

Narrative for October

Technical Services

Category	This Month	Last Month	This Mo. Last Yr	YTD
Items ordered	1492	1039	852	9334
Items cataloged	1931	1788	1645	17306
Items mended	339	402	488	3159
Items discarded	856	787	662	5347
Items released	1158	1202	1055	10913

The year-end push to purchase the fall new releases and to order before the end of the year has begun. Fortunately the new Librarian II in adult services has focused on selecting new media items so the tech services staff is busy ordering and cataloging DVDs, music CDs and books on CD.

Administration – October 2012

Adult programs coordinated by Bobbie Benesh this month included a session on the 1940s Census (26 attendees), Noontime Nature (75), Great Ideas (18), NoCo Make Change (6), Make a Difference Day (3 days – 15), Author Presentation – “Fierce Blessing” (8), Fall Quilt Display, Sudoku classes (10), and Sudoku classes with Elderhaus (about 30-40 monthly).

Marcia Lewis and supervisors have been interviewing and filling positions including hiring Maribeth Buss for the substitute position.

Amber Rupp Moody, a senior at the University of Northern Colorado, developed and promoted the library survey that is available through November 8. Her report and results will be completed early in December.

The Friends of the Library completed two major events on the same weekend: a very successful book sale and the Loveland Loves to Read appearance of author Alexander McCall Smith. Around 50 people attended a reception for McCall Smith at the library and over 800 attended his presentation at the Roberta Price Auditorium at TVHS. Library staff submitted funding requests for 2013 to the Friends of the Library finance committee.

Marcia and 4 other staff attended the three-day Colorado Association of Libraries conference in Keystone.

Other administrative projects include working with the City Finance Department to develop new cash handling procedures based on recommendations from the external auditors. A grant application to the American Library Association for the Muslim Journeys book collection was submitted. The library will partner with the Museum if the grant is awarded. Cindy Sprague and Sue Baccari attended a workshop on disaster planning at CSU. Bobbi and a staff committee planned and organized a volunteer recognition tea for Nov. 7. New events for November include Author Presentation "Mariano's Crossing" by local author David Jessup, Nov. 9, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Colorado Water 2012 Exhibit Nov. 12-30 with film "Are We Running Dry" Nov. 28, 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m, Erion Room.

The adult book group read and discussed two books, *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* and *La's Orchestra Saves the World*, both by Alexander McCall Smith. There were 31 people attending the three sessions. The program, "Shopping Matters - How to Spend Less" with Kathy Cox, of Make Change NoCo was attended by five people. The InterLibrary Loan staff processed 697 requests, borrowing 396 items for our patrons out of 514 requests, and loaning 163 items from our collection out of 183 requests. We proctored three exams for the public. We had our always interesting annual display of banned books for Banned Books Week as well as a display of political books.

Children's Department

Monthly Report Service Provided	Sessions	Usage
Toddler/Preschool Storytime	33	1155 attended
Lap Babies Storytime	27	1538 attended
Raise-A-Reader/Outreach	1/10	14/2180 attended
Programs	5	169 attended
Tours	0	0 attended
AWE Computers	1705	744 hours
TumbleBooks	1938	-----
Mt. Meeker Study Room	12	13 hours

This month there was a great article in the Coloradoan about the new homework help program that Cynthia and Bobbi Benesh worked hard to staff in the study center with adult volunteers from the "Make A Difference" program. Well done, ladies! There was also a cute picture from story time in the Reporter Herald.

Lolly and Cynthia presented a Families First program this month. The topic was music and featured a guest presenter. A good time was had by all.

In outreach news, the Maple Terrace Kids Club is now relocated to a newly remodeled building which is much roomier. Cindi and Cynthia represented the library at the Halloween Family Fun Fest downtown. Attendance was high and they worked their fingers "to the bone." (Forgive the gruesome pun!)

This month the letter "B" was featured in story time. To go along with the letter, we had a contest to see who could find the most items beginning with the letter B to incorporate into their outfit. Thanks to all the participants – we had lots of laughs and found out who the really competitive and creative people on staff are. (I think we always knew, but this reinforced our suspicions!)

Artwork on bulletin boards was provided by Thompson Valley Preschool and Children's Workshop. Book displays featured Banned Books, It's a Jungle Out There and Creepy, Scary, Spooky, Gross! Dobby was outfitted as a scarecrow.

Lolly and I attended the CAL conference in Keystone. We both came back with renewed enthusiasm and new ideas. Lolly has already incorporated new songs and fingerplays into lapsit that she learned in one of her sessions. We also had the pleasure of hearing Jack Gantos speak. He is the author of Dead End in Norvelt – this year's Newbery winner. He was beyond fabulous and very funny!

Lastly, I have the pleasure of announcing that Cindi Pfeiffer is our new Librarian I in charge of elementary programs and collections. She was a tremendous help in filling in when we were short this staff person for several weeks. She already has many programs in place for the rest of the year and she just started the job. I can't really say welcome to the division, but something more like, "Welcome to your new position, Cindi!"

Customer Service Department Report

- Lupe-
 - Met with Lorna to discuss signage for the adult fiction and genre shelves.
 - Went to the FOL book sale to select adult fiction paperbacks for the collection.
 - Worked on 6-month reviews.
- Joan put up two book displays this month. The first one themed "Cooking Fiction" and the second one titled "Pseudonyms."
- Darlene attended CPR training

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- In October, we hosted 12 programs with 161 teens in attendance. The month ended with a bang – our Teen Scream Party! We had approximately 30 teens in attendance, most dressed in costume. The teens participated in the very popular “Humans vs. Zombies” and enjoyed a new favorite “Bobbing for Worms.” Michelle and I co-hosted the event and were both physically and mentally exhausted. Also this month, Michelle had an increase in participation at The Ripped Pages Workshop where teens created black-out poems from something already written. During the program, teens blacked out words in an article that they didn’t want, leaving only the words they wanted creating a poem with what was left. Another fun program that teens participated in this month was helping the FOLPL set up for their Fall Book Sale. Hopefully, we helped and didn’t hinder the process! This was the first year that APPLE volunteered at the book sale.
- During October, we visited Loveland High School for a second evening of issuing library cards to teens that need them. We enjoyed being asked to participate in this community event and look forward to future possibilities in other schools. It might be possible to do more community outreach when the new teenseen library aide is hired. This is a goal of mine for our department!
- I know that it has only been a little over a year since we’ve moved into our new space, but we’re running out of shelving. As I weed, I’m fearful of getting rid of items and leaving a collection that doesn’t have a lot of depth. I’ve also been looking for ways that we might be able to add one additional section of shelves to our room.
- For November, Michelle has designed a passive program that encourages teens to pick up a Historical Fiction book and complete a “time travel report” upon completion of reading the novel. The purpose of this program/display is to expose teens to high interest historical fiction. We’re also going to kick-off our “Gold Strike” books this month. A “Gold Strike” book is a popular teen title that we want to make available to patrons. If a patron is looking for one of our “Gold Strike” books and it is on the shelf than it is their book for the taking. These books can’t be renewed nor have any holds placed on them. These books are very similar to Lupe’s “Quick Reads” without money being paid to check them out. We have 3 titles that we’re featuring at first and will be adding to these titles shortly. Michelle and I are anxious to see how successful this will be with teens.

