



**October 2017 Report  
Presented at the November 14, 2017 Library Board Meeting**

**1. STATISTICS**

<b>Circulation:</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>YA</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>33,085</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>23,375</b>	<b>59,631</b>	<b>620,194</b>
2016	32,548	3,428	22,158	58,134	569,730*
2015	33,504	3,472	22,104	59,080	604,103

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

**Self-Service checkouts:**

	<b>Unit 1</b>	<b>Unit 2</b>	<b>Unit 3</b>	<b>Mobile</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of total</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>11,850</b>	<b>7,504</b>	<b>8,497</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>27,962</b>	<b>47%</b>
2016	12,326	5,782	8,182		26,290	45%
2015	10,386	8,247	8,730		27,363	46%

**Library cards issued:**

	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Juv.</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>205</b>
2016	94	95	8	0	197
2015	83	102	5	0	190

**System holds:**

	<b>Loaned to other LINK libraries</b>	<b>Borrowed from other LINK libraries</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>18,613</b>	<b>18,452</b>
2016	18,072	17,791
2015	19,455	18,621

**Miscellaneous:**

	<b>ILL</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Study rooms use</b>
<b>2017</b>		<b>32,101</b>	<b>655 Hours / 443 Bookings</b>
2016	59	33,352	653.5 Hours / 433 Bookings
2015	72	31,852	659.25 hours / 427 bookings

**Computer, printing and fax:**

	<b>PC sessions</b>	<b>PC hours</b>	<b>B/W prints</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>WiFi</b>	<b>Fax users</b>	<b>Fax pg</b>	<b>Days open</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>11,014</b>	<b>11,311</b>	<b>11,681</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>9,312</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>31</b>
2016	10,402	11,299	10,280	702	6,571	72	234	31
2015	10,717	11,466	8,070	883	5,088	52	141	31

## 2. LIBRARY PROGRAMS / TOURS / PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Date	Program	Attendance
10/1/2017	<b>Chess Club</b> : Demonstrator, Mike Nietman	11
10/2/2017	<b>little om BIG OM: Toddler Yoga</b> : Demonstrator, Jamie, Meghann	29
10/2/2017	<b>October CD of the Month Club</b> : Demonstrator, Brendan	41
10/2/2017	<b>Adulting 101: Financial Know-How</b> : Demonstrator, Nichole Monzon, Justin Manningel, Mike Farber	8
10/2/2017	<b>Time of Wonder Family Night</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	44
10/3/2017	<b>Big Kids Storytime - Fall</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	30
10/3/2017	<b>Big Kids Storytime - Fall</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	45
10/3/2017	<b>#TechTuesday</b> : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	13
10/3/2017	<b>Getting to Know Medicare</b> : Demonstrator, Jesse Grutz, The Retirement Classroom	40
10/3/2017	<b>Understanding Annuities</b> : Demonstrator, Jesse Grutz, The Retirement Classroom	14
10/4/2017	<b>Little Red Preschool Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	23
10/4/2017	<b>Little Kids Storytime - Fall Colors</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	27
10/4/2017	<b>Little Kids Storytime - Fall Colors</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	37
10/4/2017	<b>Dungeons and Dragons</b> : Demonstrator, Thomas Doxtater	6
10/4/2017	<b>Mac Basics Part I</b> : Demonstrator, Amand aBrzeszkiewicz	14
10/5/2017	<b>3DSwitch Club</b> : Demonstrator, Chris & Jill	12
10/5/2017	<b>Minecraft Club</b> : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	19
10/5/2017	<b>LC3: Erupting Volcanoes</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	27
10/5/2017	<b>Kids' Day @ Greenway Station Farmers' Market</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry, Lori Bell, Jocelyne Sansing, Brendan Faherty, Tiffani Roltgen, Jean Devore (volunteer)	500
10/5/2017	<b>Drop-In Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzszkiewicz	1
10/5/2017	<b>Drop-In Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amada Brzeszkiewicz	1
10/6/2017	<b>Baby Lapsit Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	30
10/6/2017	<b>Books &amp; Brownies: 13 Reasons Why</b> : Demonstrator, Rebecca V. with Joe Orovecz and Molly, UW Counseling Psych	1
10/9/2017	<b>Katie's Kids 2nd Grade Visit - Northside Elementary</b> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry & Lori Bell	132
10/9/2017	<b>Adulting 101: Job Skills</b> : Demonstrator, Marie Koko, UW-Madison's SuccessWorks	9
10/9/2017	<b>i9Sports: Soccer &amp; Basketball Clinic</b> : Demonstrator, Rachel, MJ	35
10/10/2017	<b>Library tour for German HS exchange students</b> : Demonstrator, Rebecca V.	25

10/10/2017	<b>Clubhouse for Kids 4k am class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	17
10/10/2017	<b>Storytime - Big Kids: Dinosaurs</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	43
10/10/2017	<b>Communication Innovations Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Bethany, Stella, Amanda	50
10/10/2017	<b>Clubhouse for Kids 4k pm class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	10
10/11/2017	<b>Little Kids Storytime - Dinosaurs</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	37
10/11/2017	<b>Little Kids Storytime - Dinosaurs</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	61
10/11/2017	<b>Northside ECC 8:45am class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	7
10/11/2017	<b>Northside ECC 12:45pm class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	10
10/11/2017	<b>Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	2
10/11/2017	<b>Techno Minutes</b> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	2
10/11/2017	<b>Tween Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> : Demonstrator, Travis Mueller	1
10/11/2017	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons for teens</b> : Demonstrator, Thomas Doxtater	6
10/12/2017	<b>Minecraft Club</b> : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	19
10/12/2017	<b>Tiny Tots Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	37
10/12/2017	<b>Tiny Tots Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	61
10/12/2017	<b>Adult Craft Event - Color Your Cares Away</b> : Demonstrator, Sarah H., Rebecca L., Erin Dedin (practicum student)	16
10/12/2017	<b>Youth Center</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	22
10/13/2017	<b>Baby Lapsit Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	15
10/13/2017	<b>Homeschool Group Tour</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	25
10/16/2017	<b>Teen Advisory Committee</b> : Demonstrator, Rebecca V. (with Jess, practicum student)	6
10/16/2017	<b>Katie's Kids 2nd Grade Visit - Elm Lawn Elementary</b> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry & Lori Bell	116
10/16/2017	<b>Tween Paint night: 2nd Group</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	21
10/17/2017	<b>Meriter Mommy Baby Hour</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	11
10/17/2017	<b>#TechTuesday</b> : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	10
10/17/2017	<b>Big Kids Storytime - Fire Safety</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	26
10/17/2017	<b>Big Kids Storytime - Fire Safety</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	48
10/18/2017	<b>Tween Dungeons &amp; Dragons</b> : Demonstrator, Travis Mueller	3
10/18/2017	<b>La Petite Gammon 4k class</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	13
10/18/2017	<b>Little Kids Storytime - Fire Safety</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	32
10/18/2017	<b>Little Kids Storytime - Fire Safety</b> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	30
10/18/2017	<b>Voss Haus</b> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	19
10/18/2017	<b>Dungeons &amp; Dragons for teens</b> : Demonstrator, Thomas Doxtater	6
10/18/2017	<b>Creative Writing Group</b> : Demonstrator, Kathy Steffen	12

10/19/2017	<a href="#">Film screening: "In Search of America" with Marc Kornblatt</a> : Demonstrator, Marc Kornblatt	58
10/19/2017	<a href="#">Sing, Sing a Storytime</a> : Demonstrator, Lori	25
10/19/2017	<a href="#">Drop-In Techno Minutes</a> : Demonstrator, Amada Brzeszkiewicz	1
10/19/2017	<a href="#">YMCA Sunset Ridge Elementary School</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	30
10/19/2017	<a href="#">Elm Lawn 4k AM class</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	17
10/19/2017	<a href="#">Elm Lawn 4k PM class</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	21
10/19/2017	<a href="#">Tiny Tots Storytime</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	40
10/19/2017	<a href="#">Tiny Tots Storytime</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	45
10/19/2017	<a href="#">Minecraft Club</a> : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	15
10/20/2017	<a href="#">Middleton Baby &amp; Childcare Center 4k class</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	18
10/21/2017	<a href="#">"Krafty" Kids: Happy Halloween</a> : Demonstrator, Lori	110
10/23/2017	<a href="#">Gio's Garden</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	11
10/23/2017	<a href="#">Books &amp; Cooks: Scared Silly</a> : Demonstrator, Lori	24
10/24/2017	<a href="#">Big Kids Storytime: Monsters</a> : Demonstrator, Lori	32
10/24/2017	<a href="#">Big Kids Storytime: Monsters</a> : Demonstrator, Lori	53
10/24/2017	<a href="#">Need 2 Read Book Club @ Kromrey Middle School (5th &amp; 6th graders)</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	11
10/24/2017	<a href="#">Mac Basics Part II</a> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	8
10/24/2017	<a href="#">YMCA Sunset Ridge Elementary School</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	16
10/25/2017	<a href="#">Little Kids Storytime - Halloween</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	50
10/25/2017	<a href="#">Little Kids Storytime - Halloween</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	31
10/25/2017	<a href="#">Full STEAM Ahead: Messy Color Science</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	30
10/25/2017	<a href="#">Baby Lapsit Storytime</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	27
10/25/2017	<a href="#">Need 2 Read Book Club @ Kromrey Middle School (7th &amp; 8th Graders)</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	10
10/25/2017	<a href="#">YMCA Sauk Trail Elementary</a> (Outreach) : Demonstrator, Amy Perry	26
10/25/2017	<a href="#">Tween Dungeons &amp; Dragons</a> : Demonstrator, Travis Mueller	2
10/25/2017	<a href="#">Dungeons &amp; Dragons for teens</a> : Demonstrator, Thomas Doxtater	6
10/26/2017	<a href="#">Tiny Tots Storytime</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	20
10/26/2017	<a href="#">Tiny Tots Storytime</a> : Demonstrator, Tiffani	30
10/26/2017	<a href="#">Minecraft Club</a> : Demonstrator, Brian Miles	13
10/26/2017	<a href="#">Pumpkin Party</a> : Demonstrator, Lori	110
10/26/2017	<a href="#">Drop-In Techno Minutes</a> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
10/26/2017	<a href="#">Drop-In Techno Minutes</a> : Demonstrator, Amanda Brzeszkiewicz	1
10/26/2017	<a href="#">Adult Book Discussion</a> : Demonstrator, Jenny Carr, Kelsey Hudson and 2 SLIS	30

	<i>students</i>	
10/27/2017	<b>Special Effect Makeup</b> : Demonstrator, Bridget, Nick (Lori)	13
10/27/2017	<b>DMBA Trick or Treat event</b> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry & Lori Bell	700
10/27/2017	<b>Baby Lapsit Storytime</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	32
10/28/2017	<b>Pakistani Cooking with Huma Siddiqui: Samosas!</b> : Demonstrator, Huma Siddiqui	29
10/30/2017	<b>Katie's Kids 2nd Grade Visit - Sauk Trail Elementary</b> : Demonstrator, Amy Perry & Lori Bell	72
10/30/2017	<b>Evening Storytime: Halloween</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	55
10/31/2017	<b>1000 Books before Kindergarten</b> (DIY) : Demonstrator, Staff	41
10/31/2017	<b>Big Kids Storytime: Halloween</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	32
10/31/2017	<b>Big Kids Storytime: Halloween</b> : Demonstrator, Lori	52
	<b>Number of Programs / Total Attendance</b>	
	Children's	67 / 2747
	Teens	14 / 143
	Adults/Friends/Other/All Ages	20 / 1001
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>101 / 3891</b>
	DIY/Passive Program Total (this number included in totals above)	1 / 41
	Outreach Program Total (this number included in totals above)	19 / 813
	Media/Promo Total (this number is <b>NOT</b> included in totals above)	1 / 25



### 3. PHOTOS



Top row (L-R): Books & Cooks – Scary Stories, Little Om Big Om, Kids’ Day at Greenway Station, Samosas with Huma Siddiqui  
 Second row: Kids’ Day at Greenway Station, Little Kids Storytime – Dinosaurs, Tween Paint Night, Lori at Greenway Kids’ Day  
 Third row: Halloween Trick or Treat, Little Kids Storytime – Halloween, Halloween Trick or Treat, Halloween Trick or Treat  
 Bottom row: Samosas with Huma Siddiqui, Tween Paint Night, Tween Paint Night, Samosas with Huma Siddiqui

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

Date	Department	Staff	Title
10/18/2017	Administration	RL, JAS, BF, Rob Seltzer	<a href="#">WLA Presentation: Leader of the Pack</a>
10/24/2017	Administration	RL, Mike Davis, Bill	<a href="#">Chicago Tour with Young Southeast Asian Leaders</a>

		Burns, Nune (YSEALI Fellow)	<a href="#"><u>Initiative (YSEALI) Fellow</u></a>
10/31/2017	Other/All	Jenny Carr	<a href="#"><u>ILL Subcommittee</u></a>

**5. DIRECTOR, Jocelyne Sansing**



**Trends and Stats**

Middleton continues to lend more items to other libraries than it borrows, thus demonstrating that we are not only adding high interest materials, but also a higher volume of materials comparatively (see S. Hartman’s report below). While national trends in circulation of print materials continues to slowly decline, Middleton is holding steady and YTD circulation is up by 50,464 items from 2016. Wifi sessions continue to skyrocket. This trend is indicative to the way the community is using the library with an increase in online services, program attendance, and study room space use. 443 bookings for the study rooms this month alone! Middleton and area residents continue to see the library as a place to gather, connect, work, and share.

**Training and Planning**

I continue to learn a lot about the City Departments in the weekly staff meetings, and this month I had the opportunity to attend a CVMIC training at the Middleton Police Station on Ethics. The City of Middleton has a robust Ethics Ordinance and it can be found in City Ordinances Chapter 2 (6). The training focused on understanding what and when is the ‘right thing’. As I get to know staff from the City Departments through opportunities like this, I am constantly looking for ways to identify, connect, and create common ground.

A lot of this months’ time was dedicated to planning and reviewing goals for 2018, and the joint Board retreat. So far, feedback from the retreat has been overwhelmingly positive. 2018 goals and options for updating the strategic plan will be presented at the December Library Board meeting. The 2018 budget hearing is set for 11/8 and scheduled for vote at a special meeting on 11/15.

**Community Involvement**

This month I was nominated as a Board Member for the Middleton Area Historical Society. While most of this work will be volunteer time, the mission of the Library and the MAHS are a natural fit and I look forward to working together. A micro-group through the Middleton Chamber of Commerce has also been formed, and I am participating in ‘Al Ripp’s Group’. This was initiated by Dan Loichinger, as envisioned by the late Al Ripp. The group’s purpose is to “*Strengthen Middleton’s non-profit sector and the impact of our services through collaboration, leadership, recourse sharing, and advocacy.*” All MCC

non-profits are welcome to attend. We will continue to meet every other month at the MCC in 2018. So far attendees included: Reach-A-Child, Tri4Kids, St. Vincent de Paul, MOM, Alzheimer's Association of SC WI, Rotary Club, among others.

## 6. LIBRARIANS' REPORTS

### Patrick Williams, Head of Information Technology



A few minor debugs and tweaks were performed on the new self-checkout unit. Overall, it functioned very well with few issues and we had positive comments from patrons about it. Some refurbished hardware was acquired to start creating more units to replace our other two aging self-checks.

An Outreach landing page was created for our library outreach program. Work also began on a library support page, to tie together methods of donations and means to support the library.

A new patron-use laptop was configured to let patrons install plugins and apps, or run apps from CD or flash drive. The laptop is isolated from our main network, and also clears changes on a reboot. We do get patrons needing special software to view medical photos or other secured documents. We did have a laptop a while ago, which was set up to do this too, but it was extremely slow. This new unit is as fast as our other stations, and can also print to our public printing station.

### Rebecca Van Dan, Head of Young Adult Services



In October, we had some great collaborations with area businesses and educators for our Adulting 101 and 13 Reasons Why book discussion. We also coordinated with the High School to give a tour to visiting high school German students and set up a few more tours for English classes in November. Thanks to Brendan for helping us out with desk coverage! Thanks also to Lori Bell and Amy Perry who supervised our practicum student and the teen Monster Make-up program while I was on vacation. (In a side note, the Doxtater family wins the Most Valuable Library supporters this month, as Thomas ran our D&D programs, Bridget ran the Monster Make-up event, and their daughter presented in our MakerFaire!)



I greatly appreciated the opportunity to attend WLA this year and heard some very inspiring speakers! I'm looking forward to implementing many of the ideas discussed and sharing them with the rest of the Youth Services team.

Displays: Don't Read These After Dark, Halloween How-To

**Sarah Hartman, Head of Technical Services**



We had a big month in Tech Services, with 1,910 items added, our highest number for 2017 so far. I expect this higher rate of workflow to continue as we place our last few orders of the year. We don't have any big re-cataloging projects going on right now, so we're able to focus our attention on new materials.

I also spent time with Rebecca L. and our practicum student Erin working on craft programming for adults, which is always a pleasant change of pace from my usual computer work. We hosted our popular "Color Your Cares Away" at the beginning of the month, next month Erin will do her "My Scrappy Little Cookbook" class, and we'll wrap up the year by bringing back our "Intro to Needle Felting Workshop."

I enjoyed attending the Board meeting this month! It was really nice to meet everyone and discuss our collection-related philosophies, policies, and procedures.

**Jim Ramsey, Head of Adult Services**



This month was a short one for me for a very good reason: On Saturday, September 30th, my wife and I welcomed our second daughter, Clara Mary Ramsey, so I was on leave until Monday, October 16th. Mother and baby are doing well and our four-year-old, Charlotte, is a very proud big sister.

I intentionally scheduled fewer programs this month because I knew I would be out of the library for the first half of the month. Even so, we managed to fit in a film screening, a cooking class, a pair of technology classes, a craft event, and a book discussion. I also spent some time during the second half of the month firming up plans for early-2018 programming and putting together a class on the new

Libby app that I'll be teaching in January while Amanda Brzeszkiewicz, our Library Assistant in charge of technology instruction, is on maternity leave.

Kelsey Hudson, one of our Library Assistants in Adult Services, has started assisting Jenny Carr with her monthly book discussions on Thursday mornings. As I've noted in past reports, these discussions have grown to the point where they're starting to become unwieldy and impede discussion – a good growth problem to have. This month, almost three dozen people attended the discussion on *Hillbilly Elegy*. So far, the participants have resisted dividing the group in two, and there simply aren't enough hours in Kelsey's current 24 hour work week to offer a second session. In some ways, it's a nice problem to have; the engagement and enthusiasm of our patrons is a testament to Jenny's great work with the group over the last several years.

Our practicum student, Erin Dedin, has been preparing to teach a craft event for adults on cookbook scrapbooking, an interesting twist on a familiar craft which will serve as a capstone of sorts to her semester-long practicum here at the library. In addition to working the reference desk two shifts each week, she has also attended a meeting of the "Let's Talk About Texts" book group that Rebecca and I lead, and she'll be assisting Jenny in November with her Thursday morning book discussion.

#### **Brendan Faherty, Head of Circulation**



October was another busy month for Circulation at the library. Circulation in general was up, compared to October of 2016, and we had a banner month on the self-check machines, accounting for 60.3% of all in-house checkouts, a high mark for the year. Patrick introduced his prototype self-check machine at the end of September, and it has paid immediate dividends with improved form and function. Located on the corner of the main Circulation Desk, his self-check machine generated the highest session and circulation totals for that location since October of 2015, when the 3<sup>rd</sup> self-check machine was still located right next to it. Over 7,500 items were checked out during 2,268 session on that particular machine in October—a 28% increase over October 2016.

Page I Alexis Anderson has taken a leave to welcome her new baby and Circulation staff are all looking forward to meeting the new little one. Meanwhile, other staff members are willingly taking on extra shifts until Alexis returns.

The system-wide ILS (Integrated Library System = circulation system that is connected to Linkcat/catalog) Evaluation continues, as we are now finished with the ILS demos and beginning the

arduous process of full-scale evaluation. While there is no clear winner, or 'right choice,' all of the systems being evaluated offer plenty of functionality. It is simply a matter of determining which software will be the best fit for our large, multi-size and –type library system.

New shelving has been ordered and is expected sometime in January for a number of collections throughout the main level of the library. In preparation, circulation staff will be assisting Collection selectors with evaluating and potentially weeding materials as we shift collections to make space for the new shelving units.

Finally, the CD of the Month Club is still going strong. When I started it in April of 2014, I did not really envision it continuing or growing to the extent that it has. I am thankful for all the patrons who continue to participate and provide positive feedback for such a long-running program. As a measure of the program's success, by the end of this year, I will have provided 1,310 personalized CD selections for participating patrons – an excellent example of library expertise and custom-curated content. Sign up here <http://www.midlibrary.org/cdclub>.

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



Highlights for October include our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual participation in Greenway Stations Farmers' Market Kids Day Event. We saw over 500 people throughout this event who either stopped by to decorate a free gourd & receive a free cookie, play with lots of outdoor toys and activities, participate in Lori Bell's Laura Numeroff themed storytime, then work on a craft after storytime. Rebecca Light was there as our Library Princess and she's always a hit! We also brought over a hundred fall, Halloween, and princess themed books many of which were checked out on site! It was great having Jocelyne, Brendan, Lori, Tiffani, Rebecca, and volunteer Jean DeVore there to help make this event a success for the library. Our Greenway partners also seemed very happy about this year's event so hopefully this will translate to more partnership opportunities in 2018!

October also saw the culmination of the Katie's Kids funded 2<sup>nd</sup> grader library field trips. We had 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from three elementary schools (Elm Lawn, Northside, Sauk Trail) visit this month and 128 new library cards were issued (thanks Brendan!) for students in these three schools alone! 41 out of the 63 students who visited from Sauk Trail received their first library card.

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



This month I presented at the WLA Annual Conference held in Wisconsin Dells entitled, “Sing, Sing a Storytime: Integrating Music into your Storytimes.” This was my first time presenting, and I had a blast! Thank you to the library for funding my participation. The audience had great questions and seemed very engaged the entire time.

For the first time in recent memory, I had full attendance at one of my ‘Tween events. 21 ‘twens registered for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Paint Night - squeezed into the schedule to accommodate the huge waiting list from the September event. All 21 showed up – on time and ready to paint! The kids had a great time, and the parents really appreciated that I offered another class so their kids could participate as well.

Halloween activities dominated the last half of the month. Patron participation at every event exceeded our most optimistic estimates. My “Pumpkin Party” and “Krafty” Kids events each attracted well over 100 participants, and the DMBA Annual Trick-or-Treat event lured over 700 people through our doors. Our “photo booth” proved to a very popular attraction. As always, please take a look at the photo gallery and event evaluations for more information on all of the events we offered this month.

**Rebecca Light, Administrative Librarian**



I had the opportunity to present at the Wisconsin Library Association’s annual conference with Jocelyne, Brendan, and Rob about our director transition and hiring process. We had an attentive crowd, and I felt the whole process, both in planning and presenting, was a rewarding way to reflect on a long and successful experience. I was glad to be able to share some of our tips and resources with others, and reflecting on all of this made me realize how much I learned in the process.

Sarah and I hosted an adult coloring event and continued to help our practicum student Erin prepare for her scrapbooking event on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Jocelyne and I also spent time this month preparing for the library boards retreat on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everyone who participated in this successful day! I’m forever amazed and inspired by the dedication of our board members.