

Director's Report for December 12, 2024

- It has been a very busy month! Even with the Thanksgiving holiday, which tends to make that weekend a little quieter, we were still busy changing displays and putting up new ones as well as beginning to decorate for Christmas.
- We had a few issues that came up that took some time to resolve as well. Our two patron computers that we brought back online decided they didn't want to work with the rest of the system. This took a while to figure out and ended up being a need to update some settings. They are working fine now yet we do need to check on some software concerns.
- It became noticeably cold in the multipurpose room a couple of days before Thanksgiving, and I noticed that one of the furnaces was not running. I made a call to Keith's to have someone come and look at it and of course they were very busy so one of the guys that is usually in the office came to look at it the day after Thanksgiving. He noticed that our pipes for exhaust and intake were not at the proper angles and there was water pooling in the exhaust pipe. Therefore, it was blocking exhaust from escaping and the furnace couldn't handle that. He wasn't totally sure that was the only problem so he showed me what to do to drain the water and said someone would be out as soon as possible to fix it. Last week we noticed a hot smell and decided that it was coming from the furnace room. I called Keith's again, and they said someone was on their way to fix the furnace. Alex came and said there was too much water getting into the motor from the drainage which caused it to get hot. He also discovered that the exhaust and intake pipes had actually come apart and said that we were lucky to not have suffered from carbon monoxide poisoning. At this point there was no way I could wait for board approval to have it fixed so I authorized him to go ahead and fix the pipes. He said there was no damage to the motor from the excess water. I am not sure what this bill will be, but I am assuming it will be over \$1000.
- The smell from the patron bathrooms has become a big issue in the last couple of weeks. I got the plumbers to come last week to alleviate the smell, but it has not completely gone away so we really need to fix this problem as soon as possible. Terry from TNT is getting a proposal together for me and I should have it before the meeting.
- Our phones and internet were out due to a power glitch during the storm last week, so we opened up a little late that day while we waited for BEK to come and fix the problem.
- Our "Libraries are Sweet and Books are My Jam" Market Day event went very well last Saturday! We do not have a final total raised yet, but we know it is over \$4000! We had a lot of nice donations for baked goods, jellies and jams, and even craft items. We sold every "souvenir" shingle Christmas tree ornament that I made and took orders for more. We have some leftover items that we will offer for sale for a week or so. Then we will be able to have a final total for funds raised. The mini concerts were well attended as well, and we had a very nice variety of local talent. It was great to have something like this in the library!
- The Library-a-thon with KOVC scheduled on Tuesday, December 10th should bring us very close to our goal!
- I was notified by a former patron that we will be receiving a donation check in the next week or so for \$15,972.54 to put towards the restoration and roof projects. Wow!
- As of November 30th, the library saved our community \$500,027 in physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 27,478 physical and 15,941 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings to our patrons for both physical and digital media equal \$791,109.