

Library Board Report
January 10, 2022
Children's Department, Idaho Falls Public Library

The Children's department just received a new shipment of Valentine's picture books in time for Valentine's day.

New Displays - Children's staff have put out new displays for January, that will rotate on a monthly basis.

Children's Programs

In the Children's library this month, we have been enjoying having regular story times and Kinderprep classes again.

Kinderprep - Week 9 of the fall session of KinderPrep had 16 people attend. The class worked on the letters Y and Z. The class reviewed beginning sounds, rhyming, and early writing activities.

Our Kinderprep class will begin next Wednesday, January 19th. We have 11 families signed up to attend. We are considering having a summer session to allow other families to participate.

1,000 Books before Kindergarten - We had 5 more children complete reading 1,000 books.

Early Literacy Challenge - A new early literacy challenge is available for patrons. This is a calendar with different activities to do each day. It encourages parents to read, talk, sing, write, and play with their children.

Story times - This month we had story times about:

Elephants - 29 attendees people
Music - 39 attendees
Happy Holidays - 32 attendees
Find the Letter F - 56 attendees
Hear the Letter H - 53 attendees

Snow - 36 attendees
Snowmen - 39 attendees
Explore the letter E - 70 attendees
Grasp the Letter G - 53 attendees

Children's Non-fiction Evaluation of Materials - LaDawn is evaluating non-fiction materials for the 929-969 section: 141 items are being reviewed. She also worked through the 921 Kenned to 921 Zuckerberg section: 73 items are being considered for relevance.

Book Lists for Extreme Book Nerd for Kids 2022 - Barbara completed 2 of the booklists for EBNK, one on blue covers and one on authors with less than 5 letters in their last name.

Iona Library - Blackout Bingo, an interactive program for children ages 2 through 12, had 61 participants.

Recommend a Book Tree Ornament - Mishelle Stabler created another interactive program for patrons to write their favorite book on an ornament and then put the ornament on a tree in the library.

116 junior books ordered for the Iona Library.

Follow-up on the Overcrowded Children's CDB shelves.

Evaluated the junior CDBs to see if any haven't checked out in the last few years. In the last 3 years, only 4 CDBs have not checked out. In the last 5 years, only 8 have not checked out. To

give more space, another book shelf was added to the brick wall at the end of the CDBs. This allowed a small amount of space on each shelf.

Storage Books Project - Barbara Tew and Aleisha Stout have reviewed 40 fiction books in storage. LaDawn will evaluate easy reader items.

Books are being reviewed and damaged books are being replaced. Older books that are no longer in print are being reviewed based on their condition and core collection recommendations. The goal is to have storage items show on the processing side of Horizon. A secondary goal is to evaluate what can be returned to the shelf and what copies ought to be stored for additional future use.

Professional Development and Training

LaDawn Fiacco has started her capstone course at Valdosta State University. She will graduate in the Spring of 2022.

Aleisha Stout began “Leadership, Marketing and Strategic Communication” this week through Dominican University. She is on target to graduate in December, 2024. During December she completed “Burnout and Stress Training,” “Unattended Children: How to talk to Parents about their Children’s Behavior,” and Body Odor: How to talk about Odor Without Awkwardness” from the Ryan Dowd Homeless Library trainings.

Mishelle Stabler completed two workforce training workshops from Webjunction: How Successful Libraries Thrive in Uncertain Times, and Encouraging Early Literacy.

Lindsey Boulter completed the Idaho Commission for Libraries courses: Addressing Secondary Trauma, Stress, Compassion, Fatigue, and Burnout; and Cultivating Readers through Inclusion and Connection in the Library, and Picture Book Parade Webinar offered by the ALA and Booklist.