



## February 2017 Report

Presented at the March 14, 2017 Library Board Meeting

### 1. STATISTICS

Circulation:	Adult	YA	Juv.	Total	Year to Date
2017	<b>32,700</b>	<b>2,910</b>	<b>21,494</b>	<b>57,104</b>	<b>118,379</b>
2016	23,814	2,008	11,169	36,991	86,950 *
2015	31,838	3,329	19,037	54,204	113,307

\*2016 YTD numbers were impacted by the February roof repair closure

#### Self-Service checkouts:

	ITG	ITG#2	ITG #3	Total	% of total
2017	<b>12,368</b>	<b>6,205</b>	<b>7,773</b>	<b>26,346</b>	<b>46.1%</b>
2016	3,136	1,598	1,922	6,656	18%
2015	11,177	6,263	7,673	25,113	46.3%

Library cards issued:	Adult	Juv.	Sr.	Org.	Total
2017	<b>80</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>
2016	58	3	1	0	62
2015	81	13	3	0	97

#### Interagency loans:

	To Other LINK libraries	Borrow from other LINK libraries
2017	<b>19,096</b>	<b>18,109</b>
2016	16,795	18,618
2015	20,292	18,261

(2016-2017 +/-)

Other:	ILL	Visits	Study rooms use	Walk-in WI-FI	FAX
2017	<b>59</b>	<b>28,464</b>	<b>580.75 Hrs - 393 Bookings</b>	<b>6,070 sessions</b>	<b>44 users / 155 pgs</b>
2016	50	17,032	331.25 Hrs - 184 Bookings	3,217 sessions	31 users / 117 pgs
2015	68	24,694	508.75 Hrs - 330 Bookings	551 sessions	56 users / 157 pgs

#### Public Computer Usage:


Number of Days Open: **28**

Total Sessions: **9,880**

Total hours Used: **10,875**


Total Printed Sides: **9723 b&w, 599 color**

## 2. LIBRARY PROGRAMS / TOURS / PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Date	Program	Attendance
2/1/2017	<b>Little Kids Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	40
2/1/2017	<b>Northside ECC 8:45am class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	9
2/1/2017	<b>Little Kids Story Tim</b> : Demonstrator, Jocelyne	34
2/1/2017	<b>February CD of the Month Club</b> : Demonstrator, Brendan	37
2/1/2017	<b>Mark Speltz author event</b> : Demonstrator, Mark Speltz	62
2/2/2017	<b>Elm Lawn 4k AM class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	16
2/2/2017	<b>Elm Lawn 4k PM class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	13
2/2/2017	<b>YMCA Sunset Ridge Elementary School</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	19
2/2/2017	<b>Author Visit: Meredith Russo (HS visit, Juniors/Seniors)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Meredith Russo	300
2/2/2017	<b>Author Visit: Meredith Russo (HS visit, Freshmen/Sophomores)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Meredith Russo 	600
2/2/2017	<b>Author Visit: Meredith Russo (Gender Equality Class)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Meredith Russo	14
2/2/2017	<b>Author Visit: Meredith Russo (HS visit, Book Club)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, HS Book Club teen leaders	15
2/2/2017	<b>Author Visit: Meredith Russo with Unity Art Project</b> : Demonstrator, Meredith Russo	11
2/2/2017	<b>3DS Club</b> : Demonstrator, Chris & Jill	9
2/2/2017	<b>Drop-In Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	2
2/2/2017	<b>Drop-In Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
2/2/2017	<b>Drop-In Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
2/3/2017	<b>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	30
2/6/2017	<b>little om, BIG OM</b> : Demonstrator, Jamie, Lori	50
2/7/2017	<b>Storytime - Big Kids</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	22
2/7/2017	<b>Storytime - Big Kids</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	42
2/7/2017	<b>Clubhouse for Kids 4k am class (Katie F's class)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	11
2/7/2017	<b>Clubhouse for Kids 4k pm class (Katie F's class)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	18
2/7/2017	<b>Tech Tuesday</b> : Demonstrator, Kelley Wasmund	2
2/7/2017	<b>Preparing Kids for College</b> : Demonstrator, Robert DeCock	13
2/7/2017	<b>Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
2/8/2017	<b>Little Kids story time (2-3)</b> : Demonstrator, Betsy	35

2/8/2017	<b>Little kids story time (2-3)</b> : Demonstrator, Betsy	43
2/8/2017	<b>4-C Play and Learn Visit (Community Coordinated Child Care)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	26
2/8/2017	<b>Clay Sculptures, Part 2, Group 1</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	44
2/8/2017	<b>Clay Sculptures, Part 2, Group 2</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	28
2/9/2017	<b>Clubhouse for Kids 4k (Liz's class)</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	19
2/9/2017	<b>Baby lapsit story time</b> : Demonstrator, Betsy	30
2/9/2017	<b>Tiny tots story time (1-2)</b> : Demonstrator, Betsy	50
2/9/2017	<b>Drop-In Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
2/9/2017	<b>Adult Craft Event - Hand Stamped Textiles</b> : Demonstrator, Sarah H., Rebecca L. 	25
2/9/2017	<b>Minecraft Club</b> : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	12
2/9/2017	<b>Adult Book Discussion</b> : Demonstrator, Jenny Carr	15
2/10/2017	<b>Chapter Book Champions Club: Handprint Cards</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	16
2/10/2017	<b>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	35
2/10/2017	<b>Pooh Bear 4k am class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	21
2/10/2017	<b>Pooh Bear 4k pm class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	20
2/11/2017	<b>Krafty Kids - Valentines!</b> : Demonstrator, Kathy R.	191
2/11/2017	<b>Garden Expo</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry & other SCLS librarians	200
2/13/2017	<b>i9Sports</b> : Demonstrator, Rachel, Jill, Lori	42
2/13/2017	<b>Teen Advisory Committee</b> : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	9
2/13/2017	<b>Youth Center</b> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	21
2/14/2017	<b>Storytime - Big Kids</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	42
2/14/2017	<b>Communication Innovations Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Sadie, Tom, Katie 	44
2/14/2017	<b>Tech Tuesday</b> : Demonstrator, Kelley Wasmund	3
2/15/2017	<b>La Petite Gammon 4k class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	14
2/15/2017	<b>Little kids story time (2-3)</b> : Demonstrator, Betsy	20
2/15/2017	<b>Little kid story time (2-3)</b> : Demonstrator, Betsy	40

2/15/2017	<a href="#"><u>Voss Haus (Senior and Disabled Section 8 Subsidy)</u></a> (Outreach) : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry &amp; Katie Ganser</i>	15
2/15/2017	<a href="#"><u>Creative Writing Group</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Kathy Steffen</i>	10
2/15/2017	<a href="#"><u>The Stories of Fiddler on the Roof</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Four Seasons Theater led by Tamara Brognano</i>	112
2/16/2017	<a href="#"><u>Baby lapsit story time</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy</i>	30
2/16/2017	<a href="#"><u>Tiny tots story time (1-2)</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy</i>	50
2/16/2017	<a href="#"><u>Minecraft Club</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Brian Miles</i> 	14
2/17/2017	<a href="#"><u>American Family Children's Hospital (AFCH)</u></a> (Outreach) : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	3
2/17/2017	<a href="#"><u>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Katy Shannon</i>	35
2/19/2017	<a href="#"><u>Drop in Techno Minutes</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Kelsey</i>	2
2/20/2017	<a href="#"><u>Gio's Garden</u></a> (Outreach) : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	15
2/20/2017	<a href="#"><u>Make-it-Monday: T-Shirt Crafting</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Lori, Amy</i> 	44
2/21/2017	<a href="#"><u>YMCA Northside Elementary</u></a> (Outreach) : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	23
2/21/2017	<a href="#"><u>Big kids story time (2-5)</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy</i>	20
2/21/2017	<a href="#"><u>Big kids story time (2-5 yo)</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy</i>	30
2/21/2017	<a href="#"><u>Free Magazines for Your Tablet</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz</i>	7
2/21/2017	<a href="#"><u>Tech Tuesday</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Kelley Wasmund</i>	8
2/22/2017	<a href="#"><u>Little kids story time (2-3 yo)</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy</i>	30
2/22/2017	<a href="#"><u>Little kid story time (2-3yo)</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Betsy</i>	35
2/22/2017	<a href="#"><u>YMCA Sunset Ridge Elementary School</u></a> (Outreach) : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	12
2/23/2017	<a href="#"><u>Teen Techno Minutes</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Sam (RL eval)</i>	2
2/23/2017	<a href="#"><u>YMCA Sauk Trail Elementary</u></a> (Outreach) : <i>Demonstrator, Amy Perry</i>	13
2/23/2017	<a href="#"><u>Teen Chopped Cooking Competition</u></a> : <i>Demonstrator, Rebecca V., Sina Sundby, Jocelyne Sansing, Molly Wesling</i>	30

		
2/24/2017	<b>Brownie Troop Tech Class</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	18
2/24/2017	<b>Middleton Baby &amp; Childcare Center 4k class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	26
2/24/2017	<b>Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Katy Shannon	25
2/25/2017	<b>Dogs on Call: Read with me</b> : Demonstrator, 2 Dogs and 2 Humans	27
2/27/2017	<b>Little Red Storytime Visit</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	18
2/27/2017	<b>Books &amp; Brownies: Girl from Everywhere</b> : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	1
2/27/2017	<b>Books &amp; Cooks: Road Trip</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	6
2/28/2017	<b>Storytime - Big Kids</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	34
2/28/2017	<b>Storytime - Big Kids</b> : Demonstrator, Lori, 1st Choice Dental	46
		
2/28/2017	<b>Lunch Bunch @ Kromrey Middle School</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	31
2/28/2017	<b>Tech Tuesday</b> : Demonstrator, Kelley Wasmund	3
2/28/2017	<b>1000 Books before Kindergarten</b> (DIY) : Demonstrator, YS Team	22
2/28/2017	<b>Drop-in Job Help</b> : Demonstrator, Jon Kreger, Dane County Job Center	6
2/28/2017	<b>Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
	<b>Number of Programs / Total Attendance</b>	
	Children's	58 / 1665
	Teens	11 / 1041
	Adults/Friends/Other/All Ages	20 / 516
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>89 / 3222</b>
	DIY/Passive Program Total (this number included in totals above)	1 / 22
	Outreach Program Total (this number included in totals above)	24 / 1453
	Media/Promo Total (this number is <b>NOT</b> included in totals above)	0 / 0

### 3. LIBRARY EXHIBITS



**Robin Hackman**

**Bea Neal**

### 4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT: MEETINGS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Date	Department	Staff	Title
2/1/2017	Administration	Jocelyne	<a href="#"><u>MCPASD - Sheri Cyra</u></a>
2/2/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Mike, Mark, Abby, Julie, Eileen, Hans, Gurdip, Susan, Chuck	<a href="#"><u>Get Moving Middleton</u></a>
2/3/2017	Administration	Jocelyne	<a href="#"><u>Rob - Bartholemew</u></a>
2/6/2017	Administration	Jocelyne	<a href="#"><u>Reach a Child Partnership</u></a>
2/7/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Mike, Abby, Mark, Eileen, Julie	<a href="#"><u>City Planning Staff mtg.</u></a>
2/7/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Mike, Bill, City Finance Committee	<a href="#"><u>City Finance Committee</u></a>
2/7/2017	Administration	Jocelyne	<a href="#"><u>City Council mtg.</u></a>
2/13/2017	Administration	Rebecca	<a href="#"><u>90th Anniversary Promo Design</u></a>
2/14/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Mike, Mark, Julie	<a href="#"><u>City Planning Staff mtg.</u></a>
2/14/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Brendan, Barbara, Rebecca, Jim, Sarah	<a href="#"><u>CVMIC</u></a>
2/15/2017	Teens	Rebecca V.	<a href="#"><u>SLIS student interview</u></a>
2/16/2017	Adult Services	RL	<a href="#"><u>Meeting with Katherine Clark (MCF) regarding Adult Craft Programming</u></a>
2/16/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Amanda B.	<a href="#"><u>Student interview</u></a>
2/17/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Sally, Katie G.	<a href="#"><u>Social Media Committee</u></a>
2/17/2017	Administration	RL	<a href="#"><u>Meeting with Plumer Lovelace III, WLA Executive Director</u></a>

2/21/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Jim	<a href="#">Library Legislative Day</a>
2/21/2017	Administration	Jocelyne	<a href="#">City Council meeting</a>
2/23/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Rebecca L., Angela West Blank, Tom Linfield, Darcy	<a href="#">Madison Community Foundation</a>
2/23/2017	Administration	Jocelyne	<a href="#">MCPASD - Rainey Briggs</a>
2/27/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Deb. H., Rebecca L.	<a href="#">SCLS Consult - Building Improvements</a>
2/27/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Courtney	<a href="#">New BOT Orientation</a>
2/28/2017	Administration	Jocelyne, Mike, Abby, Mark, Julie	<a href="#">City Planning mtg.</a>

## 5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT



### **Community Relations:**

- In February I met several times with Administration from the MCPASD to discuss partnerships and ways we can build upon our existing efforts.
- Middleton was well represented at WI Lobby Day by Jim, Rebecca L., and myself. 1.5 million was the requested from the Joint Finance Committee to aid the 16 WI Library Systems in the areas of Broadband Access, Workforce Development, and Lifelong Learning.
- Helped City Administrator to present the 'State of the City Address' at Middleton Chamber of Commerce Get Moving Middleton breakfast that had a record number of 215+ attendees.
- Met with area non-profit, Reach-A-Child to discuss outreach support for summer activities.

### **Committee Updates:**

Development: The committee met this month and focused on long-term development planning for the library. Angela West Blank, Rebecca L. and I met with staff at Madison Community Foundation to discuss MCF's history of involvement in area libraries, as well as overview their strategies for managing fundraising campaigns and endowments. With this information, the recommendation to form a 501c3 Foundation has been made for approval from the Board – agenda item. This will allow for long-term financial growth/spending capacity in three distinct areas: Endowment - long term investment with annual disbursement, Friends – programming support and fundraising, Foundation – opportunities to collaborate with Friends on fundraising opportunities and positioning for capital campaign.

Building: Deb H. from SCLS provided furniture, paint, and fabric samples. The choices have been narrowed down and will be shared for staff feedback at Staff Development Day on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Personnel: I have shared my goals with library Management Team for feedback and they were well received with positive suggestions. I will be conducting a 360 review after Staff Development Day and meeting with City Administrator for a formal City review on 4/21.

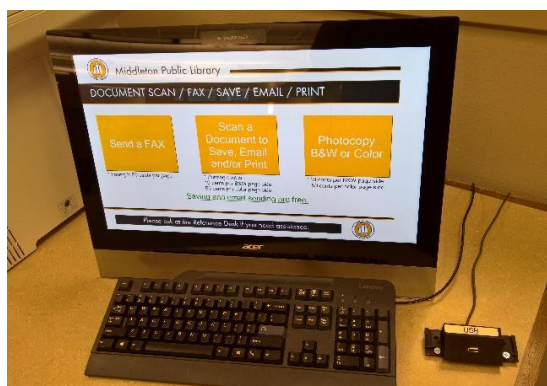
**Looking Ahead:** NLW, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party, Strategic Plan update, Staff Performance Appraisal annual process

**WI Comparative Statistics based on 2016 DPI Annual Report**

\*See separate Excel document: *DPI - 10% range of totals 2016--table comparisons*

**6. LIBRARIANS' REPORTS**

**Patrick Williams, Head of Information Technology**



A new public document scanner system was launched with in-house created software. The system can scan a stack of papers, then fax, print, save, or email them as PDFs or JPGs; using a large, easy to use touchscreen interface. This solution was developed, as we found patrons routinely using our old copier to scan and email documents. That interface was small and tedious, and the fax board was slow and could only take single one dollar bills. The new system ties into our MidPrint software so patrons can pay

for faxes or print jobs at our vending release station with cash or their vendcard. The system can run optical character recognition on the PDFs it produces to create text searchable PDFs from scans. Patrons can scan to a USB drive or email the document for free. The system was installed mid-month, and already scanned 600 pages!

**Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Youth Services**



Youth Services staff worked on finalizing summer reading this month. Our Teen Advisory Committee suggested a community scavenger hunt over the summer that includes clues, tokens, reward system and community organizations as the scavenger hunt stops.

Teen volunteers and Help Desk subs worked this month on sticker removal for our Opposing Viewpoint series, as they were moved downstairs, as well as a number of storytime and teen prep projects. Teen volunteers also helped enormously as we shifted shelves over to fill in the empty space where Norberta's tank had been, and moved the Parenting and Awards collections. Sally had been preparing for a Minute to Win It program in April, and learned some techniques for Power Point slides and flyers this month. Sally also valiantly volunteered to take charge of updating documents in our Help Desk binder. Betsy's storytimes continue to be very popular and we've had some nice comments from patrons about how their kids really retain things they've done in storytime and how they love Betsy's enthusiasm.

We had two large teen programs this month—the Meredith Russo author visit and the Teen Chopped cooking competition. Seeing both teens and adults connect and relate to Meredith, I felt honored that we had the opportunity to craft such an important event and bring it to such a large segment of the teen population. I've had a number of comments from students since then, who feel like the visit really opened dialogue and understanding on LGBTQIA issues and made a tremendous impact. For the cooking competition, we were very lucky to get a cooking instructor from Sur La Table to help with the judging—many thanks to Jocelyne as well for helping us with the judging!

This is the third year we've coordinated with the Junior League to gather dress donations for their All Dressed Up event, and we were happy to see such a good number of donations go to a good cause. We also met with SLIS students this month who will be doing a display in April.

Displays: Black History Month, Frozen, Fake News: how to tell what is real, Love in every genre

**Sarah Hartman, Head of Technical Services**



Our items added count for January was 1,374 items, which is very low for us. In fact, it's not much more than last February, when workflow was greatly impacted by problems with the roof. My colleagues need

to be ordering more new materials! That's not to say we weren't busy working on other projects, primarily re-cataloging and re-processing books for the new World Languages picture book theme and children's holiday collection, as well as resuming work on adding first names to adult fiction call numbers and spine labels. The latter project fell by the wayside a while back, and it's nice to be making progress again.

We have unfortunately learned we will be saying goodbye to TS Page II Jennie Vosen, who is leaving mid-March. Instead of rehiring for this position, we will be combining the two TS Page II positions into one, giving more hours to Jenny Hiorns. Hours had already been shifting in that direction. There are benefits and drawbacks, but I feel it will be a positive move for our department at this time. We will, of course, greatly miss Jennie and wish her the best in her future endeavors!

**Jim Ramsey, Head of Adult Services**



I spent a lot of time this month firming up plans for adult programming in the first half of the year and beyond. The next few months—March, April, and May—are packed with events. Some programming highlights from February:

Our first author event of the year was a huge success, as we welcomed historian Mark Speltz to discuss his new book, *North of Dixie: Civil Rights Photography Beyond the South*, published late last year by the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. Mark is a senior historian at American Girl.

On February 15th, we held one of the most memorable performances in a long time: Four Seasons Theater's "The Stories of Fiddler on the Roof." Of all the programs we've offered in the last several years, I don't think I've ever had as many people contact me afterwards to tell me how much they enjoyed the show. This is the third Four Seasons performance we've hosted in as many years; here's hoping they return for a fourth!

I spent a significant amount of time this month helping the Wisconsin Library Association prepare for their annual Library Legislative Day on February 21st. This is the first year I've participated, and it fell to me to contact the offices of all 132 state senators and representatives to schedule appointments with their constituents. It was a huge undertaking, but it went surprisingly quickly and in the end the day was a success. Almost 200 librarians from around the state converged on the Capitol building to talk to their legislators about the importance of libraries in Wisconsin.

We wrapped up our Adult Winter Reading Program at the end of this month. In all, we had over 170 people pick up reading logs and almost 100 return them to be eligible for our drawing. Each year, patrons tell me how much they enjoy the Winter Reading Program, and how Middleton is the only library in the area that offers this program.

**Brendan Faherty, Head of Circulation**



February 2017 saw solid circulation numbers across the board, and coupled with the unseasonably mild weather, brought a lot of traffic into the library. Our self-check numbers are down a little, percentage-wise, but still strong overall. I've been looking at those numbers with some historical context recently and noticed an interesting trend. As we know, physical circulation has been declining for the past few years, as more and more patrons get their library resources electronically or through other streaming services. Additionally, we can be fairly confident that in any given year, the summer months of June, July, and August will produce the highest circulation totals. What I found interesting is that the numbers of items checked out (primarily via self-check, though overall circulation follows the trend to a lesser extent) has actually been *decreasing* for those summer months at a higher rate than other months. So we're seeing a larger negative swing in circulation during the busy summer months than at any other time of year. Now the numbers from the summer months are in no danger of being overtaken by other times of year—they merely suggest that as far as promoting library materials and resources goes, we need to remember that our patrons are using the library and its resources throughout the year.

The CD Club has jumped to 39 members this month, and is still going strong. We are having some discussions about how to incorporate Spotify playlists into the library's social media, and I think the CD Club will be a natural place to help promote and grow that venture, as many of the members (including me) listen to music on Spotify on a daily basis.

Finally, I am working on a potential pilot program for the library that will allow patrons to register for a library card online through our website. The goal would be to provide faster and easier access to our online resources, while allowing new patrons to avoid filling out the paper form at the Circulation Desk, which can slow down the line. The SCLS Circulation Services Subcommittee has been discussing this very topic for the system as a whole, but that will take time, and probably some new development for Koha. My goal is to have a smaller-scale pilot set up logistically in time for the Summer Reading Program, so Youth Services librarians can promote it when they do their school visits in May. We still have several issues to figure out as far as workflow and patron ID verification, but I am confident those issues will be resolved in time for the (still busy) summer months.

**Amy Perry, Outreach and Children's Services Librarian**



For February, I made eleven outreach visits to MCPASD 4K classrooms and Early Childcare classes. Additionally, there were five afterschool visits to the YMCA Middleton sites and the Youth Center. The activities shared at each of these afterschool visits were really well received this month, especially the Valentine's Day craft at the Youth Center. There were also three book clubs held at Kromrey Middle School and three adult outreach visits to AFCH, Garden Expo, and Voss Haus. Thanks are due to Katie Ganser for coming to the Voss Haus site this month and for visiting them in March when I'm on vacation.

February highlights included a storytime visit to the Play & Learn program at Middleton's 4C location. Also, I have been training Tiffany Reichard at the Help Desk because she is completing a 40-hour practicum at MID.

Regarding collection development, we added a new World Languages theme to the picture book area and started to include more Chinese and Chinese/English bilingual books for the very young in this section. This was created as a result of having more ESL families visiting the library for storytime. I also moved the picture book, early readers, and board book titles in other languages (excluding Spanish) from the non-fiction section into this World Languages picture book theme so they are found more easily.

**Lori Bell, Children's Services Librarian**



For February, the two book displays in the Children's Area offered fiction, non-fiction, and picture books focusing on Black History Month. Both displays received a lot of positive attention, and it is always nice to bring out more non-fiction titles for browsing.

In addition to my regularly scheduled, I taught a Tech Class to a Brownie Troop who were trying to earn their Computer Expert Badges. The troop leader had contacted me directly, and we were able to coordinate our schedules and the meeting room availability. I supplemented the laptop lab from SCLS with several reference laptops so every girl had her own computer. The troop leaders were thrilled with the entire program, and I expect I'll be working with them on future badges.

In honor of National Dental Awareness Month, I invited a dentist and 2 assistants from Middleton's First Choice Dental to guest star at a Big Kids Storytime. They each read a book, gave out goody bags with character toothbrushes, and brought their mascot – a huge, huggable tooth! With the addition of some new, teeth-inspired songs, the Storytime was a big hit.

**Rebecca Light, Administrative Librarian**



Jocelyne and I are diving into preparations for the National Library Week, which begins April 9<sup>th</sup>. We are planning activities throughout the week to kick off the celebration of the library's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Look for a variety of artists, performers, and surprises throughout the week! We're also planning a full day of activities for Staff Development Day on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah Hartman and I hosted a popular Hand Stamping Workshop on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> as part of our adult craft series. We've developed a strong following for these events, and consistently receive happy comments from returning attendees. I met with Katherine Clark, a librarian from McFarland Public Library, who hopes to start similar adult craft programming at her library. After several years of developing these programs with Sarah, it was fun to share some words of wisdom about what we've learned.

**Jenny Carr, Acquisitions Librarian**



To stay on track with book and AV purchasing, we should have spent 16-17% of our budget by the end of February. We ended the month at 15.5% - not bad!

I filled 59 requests for interlibrary loan items in February. Along with this monthly figure, I gathered the following stats:

Amazon requests (purchased items rather than borrowed from another library) = 2

Non-requests (newer than 6 months, already in our system, entire magazine – can only request articles, etc.) = 7

Breakdown by format:

- Book – 44
- Music CD – 2
- DVD – 4
- BOCD – 2
- Microfilm – 2
- Photocopy – 5

Stats are great, but it is also helpful to see the human side of inter-library loan. For example, a local business owner requested a rare coin book and the only lender was the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles. They agreed to loan the book as long as it stayed in our library and we returned it via UPS or FedEx with insurance. After consulting the book, the local business owner was able to identify his coin. Yay for resource sharing!