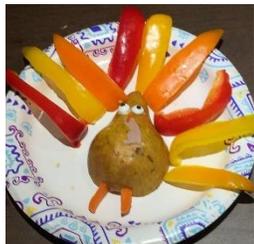


November 2018

Library Services Report

Youth and Family Services



November's **Family Night Unplugged** theme was Cook With Me. Families with children of all ages spent time together and had fun preparing simple foods. Children created their own chef hats, listened to some fun stories, tried out mango (many for the first time!) and created several fun foods, including a turkey made from half a pear and bell peppers for wings.



A total of five young people participated in the first **Pardon My Fines** program. They were able to read in 30 minute blocks to waive fines but not lost or damaged items. Our goal is to repeat this program monthly and use the Youth Desk as the check in point. Amy will offer Pardon My Fines at the youth desk for two days in December and one day in January.



Tweens enjoyed making **Thankful Trees** to show all that they are grateful for in their lives.

Mother/Daughter Book Club started reading the book “Snow Lane” by Josie Angelini. The families enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies while reading and discussing the first chapter of the new book. They also made a thumbprint family tree craft activity.

TICOS teens celebrated the end of a busy October with a Day of the Dead party on November 1. They ate tacos, watched a movie and made a fun craft. About 20 students attend the meeting. Bekah, the youth services librarian from the Mt Pleasant library, came to observe because she is interested in combining her teen advisory board with a service club and wanted to learn from the success of TICOS which did just that a few years ago and has been a success.



Twenty-eight young wizards practiced their potion making abilities in our **November STEM Harry Potter Potions class**. They made skele-gro, exploding polyjuice, and pond slime with slugs in it. It was messy learning, but fun. We ended the night with a glass of Butterbeer.

Outreach & Community Building

Amy presented at the **Burlington High School Student Career Fair** on November 28th. The Career Fair was geared towards all students in grades 9 through 12. The presentation looked at library themes, print and online resources, training, career options, and volunteering and internship possibilities.



The library again served as the site for food donations and volunteer sign-up for the **Community Thanksgiving Dinner**.

Tiara attended the **Health Needs Stakeholders** meeting.

The **Pop Up Library** continued at Hy-Vee on Agency with plans to expand to both Hy-Vee locations next year.

Library staff walked in the **Lighted Holiday Parade**.

Rhonda met with the Community Volunteer Alliance team to continue planning for the **2019 Mayors' Volunteer Awards**, which will be April 2. Rhonda also presented to the **Lions Club** about library services.

Adult Education

Mary and Jim Humston of Iowa City presented on the Little Free Library Movement for the **First Friday Series** on November 2. Burlington has a few Little Free Libraries that let you take a book and leave a book.



The **Fourth Annual Sterling Lord Writers and Readers Festival** featured a local author showcase and three visiting author presentation. Sterling Lord even called that morning to wish us well with the event. At 97, he is still working as an agent to some authors, including one to the visiting presenters.

Terry Abrisz began a monthly program that will be on the 1st Saturday of the month in which he discusses pages from historic local newspapers. This first edition of **That's Yesterday's News** had a great turnout and lots of discussion and memories were shared.



A **Cake Decorating Class** highlighted the library's new create collection and the cake pans that are now available for checkout. Participants enjoyed learning new techniques and getting some cake baking tips.



The **Beyond the Book Club** continues to grow. They discussed "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee in November. Other adult programs included a game day, Doctor Who fandom event, and microfilm demos.

Professional Development

We have four staff members take the Public Library Support Staff class through the State Library to become certified. To maintain their certification, they will need to continue to participate in continuing education opportunities. Over half of the library staff is now certified.

"Although I have been working at the library for years, I still learned things about how libraries in Iowa are meeting standards to provide the best services to customers. I am fortunate to be part of a library that meets the highest levels and is working hard to maintain them. I appreciate the time to take classes to improve my knowledge base, which is one of those standards!" -- Becky Ruberg

"My experience attending PLS was entertaining. Lively discussions occurred on both microphone and chat box. It was a new learning environment for me as well. I have watched webinars before but this was my first time for synchronous learning. During our first couple weeks we had more folks that chatted on mic but each class following did more discussion in chat. I really enjoyed learning more about Intellectual Freedom and Public Library Standards. I shared about an experience a friend of mine had at a previous position and the instructor responded with information about the responsibility of local libraries promoting factual information. It was a great learning conversation! I found that much of our topics I had working knowledge on but perhaps lacked a little in vocabulary knowledge. All in all, it was a good class." -- Sarah Miller Jacobs

"The Public Library Support Class was very informative. As someone who doesn't have a background in library science it was really interesting to learn about the library hierarchy, how many people are involved with the library, as well as the parts that the community, city, board, friends, and the director play. One of the class topics was intellectual freedom. That subject brought up a lot of good discussion

topics. It was interesting to hear everyone's different opinions. Intellectual Freedom has been an interesting topic and one that, in my year and a half of working at a library, I surprisingly have not thought much about. Sometimes I find myself thinking especially when checking items in from the drop, what kind of person would check out these items. Then I remember the saying that, "You can't judge a book by its cover." Likewise we shouldn't judge a person based on the items they checked out or things they look at on the computer. The thing to remember is to keep an open mind. Every topic regardless of whether you personally like it or not is an educational/learning experience. There are two young boys that come into the library, one loves space and matter. He is around 12 years old and already knows more than I do! The other boy is about 8 or 9 and he loves Greek Mythology. It was amazing to have an "adult" conversation about mythology with him (since I studied the art history of Greece in college). How sad would it be if they were unable to check out the adult non-fiction books on those subjects! This class has been very educational and I have enjoyed getting to connect with other librarians throughout Iowa." -- Bethany Luttenegger

"I learned many things in the Public Library Support Class, one of which was about the process for accreditation and the standards the library has to meet. I found learning about the requirements and seeing the list of standards really helpful. I would not have thought that providing cake pans and wireless hotspots for check out would be considered a standard the library could meet to apply towards accreditation. Understanding how what we do and the services we provide go towards accreditation is interesting and useful. I also found it useful learning more about the importance of the library board and the guidelines that the board has to follow." -- Mallorie Graham

Becky also attended a Bridges Out of Poverty training in November that featured Phillip DeVol, author of "Bridges to Sustainable Communities" and Ruth Weirich, author of "Workplace Stability." Part 1 of the training was the Bridges training, Part 2 dealt with barriers those in the cycle of poverty face in the workplace and how some companies are making it a little easier to keep employees rather than have a quick turnover. Becky also had an opportunity to network with West Burlington and Notre Dame Schools at this training to provide more services to help students who are stuck in a cycle of poverty.

Becky participated in a webinar by Tutor.com, two more STEM trainings as a part of the STEM Scale-Up grant, and Library-Con Live, an all-day virtual conference for libraries who do Comi-con type programs.

Amy spent three days at the Our Community Listens class that provides communication skills training. She learned about how individuals in our community communicate through empathetic engagement. Participants explored their communication styles and how they interact with others. The learning tools included ways to show compassion and improve human connections to gain understanding of each other in our communities.

Other Activities and News

Rhonda participated in city department meetings and the PRIDE, CARE, and Leadership interdepartmental meetings. She attended the council meetings and work sessions.

Rhonda attended the Friends of the Library board meeting as a liaison. The board approved a donation of \$2,400 for newsletters, landscape maintenance, presenter fees, and program supplies. The Friends also held a two-day After Thanksgiving used book sale and raised \$1,400.



IPTV gave the library three STEM kit backpacks that children and families will be able to checkout.

Lois received her 30 year tenure award at a city council meeting.

Rhonda presented the library's annual report to the city council.



Looking Ahead at Your Library

January's **First Friday** program will be on the 4th and feature Pam Calderwood on Quilting. She will be bringing samples

Looking ahead to December, Becky is working on a **paper circuit program**, cards that light up. **TICOS** will have a holiday party, and do some outreach at Living Windows. Over Christmas break we have a day of **LittleBits electronics and Minecraft**.

During the storytime programming break, we will be offering two special sessions of Monday evening **Wiggle Time** in January.

Jaffa's Book Club returns on a no school day in January with "Say Hello to Zorro", a clever, fun book about the love of pets. Book Club will be followed by a showing of Hotel Transylvania 3.

After a break in December, **Family Night Unplugged** is back with a stuffed animal workshop.

The Friends will be holding their annual **Trivia Night Fundraiser** on January 11.

November 2018 By the Numbers

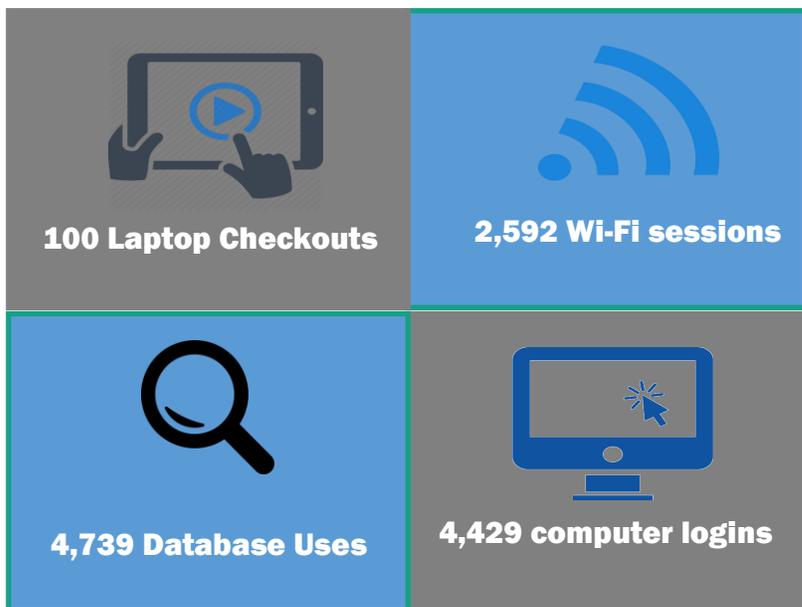
Visitors

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Meeting Room
Reservations



Classes and Events

Adults 10

Youth 89



Participants

Adults 162

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Youth 1,242



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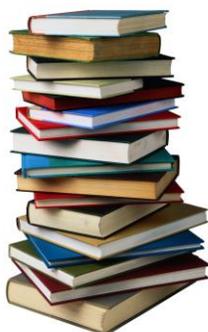
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