



November 2015 Report

Library Board Meeting, December 8, 2014

1. STATISTICS

Circulation:	Adult	YA	Juv.	Total	Year to Date
2015	31,820	3,506	20,175	55,501	659,604
2014	31,906	3,173	21,145	56,224	668,228
2013	35,930	3,386	22,365	61,681	716,590
2012	36,419	3,907	21,701	62,027	717,970
(2014-2015 +/-)					(-1.29%)

Self-Service checkouts:

	ITG	ITG#2	ITG #3	Total	% of total
2015	11,952	5,868	7,598	25,418	46%
2014	11,073	6,747	7,988	25,808	46%
2013	12,826	11,006	4,281	28,113	46%

Library cards issued:

	Adult	Juv.	Sr.	Org.	Total
2015	70	43	7	0	120
2014	65	62	4	0	131
2013	62	19	1	1	83

LINK holds:

	Loaned to Other LINK Libraries	Borrowed from Other LINK Libraries
2015	17,649	17,429
2014	19,789	17,299
2013	17,561	18,806


Miscellaneous:

	ILL	Visits	Study rooms use	Fax Use
2015	90	27,861	563 hrs - 388 users	41 users / 112 pages
2014	45	26,137	478.75 hrs - 350 users	55 users / 208 pages
2013	64	27,898	702.5 hrs - 413 users	75 users / 185 pages

Digital resources:

	PC use-hours	eBooks - Overdrive
2015 - October	10,430	36,948
2014 - October	2,364	30,124

LIBRARY PROGRAMS / TOURS / PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Date	Program	Attendance
11/2/2015	Mom's Club of Middleton : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	12
11/2/2015	CD of the Month Club : Demonstrator, Brendan	35
11/2/2015	Peanuts Gang Party : Demonstrator, Lori, Amanda 	56
11/3/2015	Dementia Friendly Middleton, Part 1: Dementia Friendly Communities : Demonstrator, Paul Rusk, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance	6
11/3/2015	Getting to Know Medicare : Demonstrator, Jesse Grutz, the Retirement Classroom	16
11/3/2015	Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
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11/4/2015	Multi-Sensory Musical Storytime : Demonstrator, Carolyn Cantrell, Kindermusik	47
11/5/2015	Dungeons & Dragons for teens : Demonstrator, Ian Mullen	7
11/5/2015	3DS Meeting : Demonstrator, Chris and Jill Kubiak	11
11/5/2015	Insurance for Your Business : Demonstrator, Janelle Higgins, on behalf of WWBIC	3
11/6/2015	Outreach Visit - Pooh Bear 4k am class : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	20
11/7/2015	Battle of the Books prep games : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	9
11/7/2015	Power Point Basics : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	5
11/8/2015	Chess Club : Demonstrator, Brad Phillips	14
11/9/2015	Social Security and Retirement Income : Demonstrator, Jesse Grutz, The Retirement Classroom	24

11/9/2015	<u>Katie's Kids 2nd Grade Visits - Sauk Trail Elementary School</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry & Lori Bell</i>	61
11/9/2015	<u>Gio's Garden Library Visit</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	6
11/9/2015	<u>Teen Advisory Committee</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Rebecca V.</i>	5
11/10/2015	<u>StoryTime - Toddler</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	45
11/10/2015	<u>StoryTime - Toddler</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	26
11/10/2015	<u>StoryTime - Toddler</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	11
11/10/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - Lunch Bunch @ Kromrey</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	35
11/10/2015	<u>Dementia Friendly Middleton, Part II: Boosting Your Brain Health</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Patricia Wilson, Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of WI</i>	27
11/11/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - Northside ECC 8:45am class</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	7
11/11/2015	<u>StoryTime - Baby & Tiny Tots</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	48
11/11/2015	<u>Special Edition Storytime with Communication Innovations</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Communications Innovations Staff: Sydney, Sam, Kristie & Richelle</i>	56
11/11/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - Northside ECC 11:45am class</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	4
11/11/2015	<u>Books & Brownies: I'll Give you the Sun</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Rebecca V.</i>	0
11/11/2015	<u>All About the Wisconsin Coastal Guide</u> : <i>Demonstrator, David Hart, scientist from UW's Sea Grant Institute</i>	14
11/12/2015	<u>Kathleen Ernst Author Event</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Kathleen Ernst</i>	23
11/12/2015	<u>Let's Talk About Texts: Redeployment by Phil Klay</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Jim</i>	12
11/12/2015	<u>Techno Minutes</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz</i>	1
11/12/2015	<u>Story Time - Tales and Tunes All Ages</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy Bermant</i>	25
11/12/2015	<u>Story time - Baby and Tiny Tots</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy Bermant</i>	20
11/12/2015	<u>Story time - Baby and Tiny Tots</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy Bermant</i>	30
11/13/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - Middleton Baby & Childcare Center</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	24
11/13/2015	<u>Bilingual Spanish & English Storytime</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Katy Shannon</i>	25
11/16/2015	<u>Afterschool specials: Being Thankful</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	21
11/17/2015	<u>Storytime - Toddler</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	24
11/17/2015	<u>Storytime - Toddler</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	46
11/17/2015	<u>Storytime - Toddler</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori</i>	8
11/17/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - Senior Center</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	6
11/17/2015	<u>Creating Holiday Newsletters</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz</i>	12
11/17/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - YMCA Sunset Ridge</u> : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	33

11/17/2015	<u>Dementia Friendly Middleton, Part III: Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia</u> : Demonstrator, Paul Rusk, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance	20
11/18/2015	<u>Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime</u> : Demonstrator, Amanda	18
11/18/2015	<u>Tales and Tunes Storytime</u> : Demonstrator, Amanda, Catherine Olson	42
11/18/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - La Petite Fourier 4k class</u> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	14
11/18/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - Arbor Lakes Apartments</u> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	4
11/18/2015	<u>Creative Writing Group</u> : Demonstrator, Kathy Steffen	9
11/18/2015	<u>Babies and Tiny Tots Storytime</u> : Demonstrator, Amanda	38
11/19/2015	<u>Adult Book Discussion</u> : Demonstrator, Jenny Carr	24
11/19/2015	<u>Automatic Materials Handling Tour</u> : Demonstrator, Katie G.	5
11/19/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - YMCA Northside</u> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	22
11/19/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - YMCA Sauk Trail</u> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	38
11/19/2015	<u>StoryTime - Tales & Tunes</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	28
11/19/2015	<u>StoryTime - Baby & Tiny Tots</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	30
11/19/2015	<u>StoryTime - Baby & Tiny Tots</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	17
11/19/2015	<u>Outreach Visit - La Petite Gammon 4k class</u> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	13
11/20/2015	<u>Bilingual Spanish & English Storytime</u> : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	27
11/20/2015	<u>Acts of Kindness Club</u> : Demonstrator, Amanda	14
11/21/2015	<u>Young Entrepreneurs Craft Fair</u> : Demonstrator, Amanda 	150
11/21/2015	<u>Magic+Music=Fun</u> : Demonstrator, John Becker, Laurie Lang Croasdale	200

		
11/23/2015	Outreach Visit - Gio's Garden : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	7
11/23/2015	Monday Mayhem : Demonstrator, Amanda	10
11/23/2015	Read It and Eat Book Club : Demonstrator, Amanda	19
11/24/2015	Outreach Visit - Clubhouse for Kids 4k AM class : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	13
11/24/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	26
11/24/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	32
11/24/2015	StoryTime - Toddler : Demonstrator, Lori	8
11/24/2015	Outreach Visit - Clubhouse for Kids 4k PM class : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	17
11/24/2015	Outreach Visit - Youth Center : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	16
11/24/2015	Tech Tuesday : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	15
11/25/2015	Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	29
11/25/2015	Baby and Tiny Tots Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	11
11/25/2015	Tales and Tunes Storytime : Demonstrator, Amanda	31
11/28/2015	Lego Block Party : Demonstrator, Sally	39
11/30/2015	DIY Desk - November Barn Full of Thanks (DIY) : Demonstrator, Sally	22
11/30/2015	Teen Writing Workshop : Demonstrator, Georgia Beaverson, author	6
	Number of Programs / Total Attendance	
	Children's	53 / 1604
	Teens	8 / 88
	Adults	19 / 244
	Grand Total	80 / 1936
	DIY/Passive Program Total	1 / 22

3. LIBRARY EXHIBITS

Exhibit Case: Madison Montessori School	Picture Railing: Terrence Doeler
	

4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Date	Staff	Title
11/3/2015	Amanda, Lindsay Barcus	<u>Meeting with SLIS student</u>
11/3/2015	Katie G.	<u>WLA 2015</u>
11/4/2015	Amanda	<u>WLA 2015</u>
11/4/2015	Jim	<u>WLA 2015</u>
11/5/2015	Sarah H.	<u>WLA 2015</u>
11/6/2015	Sarah H., Brendan, Jason, Jim	<u>WLA Presentation - This Is How We Do It: Creative Programming for the 20s & 30s Crowd</u>
11/10/2015	RL	<u>SLIS Student Reference Observation</u>
11/11/2015	Sarah H.	<u>SCLS Collection Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting</u>
11/12/2015	Sarah H., Brendan	<u>Personnel Plan and Evaluation Training</u>
11/12/2015	Jim	<u>Dane County Librarians Meeting</u>
11/12/2015	Amy Perry, Lori Bell, Rebecca Van Dan, Kathy Rausch, Sally Wood	<u>SCLS Youth Programming Workshop</u>
11/18/2015	Jason	<u>SCLS PAC Subcommittee Meeting</u>
11/19/2015	Amanda	<u>Summer Library Programming Workshop</u>
11/30/2015	Amanda	<u>Supercharged Storytime</u>

5. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS



Professional Development:

The 2016 Wisconsin Library Association Conference was held in Middleton. Mayor Sonnentag addressed attendees during the opening session and did a fine job of representing the city. Middleton's visitors from Singapore and Malaysia met me at the conference where they attended the opening session and enjoyed visiting the exhibit hall!

As incoming president, a member of the Library Development & Legislative and Finance Committees, my schedule was a bit hectic, but rich with fresh insight, new ideas, good energy and loads of networking. I also helped out by reviewing resumes and hosting the open house at Middleton Public Library.

A BIG THANK YOU to staff and board members who hosted the open house at the library. We had a good turnout, especially considering the many options provided to attendees.

It was fantastic to have so many of our library staff attend the conference, as well as library board trustee Rob Seltzer!

I was proud of the many staff members who volunteered to work at the conference registration booth. It was especially helpful to have Brendan Faherty serve on the conference planning committee. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our panelists, Jim, Sarah, Jason and Brendan who inspired the audience with their creative ideas and clever marketing of programs to younger adults.

Rebecca Light and I traveled to Washington D.C. for the dynamic *Library Journal* Directors' Summit on November 11-13. The focus was on retooling and rebranding public libraries.

Among other topics, discussion centered on the content of the Aspen Institute's Report: [Rising to the Challenge: Re-envisioning Public Libraries](#). I urge everyone to take a copy of this report everywhere you go!

Facility:

In preparation for the construction of a ramp to the staff entrance, the concrete steps were raised by a commercial company, bringing the stairs to the original level and removing the trip hazard at the top. The concrete at the base of one of the hand railings has crumbled away and poses a liability. We'll review the revised bids to construct the ramp at this meeting.

Our 2016 capital requests to complete the recarpeting was approved by City Council and the order for the carpet tiles has been placed. Installation date to be announced.

The request for a new library roof in 2016 was approved, along with the Senior Center and City Hall. Mark Goad is taking the lead on that project.

Grants:

I submitted an application for a Knight's Foundation Prototype Grant in the amount of \$35,000 to create a media studio.

Middleton partnered on six Beyond the Page grant applications for 2016, acting as the lead library for the "Beyond the Fold" grant. Five have been approved and one is pending. They are as follows:

- From Page to Stage
- Tall Tales of the Emerald Isle
- Beyond the Fold – origami history and culture
- Jazz: A Moveable Feast from the Big Easy and Up the Mississippi - (pending)
- Behind the Curtain with WI Film Festival
- The Poets of Tin Pan Alley

Circulation:

Year-to-date total circulation as of November 30th was down by -1.29%, yet Middleton remains

in second place among the SCLS member libraries. eBook YTD checkout was up by 20% compared to last year. Circulation statistics are not readily available to us, making timely report impossible.

6. LIBRARIANS' REPORTS

Patrick Williams, Head of Information Technology



The staff was invited to use a 2-week trial of our upcoming 2016 patron accessible database, Lynda.com. It offers thousands of online video courses for all levels, covering all types of technology skills, creative techniques, business strategies, and more. Courses are kept up to date, and patrons will be able to learn from top expert teachers.

A teacher/educational edition of Minecraft has been licensed and installed on all our public stations. Our Media Maker Lab Instructor, Brian Miles, will be using it for STEM type educational classes. We also set up our own Minecraft server. Students and any patron can log into it from our stations at any time.

Collapsible, pull-up power strips with both standard outlets and USB power ports have been added to all of the study carrels in the upper and lower levels; for convenient device charging and power access. The strips can collapse and stow away down the table's grommet hole when not needed for a clear work surface.

Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services



In November, our teen programming included a Writing Workshop with a YA fantasy author, a Battle of the Books prep games to help prepare students who have entered the competition at school, Teen Advisory, Books & Brownies book discussion, our last Dungeons & Dragons meeting, and Chris and Jill volunteered to start a monthly 3DS Club for all ages. We also assisted with creation of publicity and forms for the Young Entrepreneurs program, sending the applications to a number of high school clubs to encourage their members to participate, and we contacted a number of band teachers and teen bands this month in preparation for the Teen Bands Night in March.

We started gathering supplies and creating trivia for the Holidays Unraveled program in December, sent out program confirmation information to future performers, consulted with Sally regarding upcoming teen craft programs, sent out our Jan-Feb program fliers to SCLS for printing, and began creating individual fliers for the Jan-Feb teen programs. Teen book suggestions were sent to Amy for the American Family Children's Hospital teachers and we ordered Lunch Bunch titles for upcoming discussions.

November presented us with many opportunities for continuing education, with WLA located very conveniently in Middleton! Kathy, Lori, and I attended a number of useful sessions, and I especially appreciated a session on difficult conversations relevant to supervision. I assisted with the Open House desserts here at the library and enjoyed showing around librarians from all over the state. We also had the SLP workshop this month through SCLS, and it was great to be able to have everyone from Youth Services attend and be inspired with the program ideas and make contacts with people in science and technology.

Kathy and Sally worked hard this month on withdrawals as well as checking in our last big orders of the year and Sally was excited to see her first longevity check. I managed to squeeze

in a trip to Spain to see family mid-month, and am very grateful to Amy for offering to run the Youth Services meeting, to Amanda for insisting she could manage Young Entrepreneurs alone, and to Lori for printing out the Jan-Feb fliers for proofing while I was gone. In the spirit of giving thanks this month, I am very grateful to work with such a competent, caring team!

Displays: Foodies, Animal Stories, Dear Diary

Sarah Hartman, Head of Technical Services



Our items added count for November was the lowest of the year, albeit still more than all but three other SCLS libraries, due to WLA, Thanksgiving, other staff time off, and a focus on doing our final ordering for 2015. We have a sizeable backlog to address in December. As we won't be placing any orders in December, we should be able to get caught up before the usual January flood of new materials.

Jason and I both attended the 2015 WLA Conference at the beginning of the month. We partnered with Jim and Brendan to present on programming for the 20-30s crowd. Jason talked about our fantasy football league, and I talked about our adult craft events. The session went well and was very well-attended. Jason and I also both helped out at the Library's open house event.

In SCLS committee work, Jason attended the PAC Subcommittee meeting and I attended the Collection Maintenance Subcommittee meeting. It is always an honor to represent the Library at the System level and to provide input on policies that affect both our staff and our patrons.

Amanda Struckmeyer, Youth Services Librarian



Our November programming for ‘tweens included an all-ages Peanuts Gang Party, an Acts of Kindness Club meeting, our Young Entrepreneurs Craft Fair, Tech Tuesday, Monday Mayhem, and Read It and Eat Book Club. The Acts of Kindness Club has organized a winter clothing drive, a project we selected, designed, and are carrying out together. Our Young Entrepreneurs Craft Fair was a smashing success, and I’m already thinking of ways to enhance this program next year.

This month’s collection development was focused on paperback chapter books. With the help of Circulation staff and our Youth Services Library Assistants, we were able to eliminate one entire paperback spinner from the children’s section. This was achieved by removing items that no longer circulate, items that are in poor condition, and some duplicate items.

Supercharged Storytimes, a no-cost course designed to help librarians increase the early literacy value of their storytimes, wrapped up this month. I’ve learned a lot through this program about how to purposefully incorporate early literacy elements into my storytime activities.

I attended the Wisconsin Library Association conference at the Madison Marriott West, where I volunteered at the registration booth and attended Youth Services programs (including one given by a former practicum student!). WLA is a great opportunity to network with other librarians and learn from one another.

I traveled to La Crosse to present a workshop for the Winding Rivers Library System youth services staff. I appreciate the chance to support the work of librarians across the state.

Jim Ramsey, Head of Adult Services



Another month, another full slate of programs for adults. We held twelve events for adults this month, including two technology classes, two book discussions, a three-part series on brain health and dementia, and an author event. Next month (December) is typically slower for us here in Adult Services, but this year we have several programs planned, including two craft/maker events, two technology classes, and a book discussion. As in past months, I spent a lot of time in November planning events for the first half of 2016 and preparing publicity for the first couple months of the new year.

We held our final 2015 meeting of Let's Talk About Texts, our bi-monthly book group which convenes at The Craftsman Table & Tap on the odd-numbered months. This month we discussed *Redeployment*, Phil Klay's National Book Award-winning collection of short stories about the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Our discussion was enlivened by the presence of several new members who had personal connections or experiences with military service: A retired couple whose son has served several tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a woman in her early 30s who had served multiple tours in both war zones. The woman shared a lot about her experiences and said she felt the book did a fantastic job of capturing the experiences of soldiers. She also told the group how much it meant to her to be able to talk about her experiences, something she seldom does with anyone, let alone a group of strangers.

I only include this anecdote because it reminds me that our programs have a much greater impact than what can be measured by attendance numbers. It's always been my hope that this book discussion (or any other library event, for that matter) can provide a space in which members of our community feel comfortable sharing their experiences, listening to those of their

neighbors and peers, and exploring new ideas. (Attendance, by the way, has never been better; this discussion was one of the best attended since the group began meeting in 2013.)

The New and Notable paperbacks collection continues to grow in size and popularity. As of November 30th the collection contained 477 volumes, with about 75% currently checked out. In just under 6 weeks, the collection has accounted for almost 950 check outs, which should give a slight boost to in-house circulation numbers. As with the Serendipity collection, the goal of New & Notable is to disabuse patrons of the notion that “all the good stuff is checked out” by providing high-interest titles available only to those who browse our shelves. Browsing collections of “walk-in” only titles are nothing new, of course, but this collection demonstrates how they can be used to increase gate counts and circulation while reinforcing the concept of the library as a destination for browsing and discovery.

Speaking of collections, I and other adult services staff spent a significant amount of time this month completing our final orders of 2015. Thanks to Jason Boak’s excellent accounting, we were able to identify areas in which we needed to increase spending in order to meet our targets for the year. This year, I relied primarily on Collection HQ to identify areas and authors in which we were under stocked and ordered accordingly.

I also attended the WLA conference this year along with Jenny Carr and Amanda Brzeszkiewicz from the Adult Services department. This year’s conference was held at the Marriot West here in Middleton, so it was a great opportunity for our staff to attend as many events and presentations as possible. On Friday, the final day of the conference, I gave a presentation on successful library programs for 20 and 30-something adults along with fellow staff members Sarah Hartman, Brendan Faherty and Jason Boak. My portion of the presentation was a discussion of Rebecca’s and my work on Let’s Talk About Texts. The event was very well attended (upwards of 50 people) and provided a great opportunity for our library to showcase its world-class programming!

Brendan Faherty, Head of Circulation



November sees the Circulation Department starting to wind down a little as we close in on the end-of-the-year holiday seasons. Overall circulation was down only slightly from November 2014, and self-check usage increased, to nearly 60% for the month.

At the beginning of the month, the Wisconsin Library Association hosted its annual conference here in Middleton at the Marriott Hotel. Several circulation staff members, including Barbara Henderson, Katie Ganser, Sara Simpson, and Travis Mueller, were able to attend several informative breakout sessions during the conference. I spend much of my time at the conference keeping things running smoothly for the attendees and speakers. I also co-presented a program with fellow library staff on some of the 'out-of-the-box' programs we have at the library in an effort to engage patrons in their 20s and 30s. Our program ended up being standing room only, with over 70 professionals on hand—a great turnout!

The CD of the Month Club continues to grow, with a couple new members this month. I'm trying something new this year: a 'Best of 2015' compilation/playlist available exclusively to Club members. Hopefully, interested patrons will also share some of their favorite songs and artists of the past year.

Mary Mercier, who only started as a Page I in August 2015, has decided to leave the library, as she is moving out of the area. We are sad to see her go after only a short time, but wish her the best in her future endeavors. Barbara Henderson and I will be looking to fill Mary's position as well as Sara Gudel's regular position (she is transitioning to a substitute role) starting in January.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all our Circulation staff and my Circulation Supervisors in particular as we approach the holiday season. It is truly a privilege to work with such a driven, diverse, and dedicated group of people who all genuinely care about our patrons and the library's role in enriching their lives. Every one of them makes my job that much easier and more enjoyable!

Amy Perry, Outreach and Children's Services Librarian



In November, I visited eleven preschool sites this month and presented an early literary enhanced storytime for each classroom. I also visited school aged students at three YMCA sites in Middleton at Northside, Sauk Trail, and Sunset Ridge Elementary Schools. At all three of these locations, I read a book and then offered a group project for the students to work on. This month's theme was thankfulness. Other outreach visits included the Youth Center where I brought withdrawn books for the teens and offered a "Books and Brownies" (plus grapes) program where we talked about our favorite books.

This month included a special visit to the Middleton Senior Center, where I talked to a group of seniors about upcoming adult programs at the library, showcased library material, answered questions, and brought free books for the attendees to take. I also hosted a special storytime and tour of the library for the Moms of Middleton group. The moms who attended with their child really enjoyed the storytime and learning more about the library. I brought a small library to Arbor Lakes Apartment Complex again this month and had some resident's checkout material.

This month we also hosted the last 2nd grade classes from Sauk Trail Elementary School. This was a very successful visit where the students listened to a story, learned about the library, and had the opportunity to browse the collection to check out a book. 29 new library cards were issued for this visit. Thanks to Brendan Faherty, Barbara Henderson, and Katie Ganser for

helping issue these new library cards and for to Lori Bell for assisting with with the tour and checkout for this last 2nd grade school visit.

In addition to visiting sites, I started weeding the children's non-fiction and will complete this task in December. I also attended SCLS's Youth Service Workshop at Olbrich Gardens where we learned about science programming through the UW and a presentation by Rob Reid about reaching reluctant readers.

Lastly, I reached out to my contacts at the Middleton Outreach Ministry to see if they wanted some of the early learning toys that the library was discarding from the children's area to use in their food pantry waiting area. Cheri, my contact at MOM, was very happy to receive these "gently used" items and thanked me for making the offer. I can't wait to see them in use when I visit MOM again in January for another library card drive. Also donated this month to MOM were teen, board, and early reader books since they were running low. They are always very appreciative about receiving these items for their patrons.

Lori Bell, Children's Services Librarian



November was a great month for programs and professional development. From our "Peanuts Gang Party" with Snoopy as our guest of honor – big thanks to Mark Goad for playing the role of Snoopy so very well – to my first Afterschool Special to the hugely popular Magic + Music = Fun with local music teacher Jon Becker, our patrons certainly had some fun and educational events to choose from this month.

November offered many opportunities for professional development. I completed my continuing education course offered by UW-SLIS, "What's New in Children's Books," where I discovered so many great new books and authors! I also attended 6 sessions over 3 days at WLA plus the

Youth Services luncheon and Middleton’s evening social event. What a wonderful opportunity to learn about the great things happening in our profession. The Guerilla Storytimes and Busting SLP Roadblocks programs were particularly helpful as both offered concrete tips and ideas to implement right away.

SCLS hosted an all-day SLP preparation workshop. Quite a few representatives from the UW Science Alliance were there to present ideas for summer programs. For the afternoon session, the fabulous Rob Reid presented an energizing storytelling program. Finally, I completed the Supercharged Storytimes workshop. I’m looking forward to incorporating some of the concepts I learned there into our Play & Learn area.

Storytimes continue to be well attended, and the over-attendance “problem” seems to have been solved with the extra sessions.

The worn out train table, activity block and wall panels have been replaced! Patrons seem quite pleased with the new offerings and understanding about why the train table was removed – old, worn out, dangerous parts.

7. AGENDA OVERVIEW

Approval of quote for construction of a ramp to the library staff entrance (action item)

We have one quote to review.

Approval of 2016 Budget (action item)

With the exception of personnel increases and personnel decision items, the operating budget was accepted as proposed. Since Council did not adjust the library transfer to reflect these adjustments Finance Department was unable to provide salary schedule at the time of this publication.

Building Committee Report (action item)

Chairman Rob Seltzer will report on activities from the meeting.

President Tucker to appoint Endowment Development Taskforce (action item)

An invitation to the Friends of the Middleton Public Library Board to join us for a joint meeting was enthusiastically accepted. All members will be in attendance for the first half hour of the January meeting.