

Library Staff Report

February 2012

ADMINISTRATION

February was the month for celebrations. The week-long Grand Re-opening celebration was an exciting conclusion to the construction project. The Friends' donor party on 2/17 was attended by over 250 and the gate count for the ribbon cutting day Saturday was over 4000. Even counting those of us who went through the gates more than once, we certainly had over 2500 people visit their new library. The magic show and bedtime storytime presented by Read Aloud Loveland had capacity crowds and most other programs were very well attended. The musicians and audience members were pleased with the concert in the Galleria that concluded the week. It has been suggested that we present library concerts more often. There are too many highlights to mention but it was special that retired Library Director Elaine Puls was able to come from Pueblo.

Many people from the Friends, library staff, City and Dohn Construction were busy with final preparations for the opening. Only a few items remain on the "punch list" for Dohn and Facilities to complete.

The conclusion of the construction also signaled the arrival of Library Director Ted Schmidt's retirement which becomes official on March 2. Marcia Lewis began attending City Management Team meetings and is preparing for her new role as director. She did host her last meeting with the Front Range Associate Directors.

The Friends of the Library's SweetNight for the Library was held at the Chilson Senior Center with 180 attending the 10th annual event.

Staff continue to work on policies, procedures and safety in the new spaces.

ADULT SERVICES

We were finally able to have the adult nonfiction books (more than 42,000 of them!) moved off of the temporary moving carts in storage and onto the shelves in the public area. The newspapers and periodicals have found a home near the new fireplace, and we are receiving many compliments on the remodeled adult area of the library. Two training sessions for the Larimer County Genealogical Society were held and they provided volunteers during the grand opening to answer genealogy questions. They will continue to have volunteers here Thursday afternoons to assist patrons with their genealogy research. The adult book group read the book, *Smilla's Sense of Snow*, by Peter Hoeg; 32 people attended the three sessions. The InterLibrary Loan librarians processed 501 requests, borrowing 378 items from other libraries out of 461 requests and loaning 8 items out of 40 requests. A display was created for Black History Month. We proctored three exams and worked with 2 student volunteers who put in 17 hours of work.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Service Provided	Sessions	Usage
Toddler/Preschool Storytime	30	1197 attended
Lap Babies Storytime	24	1298 attended
Raise-A-Reader/Outreach	6/5	69/122 attended
Programs	10	602 attended
Tours	0	0 attended
AWE Computers	1976	843 hours
TumbleBooks	1722	
Mt. Meeker Study Room	10	10 hours

Lapsits and storytimes saw some big numbers this month – there were twelve sessions with attendance numbers in the 60s and Lolly had one session with 75 attendees. This is kind of crazy – a good crazy, though!

The Children's Department was the scene of a video taping of the Boo Show – a local production for children. Special thanks to Kris, Jess and Val for helping facilitate and even appear in the video. We are going to make Miss Kris famous yet!

It was another full month of programs for the older kids and families. The Tuesday sessions of Waggin' Tales brought in 21 and the Wednesday sessions had 18 attendees. The morning session of Brickmasters had 51 builders and the afternoon session had 53. Knitting Club had 9 participants. Of course all the programs connected with the Grand Reopening (Ann Lincoln Magic, Face Painting & Balloons with Mr. Robert, Bedtime Stories and Storytelling with Katy Little) were popular as well. A big thank you to all the staff that helped out with these!

The department looked fabulous with artwork provided by New Visions and Madison Early Childhood. We also got the puppet theater out on the floor for kids to use and the whole interactive area is a hopping place between programs.

An area of concern that we are working around for now, are the new paperback spinners. We've had two units actually come apart and we are looking forward to some resolution (be it fixing the spinners or replacement) in the very new future. Thanks to Jessica and the staff who found new spaces to house those paperbacks while we await the fate of those testy spinners.

Planning continued for Parenting Classes, Spring Break activities, Battle of the Books, Elementary school visits, hosting of a regional meeting of outreach librarians, Children's Day and SRP.

Again, a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to pull off a very successful Grand Reopening event!

CIRCULATION

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MEDIA

Education and Life Training Center

The Friends of the Loveland Public Library has secured Education and Life Training Center (ELTC) out of Fort Collins to offer 3 courses a week on topics including; Basic PC Skills, Internet, Email, and Microsoft Word in Loveland Public Library's new 15 station classroom. We are excited to provide this much needed and sought after service for our community and hope it is only the beginning to a long lasting relationship with ELTC. All courses are free to the general public. Those wishing to register may find more information on the Library's web page, www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Category	This Month	Last Month	This Mo. Last Yr	YTD
Items ordered	977	421	914	1398
Items cataloged	1852	2056	1327	3908
Items mended	260	312	297	572
Items discarded	450	317	668	767
Items released	1094	1237	1121	2331

Tech Services staff members were heavily involved with the Grand Re-opening and tours of the library. The City implemented a new accounting system in November which we are still learning how to use this effectively. Most of the 2011 invoices were finally processed this month. Laura Johnson is using a City credit card for more purchases which is simplifying the process.

TEENSEEN

February proved to be a busy month here at the Loveland Public Library. There were 13 programs held for teens this month with over 200 teens in attendance – WOW! Michelle is continuing to see growth in her writer's workshop. The name for this program was officially changed to The Ripped Pages. In February, the teens spent time reading and discussing each other's works and providing feedback on those pieces. The teens seemed to really enjoy making the Pop Top Bracelets. One of our regulars returned with a Pop Top Belt that he had made with some of our program extras. We're gearing up for the release of Hunger Games Movie in March. APPLE (Adolescent Patron Producers of the Library Experience) members are planning a program that coincides with the release of the movie. It should be very successful. The teens are excited about hosting this event!

We're busy planning for the 2012 Summer Reading Program. Michelle and I have been contacting local businesses to see if they are willing to donate prizes for this summer's program. This will be Michelle's first SRP and she is already planning several fun programs that go along with this summer's theme: Own the Night. She is also designing a constellation themed reading log for the teens to use this summer.

Several members of APPLE and I will be presenting at a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) on March 7. We're still planning on doing one collaborative program with YAC in 2012. We've also partnered up with Jolie to hold a Job Accelerator Database Program on March 3, 2012. This program will provide teens with a lot of great information as they begin searching for jobs.

Programs (13 held)	224 teens participated in programming
iPad Use	Approximately 35 Hours of Use