

DATE: December 2, 2015
TO: Manchester Friends of the Library
FROM: Susan Lavin, Branch Manager, Manchester
RE: November Monthly Report

Facilities: We survived the big windstorms that happened twice this month. During the first one on Tuesday, November 17, we closed at 3:pm, after the power went out definitively for about an hour. We all drove home carefully as the trees and power lines were strewn all about throughout the area. Electricity in our building came back up the next morning, although some of our neighbors were not as fortunate. The next storm that blew through did not cause our power to stay out. It flickered often and did go out, but just for about ten minutes before coming back up. This was a good heads up for all of us to review our disaster plans and emergency supplies.

Meeting Room: Our meeting room was full of activity in November. We had seven organizations reserve the room for a total of fifteen events. The Library used the room also for fifteen events.

Outreach: Serena visited the South Colby Cooperative Preschool on three different days, reaching four different groups for a total of sixty-nine children.

Susan attended the South Kitsap Kiwanis meetings on November 13 and 20. It was my pleasure to enjoy the Winetasting fundraiser on November 15 along with many of you!

Programs/Services: Our crochet instructor, Kristin, finished up the fall series of classes on November 3. She will be starting up a new three month series in December, with the target project of a cowl scarf similar to the one that is on display on the wall next to holds. She is an excellent teacher and we have had glowing reports from those that have taken her classes.

Serena presented two special programs for youth this month along with her storytimes and Legos. We had Jeff Evans who did an amazing presentation involving science and "magic." Forty-five people were oohed and awed by his experiments on November 4. We had the entertaining mother and daughter duo of Puppets Please on November 14. The marionettes that they brought were almost real in their movements and told great stories to the thirty people that attended.

Our Bookworms read Deep Down Dark, the story of the Chilean mine disaster and how the miners lived to tell their tale. Their miraculous recovery is the subject of a newly released movie called *30*, now showing in a theatre near you. We understand that the movie did a realistic portrayal of the miners' story.

Staff: Susan and Ruth were students at the First Aid training on November 2 at Sylvan Way. Susan attended the Supervisors/Managers meeting on November 5 and also the Public Services Division retreat on November 6 at the United Way facility in Bremerton.

Ruth represented us at the Frontliners' meeting on November 19 at Port Orchard Branch. Serena attended the Youth Services retreat on November 19 in Bainbridge. Everyone was impacted by a tragic accident in Gorst that morning.

Susan and Betsy had refresh training in Intellectual Freedom practices on Friday, November 20.