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Facilities

There have been no major issues (just the issue of the blown fuse). Our early literacy station has been installed, and little patrons love it. We had our laptop bar installed, and it really opened up the library. The Holds were moved adjacent the self-checkout machine, and there's more space there now because the new Holds shelf is skinner than the cabinet was. The only item we got rid of was the old Holds shelf. We plan on surplus the bookshelf tower that is in the children's area, and a small shelf next to the literacy station, and the breakdown shelf behind the circ desk, and possibly one display board.

Meeting Room usage

9 different groups used our meeting room for a total of 44 hours. The total number of people attending those meetings was 305. We had 9 library programs in December. 137 kids and 94 adults attended for a total of 231. The big non-library sponsored event, which took place on December 2nd, was the Tree Lighting, put on by the MCA. It was hard to get an accurate count, with it being dark outside and all, and with so many people coming and going in and out of the meeting room to get snacks or see the tree, but I believe it was close to 50. Children from one of the nearby schools sang carols while moms and dads took pictures and videos. Everyone had hot chocolate and cookies, and left with good cheer.

Services/Programs

Lego club continues to be a great success. Around the Holidays the children built Lego trains. Each child made a train car and connected it to other train cars, and then we connected those to a few battery powered Lego engines that chugged their cars around a track. Another volunteer and I were on hand to run the cars and help each child hook up their train car to other cars and then to the engine. Deidre was on hand to take pictures. We also took some cool video clips of the train running.

Thanks to Cassie's Lego fund, we were able to buy enough specialty parts, such as wheels and hitches, to build the trains. When Heidi wrote the Holtzman family to thank them for their generosity, they replied:

"Thank you for keeping Cassidy and Carly a part of future Lego & Lego Girls clubs. That is so sweet and means so much to us. I have bracelets for the Lego girls if they would like them and also for each of you... We miss her so much and are so devastated, but this really does ease the pain and helps us to smile thinking about the Lego clubs and having all the great pictures. Thank you so much for everything. The cards were wonderful and will stay with her and us forever. We are making her a facebook page for people to share memories and for those who find the inspiration notes to share about them. Plus we are moving back to PA soon and want to stay connected with this wonderful second home."

Lots of love and many thanks, Rachel.

Also at Lego Club, a little girl named Dannon Oliver presented a decorated cardboard donation box to the library. Dannon is probably six years old and is a regular Lego Club attendee. It was her own idea to decorate a donation box and ask her school friends and neighbors for donations for the library. She collected \$17.10!

On the adult side of things we had our annual Bookworms book discussion group year-end party. 12 people brought dishes to pass, and in January we discussed *Madonnas of Leningrad*, and will be discussing *Sea of Poppies* February 19 at 7pm.

Upcoming Programs of note: MCAC meeting to discuss proposed new sewer lines in Manchester on February 5th @ 6:30-8; Computer Tutor Feb 25 @ 6pm; e-book reader 101 Feb 28 @ 3:30pm; Tea & Mystery NW mystery author Feb 22 @ 3pm.

Other

I've inventoried (checked in) every single adult fiction book and weeded appropriately. We've moved the Adult new releases to a better location, and will be doing more shifting over the next two to three weeks. We've moved the adult DVDs away from where they were to the other side of the shelf, alongside the adult fiction. That way we'll be able to move some more of the children's books around, which we're now doing.

*Jill Jean is coming to February 27 Mtg (maybe with Jaime Forsyth)

*Shannon Peterson (YALSA President-elect, 2012-2013; Youth Services Manager/Teen Services Librarian Kitsap Regional Library) and Jaime Forsyth (executive director of KRL Foundation) coming to March 27 @ 7 pm Mtg