

Central Library Monthly Report

December 2023



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Services & Collection

- ❖ **Teens:** Genre'fying Teen Fiction- We decided to complete the reorganization on Thursday, January 18th. Nan prepared signage to designate the different genre collections in Canva to coordinate with the stickers.
- ❖ **Local History:** Kate and Dan have been keeping a spreadsheet of possible LHG titles to order in the upcoming year.

Programs

For Children

- ❖ **Storytime with Miss Laura, Thursdays @ 10:30** – Laura sang songs and read books on different themes this month (Attendance = 16)
- ❖ **KidSpace Activities** – Nancy came up with a unique passive activity and craft combined that involved finding all the parts of a snowman throughout KidSpace and then crafting it together to take home (Attendance = 46)
- ❖ We also had a lot of fun with our **Holiday Photo Booth** – kids and adults all enjoyed taking photos using the backdrop and fun holiday hats and glasses. A grandmother Christine and her grandson Soren had a blast taking silly photos, and were happy to let us post one on our Facebook page (Attendance = 217)

Library Visits: 5349
Circulation: 14,719
Computer Use: 1498
Reference: 1186
Program attendance: 473



- ❖ **Van Duyn Elementary** third graders visited us this month. Fifty-nine kids and nine adults had a fun morning in KidsSpace. (Attendance= 68)



For Adults

- ❖ **Talk to a Lawyer, Tuesdays at 12:00** – Patrons can drop in for free legal information, assistance, and representation in civil legal matters. (Attendance = 7)
- ❖ **Weekly programs w/Arc of Onondaga, Wednesdays at 9:30** – Every other week, Arc groups visit Trudi at Central. This month, the groups watched two movies “Cruella” & “Elf.” (Attendance=33)
- ❖ **Drop-In Tech Help** – Patrons can get help from staff 5 days a week with all their technology questions, including personal tablets and phones. (Attendance = 52)
- ❖ **Community Health Resources** – Health organizations provide regular twice-monthly tabling events at the library. Organizations include The Prevention Network, Helio Health, Syracuse Healthy Start, F.A.C.E.S., Syracuse Surge Initiative, Planned Parenthood, Black Health, • Jewels/ F.A.C.E.S, and the Onondaga County Health Department. (Attendance=54)
- ❖ **Mental Health Training, December 14 @ 1:00** – This month’s training was about Overcoming Loneliness for the Holidays. (Attendance = 3)
- ❖ **Tuesday Reels Movie, December 12**– This month Trudi showed “Tokyo Godfathers” and provided popcorn for patrons. (Attendance = 3)

Local History & Genealogy

- ❖ **“The Courier de Bois of Ste. Marie,” December 8**– Presented by Jonathan Anderson De Bois was a French-Canadian woodsman who accompanied the missionaries at Ste. Marie among the Iroquois at Onondaga Lake (Attendance = 22)
- ❖ **Roundtable Discussion: Genealogy Research Plans for 2024,” December 22nd** – Moderators: Celeste Moore & Kate Kisselstein. (Attendance = 19)

In the MakerSpace

- ❖ **Snowman Signs, December 7 @ 2:00** –We worked on adding finishing touches and applied the words “Let It Snow” which were cut out with the Cricut on adhesive vinyl to the signs (Attendance = 4)



- ❖ **Clay Holiday Ornaments: December 14 & 21 @ 2pm** – Taught patrons clay-making techniques to create holiday ornaments. They were provided with paints, brushes, and basic painting techniques for painting the ornaments (Attendance= 14)



- ❖ **Coloring in the Makerspace, December 28 at 2:00pm** – Nan set out coloring sheets for patrons to enjoy. (Attendance =4)

Outreach & Collaboration

- ❖ Kate met with Susan Morgan of Onondaga Free Library to have her do a program there. They settled on “Unlocking Family Secrets: Genealogy with FamilySearch and More,” to be presented at 2pm on Saturday, 3/23/2024.
- ❖ Dan scanned several Beauchamp library photos and sent a brief history to Ossie for her interview with **The Stand** newspaper 12/5.
- ❖ Saptarshi visited Lemoyne College’s Makerspace and made connections with staff where he arranged a collaborative effort in spring ’24 where their cohort of high school students whom they work with will visit the OCPL Makerspace for a tour and demo.
- ❖ Saptarshi had a visit from Scott Lipkowitz of Onondaga Free to do a collaborative Solar Eclipse program in March ’24.

Stories & Highlights

- ❖ A patron called and spoke with Theresa B. about the coloring bookmarks and how much she liked them. She asked if she could get several of the Norman Rockwell baseball bookmarks. Theresa and Nan went through the bookmarks and were able to set aside 6 copies for her.
- ❖ On December 15th Kate met with a patron for a one-on-one genealogy session. Her children had given her an AncestryDNA kit and, now that she had the results, she wanted help in figuring out what to do with the results & how it could help her build her family tree online.
- ❖ KidSpace had an impressive 804 visitors during December!
- ❖ Saptarshi was “able to help a Punjabi speaking patron with my limited understanding of Hindi,” who was looking to figure out his own cellphone number on his new phone, as well as locate the address of a Boston courthouse he needed for an immigration issue.”
- ❖ Theresa and Dan assembled a collection of Haudenosaunee and Onondaga materials for a display coinciding with an upcoming Onondaga Nation social dance performance.

