

## Director's Report for January 23, 2025

- The new year means we are beginning to map out programming and other plans for the year. We are busy planning for Summer Learning while keeping up with current programs and needs. This is a great time to assess what issues may need to be resolved and look for ways to resolve them to make serving our community more efficient.
- One of the first issues that came up was that the dome lights quit working. It was determined that the switch failed, so a new one was installed. This falls under our warranty and will be taken care of by RDA. The lights are working well now, and we hope there will be no further problems.
- There have been some electrical issues that we have been compiling for quite some time and Hi-Line Electric was finally able to come and address them. We had a ceiling fan fixed, the lights in the entryway fixed, the outside light fixed, and the multipurpose room lights reconfigured so we could shut part of the room's lights off to make it better for projection.
- Our refrigerator has been constantly leaking water from defrosting onto the floor and it had a tendency to freeze some items. It is also not big enough to accommodate our needs during the Summer Learning Kickoff event and other events where we need more refrigerator space, so I decided to look into getting a new one. Appliance City would give us a significant discount on a new fridge that didn't take up a lot more floor space yet adds much needed shelf space we need for events where we serve food. We received a donation from a 4-H Club that disbanded and was designated for whatever we saw fit. I think they would be happy to know we made this type of purchase with their donation. So, the new fridge is here, and the old one will be given new life as a garage fridge for a small donation.
- I am still waiting on the plumbers to address the problem with the patrons' bathrooms. I hope to hear from them before the board meeting.
- We have had some discrepancy about what to do with the stained carpet tiles. We have an estimate for having the worst of the carpet tiles replaced and for trimming and regluing the ones that are loose by the bookcases in the addition. Tracy from Home Design Center suggested we have the carpet tiles steam cleaned before replacing as that may drop the number of tiles that need to be replaced. Previous Director Steve had indicated that the carpet tiles should not be cleaned other than using a special spot cleaner. However, in discussion with Tim from Valley Paint & Glass where the carpet tiles were purchased, he said that it is recommended by the manufacturers to have the carpet tiles professionally cleaned periodically. I believe that having the carpet tiles steam cleaned would brighten them up so the new tiles would not be noticed as easily, it would remove a lot of dust and dirt that the vacuum doesn't, and it would also disinfect the carpets creating a safer environment health-wise.
- Our final total for our "Libraries are Sweet and Books are My Jam" Market Day fundraising event came to \$4,505.00! We still have some jelly and jam left so we are planning to put them out again along with a few other gift items for a Valentine's Day fundraising opportunity. The display of items will be up from February 1<sup>st</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- I sent a grant application to the Carnegie Corporation, but it was turned down. They look for very specific criteria and there were over 1400 applications sent in.
- As of December 31st, the library saved our community \$539,335 in physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 29,413 physical and 17,408 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings to our patrons for both physical and digital media equal \$858,424.