



November 2016 Report
Library Board Meeting, December 13, 2014

1. STATISTICS

Circulation:	Adult	YA	Juv.	Total	Year to Date
2016	31,346	3,271	21,254	55,871	625,601*
2015	31,820	3,506	20,175	55,501	659,604
2014	31,906	3,173	21,145	56,224	668,228

*2016 YTD numbers are impacted by the February roof repair closure

Self-Service checkouts:

	ITG	ITG#2	ITG #3	Total	% of total
2016	12,018	5,986	7,596	25,600	46%
2015	11,952	5,868	7,598	25,418	46%
2014	11,073	6,747	7,988	25,808	46%

Library cards issued:

	Adult	Juv.	Sr.	Org.	Total
2016		92	23	4	119
2015		70	43	7	120
2014		65	62	4	131

LINK holds:

	Loaned to Other LINK Libraries	Borrowed from Other LINK Libraries
2016	17,717	17,541
2015	17,649	17,429
2014	19,789	17,299

Miscellaneous: ILL

	Visits	Study rooms use	Fax Use
2016	78	29,676	575 hrs - 399 users
2015	90	27,861	563 hrs - 388 users
2014	45	26,137	478.75 hrs - 350 users

Digital resources:

	PC use-hours	eBooks – Overdrive
2016 – October	11,021	[not available yet 12/6/16]
2015 – October	10,430	36,948
2014 – October	2,364	30,124

LIBRARY PROGRAMS / TOURS / PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Date	Program	Attendance
11/1/2016	Storytime - Big Kids : Demonstrator, Lori	38
11/1/2016	Storytime - Big Kids : Demonstrator, Lori	39
11/1/2016	November CD of the Month Club : Demonstrator, Brendan	33
11/1/2016	Evicted: Panel Discussion and Livestream of Lecture : Demonstrator, Jim, Sarah Shatz, Laurie Horton, Chris Mand, Kelly Edwards 	135
11/1/2016	Students Vote (DIY) : Demonstrator, none	71
11/2/2016	Northside ECC 8:45am class (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	10
11/2/2016	Little Kid Story time (2-3) : Demonstrator, Betsy	40
11/2/2016	Little Kid Story time (2-3) : Demonstrator, Betsy	30
11/2/2016	High School Library Tour : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	16
11/2/2016	Dungeons & Dragons : Demonstrator, Travis Mueller	6
11/3/2016	High School Library Tour : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	12
11/3/2016	Baby Lapsit story time : Demonstrator, Betsy	30
11/3/2016	Tiny tots story time (1-2) : Demonstrator, Betsy	40
11/3/2016	Teen Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Sam (RL eval)	2
11/3/2016	3DS Club : Demonstrator, Chris and Jill 	8
11/3/2016	Pakistani Cooking with Huma Siddiqui : Demonstrator, Huma Siddiqui, owner of White Jasmine 	51

11/3/2016	<u>Elm Lawn 4k AM class</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	11
11/4/2016	<u>After School Art: Paper Mach Part 3 Group 1</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	9
11/4/2016	<u>After School Art: Paper Mach Part 3 Group 2</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	18
11/4/2016	<u>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</u> : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	21
11/5/2016	<u>Fire Station Storytime</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry, Lori Bell, Jacquie Joyce (volunteer fire fighter), plus other fire station staff & volunteers 	81
11/7/2016	<u>Getting to Know Medicare</u> : Demonstrator, Jesse Grutz, The Retirement Classroom	17
11/7/2016	<u>Katie's Kids 2nd Grade Library Field Trip-West Middleton Elementary</u> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry & Lori Bell	90
11/8/2016	<u>Lunch Bunch @ Kromrey Middle School</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry & Marissa Gehrke (Practicum Student)	43
11/8/2016	<u>Storytime - Big Kids</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	50
11/8/2016	<u>Communication Innovations</u> : Demonstrator, Sadie, Kathleen	42
11/9/2016	<u>La Petite Gammon 4k class</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	12
11/9/2016	<u>Little Kid Story time (2-3)</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy Bermant	40
11/9/2016	<u>Little Kid story time (2-3)</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy	40
11/9/2016	<u>Film Screening: Marguerite</u> : Demonstrator, Kathryn Smith, General Manager of Madison Opera	51
11/10/2016	<u>Teen Techno Minutes</u> : Demonstrator, Sam, RL	2
11/10/2016	<u>Crime Scene Analyst</u> : Demonstrator, Kim Wood, Det. Jones 	5
11/10/2016	<u>Baby Lapsit story time</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy	40
11/10/2016	<u>Tiny tots story time (1-2)</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy	55
11/10/2016	<u>Let's talk About Texts: "On the Run" by Alice Goffman</u> : Demonstrator, Rebecca L., Jim	5
11/11/2016	<u>Pooh Bear 4k am class</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	20

11/11/2016	<u>Pooh Bear 4k pm class</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	21
11/11/2016	<u>Chapter Book Champions Club: LOL</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	18
11/14/2016	<u>i9Sports</u> : Demonstrator, Rachel, Adrianna 	44
11/14/2016	<u>Child Development Class Storytime @ Middleton High School</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	39
11/14/2016	<u>Teen Advisory Committee</u> : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	8
11/14/2016	<u>Youth Center</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	17
11/14/2016	<u>Volunteer Appreciation Dinner</u> : Demonstrator, Brendan	18
11/15/2016	<u>Clubhouse for Kids 4k am class (Katie F's class)</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	12
11/15/2016	<u>Storytime - Big Kids</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	45
11/15/2016	<u>Storytime - Big Kids</u> : Demonstrator, Lori	25
11/15/2016	<u>Clubhouse for Kids 4k pm class (Katie F's class)</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	17
11/15/2016	<u>Creating Holiday Newsletters</u> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
11/16/2016	<u>American Girl Author Visit</u> : Demonstrator, Carrie Anton, Erin Falligant 	28
11/16/2016	<u>Creative Writing Group</u> : Demonstrator, Kathy Steffen	9
11/16/2016	<u>Little Kid Story time (2-3)</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy	40
11/16/2016	<u>Little Kid Story time (2-3)</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy	20
11/16/2016	<u>Voss Haus (Senior and Disabled Section 8 Subsidy)</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	23
11/17/2016	<u>Clubhouse for Kids 4k (Liz's class)</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	18
11/17/2016	<u>Baby Lapsit story time</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy	40
11/17/2016	<u>Tiny tots story time (1-2)</u> : Demonstrator, Betsy	30
11/18/2016	<u>Middleton Baby & Childcare Center 4k class</u> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	21
11/18/2016	<u>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</u> : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	17

11/18/2016	Teen Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Sam, RL	2
11/18/2016	After School Art: Paper Mache Final Chance : Demonstrator, Lori 	55
11/19/2016	special saturday story time : Demonstrator, Betsy	100
11/19/2016	Writing Workshop for Teens : Demonstrator, Jamie Swenson	10
11/21/2016	Gio's Garden Storytime (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	15
11/21/2016	Techno Minutes : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
11/21/2016	Little om Big om: Family yoga : Demonstrator, Jamie facilitated, Betsy acted as library rep	60
11/22/2016	KEVA - Storytime Library Visit (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	15
11/23/2016	Karaoke Dance Party : Demonstrator, Betsy	60
11/23/2016	Muffins & Mysteries: Wink, Poppy, Midnight : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	0
11/26/2016	Young Entrepreneur's Craft Fair : Demonstrator, Lori, Sally, Carmella 	150
11/27/2016	Drop in Tech Help : Demonstrator, Kelsey McCarthy	1
11/28/2016	Little Red Preschool Storytime : Demonstrator, Lori	19
11/28/2016	Books & Cooks: People you eat breakfast with : Demonstrator, Lori	7
11/29/2016	Storytime - Big Kids : Demonstrator, Marissa (Practicum Student)	25
11/29/2016	Storytime - Big Kids : Demonstrator, Marissa (Practicum Student)	43
11/30/2016	Storytime - Little Kids : Demonstrator, Lori	25
11/30/2016	Storytime - Little Kids : Demonstrator, Lori	50
11/30/2016	1000 Books before Kindergarten (DIY) : Demonstrator, YS Team	23
	Number of Programs / Total Attendance	
	Children's	51 / 1657
	Teens	11 / 229
	Adults/Friends/Other/All Ages	15 / 499
	Grand Total	77 / 2385

DIY/Passive Program Total (this number included in totals above)	2 / 94
Outreach Program Total (this number included in totals above)	16 / 375

3. LIBRARY EXHIBITS

Exhibit Case:	Picture Railing:
 <p data-bbox="402 995 581 1024" style="text-align: center;">Gourd Society</p>	 <p data-bbox="1003 989 1239 1018" style="text-align: center;">3150 Studio Artists</p>

4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Date	Department	Staff	Title
11/1/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Abby, Mike, Julie, Eileen, Pam, Sovannka	<u>Community Development</u>
11/2/2016	Administration	Rebecca V., Lori B.	<u>Community Racial Inequities meeting</u>
11/2/2016	Administration	Jocelyne	<u>Excel Training</u>
11/3/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Mark, Steev, Pam, Tana	<u>Libraries Transform Dane County</u>
11/3/2016	Adult Services	Jim	<u>Beyond the Page Oversight Committee</u>
11/4/2016	Other/All	Rebecca V., Amy P, Lori B, Betsy B, Sally W, Kathy R.	<u>SCLS YS Programming Workshop</u>
11/4/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, MBC Members	<u>Get Moving Middleton</u>
11/7/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Mike, Mark, Julie, Pam,	<u>Tour of State Capitol Building</u>

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016	Administration	Jocelyne, Tourism, CD, Planning, ICMA Fellows	<u>Tour of Epic</u>
11/9/2016	Tech Services	Sarah H.	<u>SCLS Collection Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting</u>
11/9/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Planning Dept. I.T, Public Works, CD, ICMA Fellows	<u>City Dept. meeting</u>
11/10/2016	Administration	Jocelyne	<u>Dane County Librarian's Meeting</u>
11/15/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Abby, Mike, Julie, Eileen, Mark	<u>Community Development</u>
11/16/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Planning Dept. I.T, Public Works, CD, PD,	<u>City Dept. meeting</u>
11/16/2016	Administration	Jocelyne	<u>Middleton Chamber of Commerce Economic Development lunch</u>
11/17/2016	Administration	Jocelyne and 35-40 other libraries from across the system	<u>SCLS All Directors mtg.</u>
11/22/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Julie, Eileen, Abby, Mike, Kevin	<u>City Planning mtg.</u>
11/29/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, Abby, Julie, Mike, Mark, Eileen	<u>CD Planning mtg.</u>
11/30/2016	Other/All	Rebecca V.	<u>La Movida Radio Broadcast Planning Meeting</u>
11/30/2016	Administration	Jocelyne, City Staff	<u>City Dept. meeting</u>

5. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS



Professional Development

November was a busy month of networking and connecting. Kicking things off with International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Fellows Pamela Tham and Sovannka Chhang http://icma.org/en/icma/knowledge_network/blogs/blogpost/5445/Opening_the_Book_Landing_in_the_Ne_w_Land. This was an excellent way for me to tour/connect with parts of Middleton and Madison I otherwise may not have had the chance to see. For example, we toured the municipal airport, the MOC, recycling center, and the WI State Capitol Building. The fellows were provided an in-depth tour of the library and attended several programs during their stay. The Friends are a paid member of the Middleton Chamber of Commerce and this is an invaluable tool for me as a new director. I am already meeting patrons, building relationships with potential donors, and having conversations that bring light to the library and redefine traditional stereotypes. They also offer trainings, and this month focused on Social Media. We will be using some of these tips for improvement starting next year.

City Department and Community Partnerships

I am continuing to attend City staff meetings to contribute ideas and drive motivation for future planning. Because of these efforts we are now planning 2017 events in cooperation and looking for other creative ways to work together.

Committees

Joan Gillman, Rebecca Light, Angela West Blank and I met to formulate the plan for moving forward with a Development Committee. We are starting out by creating donor lists, overhauling our web-site, and coordinating with the Friends. Karen Natoli, Friends President is also on the Committee. Staff is working hard to identify a comprehensive list of building improvements that can be made by 2018. This includes and is not limited to sustainability improvements, accessibility, color and art, furniture, additional collection space, basement access, and service desk reconfigurations. I also met with the Library Transform Committee. <http://www.ala.org/transforminglibraries/> This is made of up Librarians from Sun Prairie, Madison, Cross Plains, and the SCLS. We are working on a Dane County pilot project that is set to launch during National Library Week April 9-15, 2017. Stories will focus on how libraries have transformed people's lives. I will have more information on this in early 2017.

Looking Ahead

Next month will be heavily focused on year end budget evaluation, City and DPI Annual Reporting processes, and holiday vacation scheduling coverage.

6. LIBRARIANS' REPORTS

Patrick Williams, Head of Information Technology



Network configuration was done to use all of our internally managed Internet providers (city MUFN, Charter & TDS) for all the staff and public stations, while also keeping the public walk-in WIFI isolated to the Charter connection. The other two providers will automatically be used if one connection fails.

Our server was set up with a security certificate via the new, free, service "Let's Encrypt". It provides certificates via an automated process, and eliminates the current complex process of manual creation, validation, signing, installation, and renewal of certificates for secure websites. Form submissions on our website, such as the ILL request page, can now be transmitted with encryption.

In Friends of the Middleton Public Library news, the annual mailing to Middleton Chamber members was assembled and put out. Last year's effort raised \$3500. The bank accounts for program funding was merged to the same bank the Friend's master account. This will allow the Friends Board to easily view and fund the accounts staff use to pay for programs throughout the year.

Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Youth Services



Teen Programs: We invited a detective from the Police Dept., Det. Jones (and Officer Kim Wood), to speak at our Crime Scene Analyst program this month, a new program suggested by Teen Advisory and one that had a lot of votes in our Teen Survey. Participants really enjoyed the fingerprint dusting portion of the program and stories of local crimes. We had a Mock Student Vote for the presidential elections this month, that gathered many thoughtful comments. (An article about our student vote was published on the front page of the Middleton Times Tribune, along with photos from our Haunted Library.) Betsy presented a special storytime to coordinate with the City's tree-lighting ceremony, we had a few High School English

classes visit the library for tours, and we had a great Writing Workshop program and the Young Entrepreneurs Craft Fair this month. We also now have the application forms for the Music & Memory program available at the Help Desk.

Meetings: The annual YS SLP workshop at Olbrich took place this month, and our youth services staff was grateful that everyone was allowed to go, as there were some great programming ideas shared that we can include in future planning. Lori Bell and I also attended a community racial disparities preliminary meeting to talk about how Middleton can address racial issues, and I stopped by the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner that Brendan organized. I also attended a planning meeting with MOM, JFF, and the bilingual school coordinator to create an outline for the La Movida radio broadcast in December.

Publicity: I promoted tutor.com at Memorial and West HS this month (and will be mentioning it in the La Movida broadcast). We put together the Jan-Feb Youth Services fliers this month—Lori Bell did a beautiful job putting it together artistically! I also contacted the local GSAFE, student GSA clubs at the area high schools, and newspapers to promote the author visit in Feb. We also started making individual fliers and posters for some of our Jan-Feb events.

Displays: November is Native American Month, Explore Artistic Careers, Different Perspectives: Autism, Elections, Infamous Evildoers.

Sarah Hartman, Head of Technical Services



With 1,525 items added, we had a somewhat lighter month in Tech Services, as often happens as we near the end of the year and ordering winds down. Jenny C.'s accounting shows we're on track for most accounts. It was nice to have a little extra time to put toward other projects. I finished re-cataloging and re-processing the Teen Writer collection books so that they could be integrated into the regular teen fiction, non-fiction, and paperback collections. I was also able to get caught up on my scheduled collectionHQ reports, which provide information about which authors, titles, and subjects are popular with our patrons. Jenny H. helped me weed the religion section of adult non-fiction, and she also spent some time organizing the Tech Services cabinets and workspace, getting rid of things we're never going to use again. Jenny C. continued to provide excellent ILL service to our patrons, and everyone in Tech Services did a great job keeping a steady pace throughout the month

Jim Ramsey, Head of Adult Services



November was another busy programming month, though not quite as busy the two preceding months. One highlight worth mentioning: A panel discussion on homelessness and affordable housing issues in our community followed by a live-stream of author Matthew Desmond's lecture from Memorial Union Theater. This event drew almost 140 people, making it among our best-attended events of 2016. I spent a lot of time planning and preparing publicity for next month's performance of the holiday musical *Striking 12*, which should draw an even bigger crowd.

We finally started to publicize our brand-new Music and Memory program this month, so we hope to be in contact with interested patrons in the coming weeks and months. We were waiting on some grant money from the State Dept. of Health & Human Services before we started to advertise widely. I will be administering the program, but Kendall and Kelsey will also be helping build playlists. Eventually, we hope to involve volunteers from the community. See past reports for more details on M&M.

I started my work on the Wisconsin Library Association's Library Development and Legislative Committee this month after being tapped by Pamela Westby, current WLA president and former director of Middleton. I attended the Committee's bi-monthly meeting at the law firm DeWitt, Ross, and Stevens, where I learned a lot about the legislative process and how the WLA tries to affect change at the State level through contact with legislators.

I'll also be working closely with Nick Dimassis, Director of the Beloit Public Library and current LD&L co-chair in the coming months to plan WLA's annual Library Legislative Day, in which librarians, trustees, and other supporters spend a day at the Capitol talking with their legislators about the importance of libraries. Next year's LLD will take place on February 21st, 2017.

Kendall and Kelsey will be collaborating on next year's Seed Library, having taken the collection over from Jenny Carr, and they've already done a lot of preparatory work. 2017 will mark the third year that Middleton will host a seed library, and its popularity seems to grow every year. Kelsey and Kendall will also be putting together promotion, book displays, and programming around the seed library.

Also on the collection front: I've directed Kendall to start purchasing Urban Fiction titles (also known as Street Lit.) for the adult fiction collection. This well-established genre has a large readership among younger African-American patrons, and it's a collection that I've wanted to start for some time. For the time being, these books will be interfiled with the other adult fiction hard cover and trade paperback books; they'll be designated by a sticker on each book's spine.

Brendan Faherty, Head of Circulation



Staffing changes have been the name of the game in the Circulation Department this November. With the retirement of Peter Matiash, we have lost years of experience and one of our Circulation Supervisors. Fortunately, Katie O'Brien is ready and willing to take on that role and the increased responsibility. She is settling in to her new supervisory position and I know she will do well. Two of our Page I Shelves have been promoted to Page II positions out at the Circulation Desk. Both Chris Schroeder and Greg Schmitz are picking up the myriad details of the position quickly and are asking all the right questions, which is always a good sign. Finally, we have some new shelving staff in the back room. Lori Esenther, former Page I and Page II, has come back to the library as a Page I. We are ecstatic to have her expertise in the back room once again. Additionally, we have added Andrew Stoltz and Kelly Shearer to our Page I staff.

The CD of the Month Club continues to be popular with patrons and staff alike. We have 32 current members (not including a couple of snow birds who suspend their accounts over the winter), and many of them took me up on the 2nd annual "Best of" compilation I made available for December. One patron even made a donation to the library in appreciation for such a program. It's always wonderful to hear that our programs are affecting patrons so positively and making such an impact on their lives.

I attended (virtually) my first meeting as a member of the Support Staff & Circulation Services (SSCS) subcommittee of the Wisconsin Library Association. I will be the Chair-Elect in 2017 and the Chair of the committee in 2018, which primarily involves planning and implementing an annual one-day conference for library Circulation and support staff throughout the state. The 2017 Conference will be in Fort Atkinson, so I am hopeful we will be able to have several staff members attend the variety of workshops offered

during that event.

Finally, I was asked by South Central system staff to serve on the hiring committee for their new Data Services Consultant. As the sole public library employee on the panel, I hope to bring a different perspective to the interview process and help focus some of the questions on what will be expected of this new position by the member libraries specifically. We have a number of intriguing candidates and I look forward to hearing how they see the position fitting in to the overall web of services that SCLS provides to area libraries.

I would also like to take a minute to thank the entire Circulation staff, from our Supervisors to our Page 1 Shelves, for all their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Our library would not be able to function without their dedication and willingness to adapt to a variety of situations, this year more than ever before. From dealing with the roof catastrophe in February to covering vacant shifts and taking on added duties during the Interim Director months, I am grateful to each and every one of them for making this library such a dynamic, vibrant resource for this community.

Amy Perry, Outreach and Children's Services Librarian



Highlights for November outreach include the Fire Station Storytime, where we collaborated with Middleton firefighters to provide a storytime and tour onsite at the fire station. We were contacted by a volunteer firefighter who wanted to do this event but didn't know how to go about it. Lori Bell and I handled creating content and advertising for the event, and also the introduction and all the songs and activities in between each book. Firefighters did a great job reading the three books to an excited full house. I brought a lot of books about fire fighters, fire trucks, etc. for checkout and I was glad to see a lot of them get borrowed. After storytime, there were refreshments provided by the Firefighters and then attendees got to tour the fire house including the equipment. We hope to do other on-site storytimes such as this one with other select city departments.

A second highlight included hosting the final elementary school as part of the annual Katie's Kids 2nd grade visits. This is such a wonderful initiative to be a part of and it was great having Lori Bell as a partner throughout these visits. There have been countless students who have returned to the Middleton

Public Library excited to say hello, show off their wallet, and to impress their parents with their newfound knowledge about the public library.

My last highlight is my final visit to the high school as part of the storytime fundamentals training. For this last visit though, I did a storytime for 3-5 year olds along with the high school students who were now instructing and caring for the preschoolers. The high school students did a fantastic job and were even singing along with me as I presented my very short storytime.

Lori Bell, Children's Services Librarian



The YS team attended a SCLS workshop for the upcoming 2017 Summer Library Program (SLP). Two current trends seem to be “pride not prize,” with a focus on the joy of reading, and avoiding “over-programming,” to reduce staff stress. Our SLP at Middleton has already incorporated many of the ideas by replacing weekly gimmicky toys with milestone book prizes. However, some of the ideas, such as greatly reducing the number of weeks of storytime, is not one we are ready to adopt here. Storytime remains an essential early literacy experience for young children, and caregivers appreciate the dependability of our schedule.

The highlights of this month's special events include an off-site Storytime at the Middleton Fire Station – well attended and much appreciated by our patrons. Our regular toddler movement programs presented by i9Sports and little om BIG OM are proving to be very popular as caregivers are looking to expand on their toddlers' experiences. After School Art: Paper Mache wrapped up to a tremendous turnout at the “Last Chance” session. Betsy's “Special Saturday Storytime” held directly before the Tree Lighting Ceremony attracted over 100 people. Finally, 20 'Tweens and Teens sold their hand-made goods at the 2nd Annual Young Entrepreneurs' Craft Fair to a large crowd of shoppers. Please visit the staff page for pictures and evaluations for the many other programs offered this month.

My SLIS practicum student, Marissa Gerhke, finished her program this month. She has been an excellent asset to the YS department during her time here. For her final project, she presented 2 storytimes attended by her SLIS professor, Allison Kaplan. During her time here, she also completed a much-needed weeding of the JV paperback collection.

I'm continuing to fine tune the Children's Area to better organize our collection. The children's Blu-ray DVDs are now shelved with the Children's DVDs instead of with the Adult Blu-rays. I'm currently working with Barbara Henderson in Circulation to adjust the +Fiction and Audio Books shelving to make more room for the over-crowded collections. New Children's Graphic Novels have been moved to the top shelf of the Graphic Novels for better visibility and serendipitous browsing.

Rebecca Light, Administrative Librarian



In November, Jocelyne and I began work toward the foundation of a Development Committee to build community relationships and explore additional fundraising opportunities for the library. Current tasks include building a database of past and possible future donors, creating a list of library improvement projects of all sizes, and evaluating our donor outreach strategies. We've been lucky to have the assistance of Angela West Blank and Joan Gillman, both of whom have extensive experience in donor development.

November was a busy month for me personally. I took some time off to get married and go on a short honeymoon. My library coworkers even surprised us with a round of pink champagne at our wedding dinner – I work with truly wonderful people!

