

DIRECTORS REPORT

JANUARY 23, 2019

FACILITIES

On January 10th the library opened at noon due to the weather.

Effective June 6, 2019 legislation signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo prohibits smoking within 100 feet of New York State libraries. The Tobacco Free Network of CNY will be providing free signage.

Met with our insurance agent, Nick Masterpole to review our coverages. The new liability policy includes coverage for directors and officers and eliminates the need for a separate policy through Mount Vernon Insurance company. This will save us approximately \$900

OCPL provided a rack for our router and rewired our computer system for easier access.

The library was closed in honor of Martin Luther King day, January 21st.

To celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Laura Ingalls Wilder (February 7 1867) we have a free drawing for a set of *Little House on the Prairie* books. Drawing will be 2/17/19.

Family Focus Adoption Services presented a program to acquaint patrons who may be interested in adopting from foster care or newborn adoption. The agency counsels pregnant women and birth parents who come to them to discuss the option of surrendering their newborn for adoption.

Giving Tree for the Humane Association was a huge success. Janet brought the donations to the Society on January 11th.

We are weeding the Youth Fiction and audio book sections to determine usage and free space of new acquisitions.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Pizza and Pages Book Club – *The Wars of Reconstruction* by Douglas R. Egerton, The brief violent history of America's progressive era.

Fairmount Financial Focus – a free three part course to help patrons with their financial concerns. The three sessions are:

Part 1 Debt Elimination – January 15th

Part 2 Wealth Accumulation – February

Part 3 Wealth Preservation – March

Alice Nocant's Contemporary Book Club January 8th

Family Focus Adoption Services – January 8th - Assistance with adopting newborns, adopting from foster , and information on international and domestic adoptions.

CHILDRENS'S PROGRAMS

Music is Magic: K= 56, A=47	Playtime! K=102, A=96	Preschool Craft K=81, A=73
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December was a fun month with children's programs. All of these weekly programs are growing and consistently full. Our night and weekend storytime is full of families, and they are sticking around to play with toys and socialize. We read stories about the holidays, reindeer, and winter and made Christmas ornament crafts this month. We had our first "Best Day Ever" program, which we will start holding each school break. It's a dance party & pizza party for families to celebrate being off of school. It was so much fun. Our next one is over Winter Break and it will be a glow in the dark - themed party.

We are anticipating a busy February. We have added more weekend programs for working parents, more school-aged programs for 5+ to attract those children to the library on a regular basis. Over February break, we will hold two LEGO Robotics programs with our partner, the CNY Science and Robotics Foundation.