

Librarian's Report  
December 2023

**Programming:**

**Kids:**

- ✦ November was a very busy month for the children's department. We finished up the fall session of story times and music.
- ✦ We had a very fun interactive movie night featuring Encanto.
- ✦ Our STEAM night this month featured engineering with looking at bridges. And several different design types.
- ✦ The tween book club is going so well that we will be having two sessions per month starting in December.
- ✦ We hosted our 1,000 books before kindergarten "graduation" party.
- ✦ Katherine read to 180 third graders from Hillcrest and Dakota Prairie as part of their tour of the city.

**Teens:**

- ✧ Jenny has started a Teen Advisory Board. The founding members got together this weekend and decorated the YA area. Bylaws and requirements will be written at the next meeting on December 19.
- ✧ Roll for Sandwich went well and all had fun!
- ✧ Cookie decorating, Teens and Tabletop and ugly sweater ornament making are the last few programs for this month.

**Adults:**

- We've started a biweekly read-aloud book club with Advance and have had around 20 attendees at the first 2 meetings.
- The VisABILITY craft/game days are going great. We had 26 people attend the last craft and actually ran out of supplies!
- The Native American Heritage Month Event Series brought in 51 attendees total.
- Mikaela and Nancy had a wintery craft available in the Library's entryway from 5-7pm on December 1 as part of the Festival of Lights – roughly 103 people stopped in to participate!
- Coming up we have our Cookie Crawl baking competition/taste testing on December 18 from 6:30-7:30pm.
- The Adult Winter Reading Challenge will start January 8 and will run for a month!
- Nancy is wrapping up the PLA/AT&T Digital Literacy Grant with additional phone sessions at the Activity Center on 12/19. The final report will be due early January. The \$6000 grant was spent on iPads, cases, Apple pencils, and software that we can continue to use for programming.

- Nancy and Mikaela are continuing to work through the Engaging Beyond Our Walls grant we got with Downtown Brookings to develop a downtown historic tour via text message. It's been a great partnership with Downtown and we're excited to roll it out in the future.
- Maker Lab programming continues to be popular, and Nancy is starting to plan programs for early 2024.

**Other:**

- Staff from Madison Public Library visited on 12/1 to check out our Maker Lab, Katherine's genrefying project, and the library in general.
- Katherine and Nancy (and Kristen) held a Glowforge gingerbread man craft class for 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders – we've gotten requests to do Glowforge programs for kids, so this is a great start!