

HAZARD MONTHLY REPORT

December 2022

STATISTICS

We had a **50%** increase in participation in our passive activities this month compared to the previous month. We had 186 patrons joining in on fun programs like adult coloring and writing letters to Santa.

PROGRAMMING

Decompression Session- Cookie Decorating: This month we invited teens to decompress and destress by decorating holiday cookies. Participants were able to decorate 3 cookies to either eat during the program or take home with them.

Children's Book Give Away: Each December we put out a box of free children's books for our patrons, so they can give the gift of a book to a child in their life. These books are donated to the library throughout the year and with those donations we were able to give out over 100 children's books this year.

Water Colors with the Everson Museum of Art: As part of our school break week programming, we invited the Everson Museum to the library for a fun, hands-on educational art program. Using the artwork of local water color artist, Dan Shanahan, as inspiration, families were shown how they could use watercolors to create shapes, textures, and colors for their own unique artwork.

Gingerbread House Day: This was the first year we have been able to host our annual gingerbread house building day in person since the pandemic began. Families built gingerbread houses while enjoying hot chocolate and cookies and watching The Polar Express.

The Polar Express: We have a working model train of the Polar Express running in the vestibule all month long. Jermaine, our CET staff member, kindly agreed to be our train conductor this past month. Patrons both old and young have made repeated visits to the library just to see the train. We hope to make this an annual tradition at Hazard.

OUTREACH/ COLLABORATION

Parkview Junior Academy: This month Shauna was asked by Parkview Junior Academy to create a special Christmas story time for the pre-k and kindergarten classroom. They had a lot of fun reading stories, singing songs, and doing a "cookie baking" activity that allowed children to turn their baking supplies into a real stuffed gingerbread toy which they were able to keep. We then used various supplies like dominoes, cubes, and craft sticks to create houses for their gingerbread toys as part of our Storytime STEAM Challenge. Shauna received a very nice card and gift from the class, as well.

FACILITIES – BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Winter Fireplace: This month we created a fun fireplace for our children's area and gave each staff member a stocking that they could personalize and hang from the mantle. We received numerous compliments on the fireplace, and were told frequently how it made the space feel very festive and cozy.

STAFF

Shauna Modrow received a write up in St. Mark's newsletter, The Way, for the story times she hosts there. Hazard staff members received a thank you card from the parish for the donations we collected for their mitten tree. St. Mark the Evangelist Church is a great community partner and we hope to continue to grow our relationship with them.



Teen Cookie Decorating



Watercolor from our Everson program



Children's Book Give Away



Gingerbread House Day



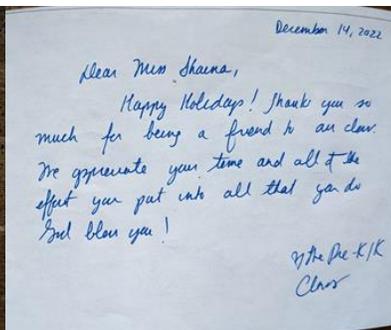
Finished Gingerbread House



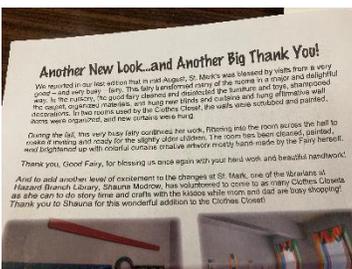
Jermaine and The Polar Express



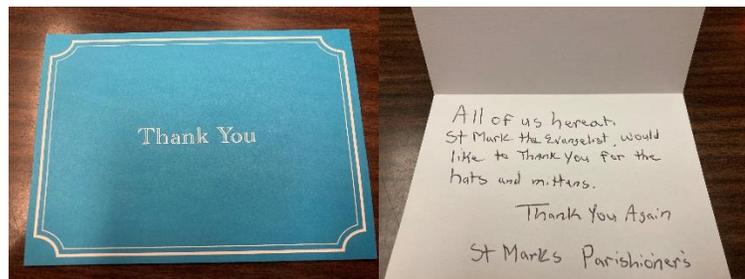
Thank You Note from Parkview Junior Academy



Fireplace with stockings



St. Mark's Newsletter



Thank you note from St. Mark's Church