



Kitsap Regional Library

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Staff

The Youth Services Librarian II position closed on January 10th. Six qualified applicants applied. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

To clarify what happened during the last set of interviews: we found (and offered the job to) a very suitable candidate in December. After accepting, but before actually starting, the candidate informed us of a competing opportunity closer to home. Sadly, after that, she removed her name from consideration. She was sorry, of course, for accepting then declining, but we wished her well.

Meeting Room usage

Nine different groups used our meeting room in December for a total of 29 hours. The total number of people attending those meetings was 201. We had 11 library programs in December. 82 kids and 58 adults attended for a total of 140. The total number of people passing through Manchester's doors in December was 2504.

Services/Programs

We had 9 children's programs in December. At the last story time, the kids really enjoyed *Mustache Baby*, a hilarious story about a baby born with a mustache, and *Gregory the Terrible Eater*, a funny story of a young goat who worries his parents over his insane eating habits – instead of eating scrumptious morsels such as dirty sock, tin cans, and old tires, Gregory only wants yucky vegetables!

The annual tree lighting, put on by the MCA, took place on December 1st. The weather was nice, cocoa and snacks were abundant, and the tree looked wonderful.

Our book discussion group met to have our year end party – a pot luck. Bellies were full as we passed out January's book, *The Gentleman from Finland: Adventures on the Trans-Siberian Express*, by our very own Robert Goldstein.

One-on-one computer and e-reader classes are still popular. Zak sits down with a handful of people each month to help guide them through their difficulties. If anyone has any technological needs or questions, let Zak know!

Other Issues

New Magazine shelving is in. We still need to remove the library's old shelving that is against the FOML shelving. What would we like to do with the FOML shelving? Is the plan still to trim the top half?