

# January 2019

## Library Services Report

### Youth and Family Services

For the first time, we decided to offer two special sessions of **Wiggle Time** on Monday evenings in January to help fill the void of storytime programming between December and February. We had many regulars grateful for this opportunity, and even saw some new faces! We are looking forward to getting back to regular programming in February.

We paired **Friday Friends** with **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** check-in for the month of January. Families enjoyed being able to let their little ones play while they updated their reading logs and checked in. We currently have just under 200 children signed up, and many names up on our Wall of Fame.

**Jaffa's Book Club** was a pup-tastic time. We read "Say Hello to Zorro" by Carter Goodrich while enjoying some dog treats (treat shaped cinnamon graham) and other fun dog stories. We then created some accordion-fold dog friends. Our **movie of the month** was Hotel Transylvania 3. We had a smaller attendance, but it was nice to see patrons of all ages and backgrounds in attendance.

**TICOS** on January 3 was a smaller crowd because kids were still on winter break. We only had 7 teens, but got a lot accomplished. The big thing on the agenda was getting the word out about a trip to Des Moines in March. The teens raised money to help members defray the cost of this event. The total cost per member is \$125, but their fundraising in October allows the group to cover \$100 per student, and the students take care of \$25. Students will need to be an official member of TICOS and have all the paperwork turned in by February 7 in order to qualify for the trip. A couple of parents are joining Becky to help chaperone.

**Tween Drawing Lab** was a successful program with the kids enjoyed drawing a variety of things offered through our drawing books. Bethany Luttenegger shared drawing techniques such as shading, highlighting, and gradience.

We selected Sabrina Rana, who previously volunteered at the library, for the **Spring Teen Internship**. She is helping us with updating the collection, assisting with various youth programs, and preparing for summer reading.

We visited all the **BCSD elementary after school programs** to share crafts, games and stories to children grades Kindergarten to 2nd grade. We will visit again in March.

The youth area added a light table for kids to use for creative play.



### Adult Education



Pam Calderwood presented on quilts for the January **First Friday** program. She brought some samples and talked about quilt patterns and the history of quilting.

**2019 Adult Winter Reading, Read a Latte**, is a passive program which encourages library visits and use of library materials and resources. Participants can enter a drawing for a \$20 Beancounter gift card with each submission of six books read, six library programs attended, or a combination of each. On Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. during the program, all are welcome to discuss the books they are reading over tea or coffee. The program runs until early March and already has 24 participants who have submitted entries.

Fifteen people attended the historical series, **That's Yesterday's News**, with Terry Abrisz which reviews the current month from a local and historical perspective using past issues of the Burlington Hawk Eye newspaper. The ice storm of the 1940s and 1970s were discussed as well as their impact on the community.

Thirty-four people braved a snowy Saturday to attend Dale Alison's presentation on the history of Iowa's oldest newspaper, **The Hawk Eye: A Historical Look**. Alison's perspective as an editor and journalist added depth to the historical timeline and information provided.

Twenty-one members of the **Beyond the Book Club** met to discuss Tommy Orange's debut novel *There, There*. The book opens with an essay by Orange as a prologue, and then proceeds to large cast of Native Americans living in the area of Oakland, California, as they struggle with a wide array of challenges ranging from depression and alcoholism to unemployment, fetal alcohol syndrome, and the realities of living with an ethnic identity of being "ambiguously nonwhite." All coalesce at a community pow wow and its attempted robbery. The book explores the themes of native people living in urban spaces, and issues of ambivalence and complexity related to natives' struggles with identity and authenticity.

Despite the cold, the Friends raised over \$1,000 dollars at the annual **Friends of the Library Trivia Night**. Participants of a wide range of ages enjoyed testing their knowledge. Team tables filled Meeting Rooms A & B. Information about Friends membership, the upcoming Friends Book Sale, and the profound impact of Friends fundraising to the library were shared with the participants between rounds. The winning team won gift cards to Footnotes Book Shop. The Friends Committee will meet again in a few months to review the event and plan the 2020 event.

Group Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
Americans	50	70	90	70	160	100	590
Outdoors Club	70	70	80	40	50	150	560
Classics	60	70	80	160	100	190	590
Madge Podge	50	70	60	60	140	60	440
Aggravated on the Edge, Plus Staff Friends & Family	70	80	90	200	80	80	610
Phishers	90	80	70	90	200	100	630
Power Pals	90	80	90	90	200	100	660
Traverse Trails	80	100	100	200	100	100	680
The Hall of Knowledge	70	90	80	100	90	200	630
Travelers	70	90	90	80	200	100	630



## Professional Development

Allison, Amy, and Becky attended the multiple **summer reading webinars** ranging from teens to early literacy to help us prepare for summer reading.

Sarah and Rhonda participated in a webinar session on **servicing people experiencing homelessness** given by the man who wrote a book on that topic. The information and tools are relevant for many customer situations.



Sam attended the **ALA Midwinter Conference** in Seattle in her capacity as ALA Councilor for the Iowa Library Association Chapter. The most salient resolution passed by Council at this conference was CD #38 Resolution on Monetary Library Fines as a Form of Social Inequity. A national task force will be created to gather information on transforming libraries to fine free institutions and methods of support for libraries in communities where such a transition is less viable.

Sam reviewed over 600 books from January 2018-January 2019 as one of nine committee members of the 2019 **Michael L. Printz Award**, an American Library Association literary award that annually recognizes the "best book written for teens, based entirely on its literary merit." It is sponsored by *Booklist* magazine; administered by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA); and named for the Topeka, Kansas, school librarian Mike Printz, a long-time active member of YALSA. Elizabeth Acevedo won the 20th Printz Award (2019) for *The Poet X*, published by HarperTeen. Three Honor Books were also named: *Damsel* by Elana K. Arnold, *A Heart in a Body in the World* by Deb Caletti, and *I, Claudia* by Mary McCoy.



As chair of the Iowa Library Association (ILA) Intellectual Freedom Committee, Sam attended the award ceremony for the **2018 Downs Intellectual Freedom Award**. ILA received the award for taking a leadership role in several highly visible challenges to intellectual freedom. The award is given annually by the faculty of the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and cosponsored by Libraries Unlimited.

ILA and its Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) were cited for their sustained commitment. Three recent examples are:

- 2015: For working to reinstate Sherman Alexie's *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* in the Waterloo (IA) Community School District curriculum.
- 2017: For defending the retention of Peter Chbosky's *Perks of Being a Wallflower* in the AP English curriculum of Hempstead High School in Dubuque after the book was challenged.
- 2018: For offering support and guidance to the Orange City Public Library following challenges to the inclusion of LGBTQ books in the library's collection and a subsequent burning of those books by a nonresident that was shared on YouTube.



## Other Activities and News

Mobile printing officially launched using Princh. Customers can print from Apple or Android devices, as well as laptops. We chose Princh because customers can pay with credit card, PayPal or cash and they can initiate the print job from anywhere, including from home or work. Payment is not made until the document is actually printed. A small fee is added so that the credit card and PayPal charges are paid by the customer, not the library.

Rhonda participated in city department and attorney meetings and the CARE and Leadership interdepartmental meetings. She attended the council meetings and work sessions. She also attended the United Way Board of Directors meeting.

Rhonda presented the library budget for FY20 at a council work session.

Rhonda attended the Friends of the Library board meeting as a liaison. The board approved a donation of \$3,200 for newsletters, presenter fees, program supplies, and a new chair for the youth area.

The Friends held their January book sale during a very cold and snowy weekend. They raised about \$2,500.

Rhonda attended the Foundation's quarterly board meeting. The Foundation granted the library almost \$43,000 for collection enhancements, technology needs, and the fall teen internship program.

## Looking Ahead

In February, Becky is offering a **College Prep Night** where youth can work on scholarship applications with help proofreading and plenty of snacks.

Tween/Teen **STEM night** in February will combine the cardboard construction challenge postponed from January with the textiles session already planned for February.

**March's Family Night Unplugged** is bringing back a favorite from the past: Family Fort Night! We will be "camping out," enjoying walking s'mores, and, of course, reading by firelight (flashlight).

Jaffa will be sharing Oliver Jeffers' "This Moose Belongs to Me" for **Book Club** in March.

# January 2019 By the Numbers





## Visitors

0 1 2 4 9 7



464

## Meeting Room Reservations

 <b>132 Laptop Checkouts</b>	 <b>2,324 Wi-Fi sessions</b>
 <b>4,070 Database Uses</b>	 <b>4,350 computer logins</b>

## Classes and Events

Adults 9

Youth 55



## Participants

Adults 241

Youth 1079

## Nonprint Items

### Borrowed

Adults 11,517

Youth 1,065



63

## New Borrower Accounts Opened

## Books & Magazines

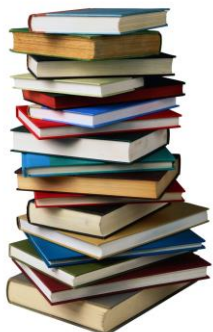
### Borrowed

Adults 8,399

Teens 670

Tweens 377

Children 4,825



## Downloads

Books 1,198

Music 1,072

Audio 825

Magazines 212

