

**Library Monthly Report to City
March Report for April Meeting
2015**

Adult Services: We are now displaying titles from our Book Club Kits on the top of shelving near the information desk. It may make it easier for people to pick a book for their book club when they can easily see the titles. Judy Winistorfer, Reference Librarian, has met once and will continue to meet with staff from the Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha Public Libraries to share and agree on cataloging procedures for new material.

Children's Services: All three of our special events in March (Movie, Lego Club, Babble & Brew) drew crowds of at least 50 people! We received approval for a small grant to allow us to bring an 8-week session of Play & Learn to the library which started April 1st and already has our young families excited since they've attended the program at other libraries in the area. We have 214 children signed up for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and one has already completed the program (which started in January!).

Young Adult Services: March programming included a very popular Anime Club, as well as some special programming for Teen Tech Week (March 8-14, but we celebrated the following week, as Marion schools were on spring break). On Monday, we held a class to teach teens how to program with a computer language called Scratch. We also showed two movies that week: Big Hero 6 and Mockingjay: Part 1, and held a game day on Wednesday. March's book displays were Mysteries and "Clean Reads"—Young Adult books without sex or swearing. All past suggested reading lists can be found on marionpubliclibrary.org/teenreads.

Circulation Services: Circulation Services Coordinator Jill Law and Library Assistant Nancy Easley have begun meeting with staff from the Cedar Rapids and Hiawatha Public Libraries to coordinate and update circulation procedures for the Metro Library Network.

Library Programming: During March we collaborated with the Hiawatha Public Library, the African American Museum of Iowa, and the Granger House Museum & Cultural Center on a 4-week series focusing on the Civil War: From the Boudoir to the Battlefield. Each program was hosted at one of the four institutions. (A sad note, our first program, Civil War music performed by Bob Welch and set to take place at the AAMI, was cancelled after Mr. Welch suffered a massive heart attack enroute; he did not survive.) We are attracting a good core group to our monthly Movie Monday event. The Marion Repurpose Club and the Women Learn Power Tools programs were both "sold out" in March; we're happy to partner with Habitat for Humanity on these programs.

Building/Facilities Update: TMI called to inspect condenser coils and made adjustments to restore indoor air temperature appropriate to winter conditions. If warm weather holds we'll shut down the heat pumps in April. No significant problems discovered. Billed service: Temporary repair on outdoor air damper in AHU#2; adjustment to linkage and operators checked.

South door automatic opener failed. Rogers Automatic door contacted for inspection. Controller unit has failed; motor shows higher than expected resistance. Technician recommendation is to replace the entire opener unit based on expectation that replacement of controller only will be a substantial cost and may fail again if motor resistance is the source of the problem. I've asked for quotes for both parts replacement and entire unit replacement options.

Technology Update: We have been working with Patrick at the Cedar Rapids Public Library to implement an automated update system for the public internet computers. We have also replaced Firefox as the default browser with Chrome, which should simplify updates and solve some of the printing issues patrons have experienced with PDF documents. The old LIBSERV DNS server was decommissioned on March 31, which caused some staff computers to be unable to connect to internal network drives, email, and printing. Marco, the city's managed IT company, changed the DHCP on our switch to default to another server IP, solving the problem.

Personnel: No personnel updates.

Metro Library Network Update: Programming this month surrounded the Linn Area Reads 2015 selection *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, by Ken Kesey, and included a mental health panel (approx. 40 people attended), moderated book discussion (10 people attended), and a screening of the movie *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (approx.. 40 people attended). As mentioned above, there are MLN committees with members from each library working on metro-wide cataloging and circulation policies.

Out Loud! Update: Authors for 2015 were announced on March 29 and include Maureen Corrigan, Rainbow Rowell, and Piper Kerman. Details are now available at the series webpage, <http://metrolibrarynetwork.org/outloud>. In addition to the author programs, we are featuring a contest to select people who would like to introduce each program; and Friends from CRPL and MPL will host a Meet and Greet reception with Corrigan prior to her program.