

## STAFF REPORT FOR January 2012

### Adult Services

The adult book group read the book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*, by Garth Stein; 39 people attended the three sessions. The InterLibrary Loan Librarians processed 421 requests, borrowing 336 items for our patrons. We proctored one exam.

### Circulation Report

No report

### Technical Services

Category	This Month	Last Month	This Mo. Last Yr	YTD
Items ordered	421	616	722	421
Items cataloged	2056	1360	1480	2056
Items mended	312	218	353	312
Items discarded	317	195	909	317
Items released	1237	1096	1266	1237

The City implemented a new accounting system in November and we are still learning how to use this effectively. Laura Johnson is using a City credit card for more purchases which is simplifying the process. Staff are preparing for the Grand Re-opening.

### Administration

Much of the focus this month was on completion of the library renovation and planning for the Grand Re-opening in February. Installation of the 1% for the Arts sculpture hanging above the staircase was challenging. Ted Schmidt's retirement and Marcia Lewis' promotion was publically announced and both attended the City Council's planning session. The Front Range Library Directors met here and toured the new library. The Friends of the Library provided lunch for the 20 librarians attending. The Friends of the Library annual meeting was held on January 23 with bylaw revisions approved.

### Children's Department

Service Provided	Sessions	Usage
Toddler/Preschool Storytime	31	1192 attended
Lap Babies Storytime	27	1387 attended
Raise-A-Reader/Outreach	5/9	75/165 attended
Programs	6	185 attended

Tours	1	27 attended
AWE Computers	2050	885 hours
TumbleBooks	1905	
Mt. Meeker Study Room	12	13 hours

As usual, storytimes were very well attended this month. Kris & Erin averaged 38.5 per session while Lolly had averaged 51.4. Wow! Toddlers & preschoolers voted on their favorite CCBA title. The Winner (drumroll) - Rhyming Dust Bunnies!

There were several January programs for the older kids and families. The Tuesday sessions of Waggin' Tales brought in 21 and the Wednesday sessions had 22 attendees. The morning session of Brickmasters had 53 builders and the afternoon session had 42. Knitting Club had 12 participants. Jessica also provided materials for folks to make a Chinese New Year dragon and 35 took part. Are You Board? Wednesdays is a passive program and participation varies as kids/families come and go throughout the afternoon. It is gaining in popularity.

We had one cub scout tour this month with 27 folks and Erin worked with them to provide an overview of the library, how to look up a book, and how to care for them.

In addition to Raise-a-Reader locations, Cynthia had 2 sessions at Maple Terrace Kids Club and 2 sessions at the Lago Vista Club. She also presented library information at 5 elementary schools that hosted family programs.

Bright Horizons graced our new bulletin board with penguins for winter. Thank you to Cindi for keeping the department looking so colorful!

This month we welcomed Bridget Michael to our team. Thank you to Sabrina for mentoring her. I think we all agree that having her has really helped take a lot of shelving time off our plates. Thank you also goes to Tia who helps out on evenings when Bridget is not scheduled. Most of the time we all multi-task ourselves until we are nearly crazy so it has been great to get some relief.

Planning is ongoing for Parenting Classes, Spring Break activities, Battle of the Books, Elementary school visits in March, April and May, hosting of a regional meeting of outreach librarians; Children's Day and SRP. Plans are also underway to update the theme bags to "Storytime in a Bag" to include books, manipulatives and extension ideas. Lastly, Cindi made a new department map and Sabrina made a shelving guide. No rest for the weary around here!

## **Media**

No report

**teenseen** Department

We began using the iPads in the teenseen Room with much success. Initially, we let everyone (even parents) have a turn with the new technology. Everyone enjoyed the apps that

we pre-loaded onto the iPads. Many had suggestions of additional apps that we should load in the future. Not too many groans from teen patrons or parents about having to sign another policy form. I've noted the iPad use stats for the month of January in the table below.

Our monthly programming is growing. Not only in number of programs, but also in participants. We hosted 12 programs this month with 123 teens in participation. The teens are even taking ownership in the programming by making suggestions and hosting them. For example, the Magic Club has been meeting since the fall every Tuesday evening from 4:30 – 6:00. The only thing that we have to do is provide space for them to play Magic.

Michelle and I began planning for the 2012 Summer Reading Program. It is such a treat having someone to share ideas with and to receive feedback from concerning our upcoming programming. We both agree that the theme, Own the Night, makes this year's summer reading program an easy one to plan for. Some ideas include an evening of relaxation with yoga, scheduling the Loveland Criminalist to speak, and spending an afternoon with real – life ghost busters. It should be fun!

I spent time doing outreach with the Middle and High School Librarians by sending them the rack card PDF listing the upcoming events for the Grand Re-Opening at the library and inviting them to come and tour the new building. I did hear back from several of them. They seem excited about the new space! I'm also looking forward to working with Jenni Dobson on an upcoming program that the museum is hosting this summer.

#### teenseen Stats

Programs (12 held)	123 teens participated in programming
iPad Use	48 hours of use