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# MONTHLY REPORT

## *From the Director*

The library in November bustled with energy as everyone began preparing for the holidays. In Youth Services, weekly Family Storytime and Toddler & Baby Time continued up to a week-long Thanksgiving break. During the break, staff set out craft supplies and instructions for children to create houses and snow people for decorating our Children's Room bulletin boards. The bulletin boards now feature the children's houses and snow people as part of the winter-themed decorations. For teens, the library offered drop-in teen events where teens could hang out and watch movies and play games.

November saw the end of two popular classes: Beginning Spanish and Card Making. Beginning English class, taught by an ESL instructor from Goodwill Industries, continued to see more new students. The Book Notes concert featured Sean Gaskell performing the traditional West Africa kora, a stringed instrument that combines the features of the lute and harp. First Friday Films showed "Where the Crawdads Sing", and Walking Book Club discussed non-fiction books on their walk through Memorial Park.

In preparation for new signage, a number of collections have moved within the library. The Spanish, Russian, Japanese, and Oversize collections are now located in a more prominent location by the Circulation Desk, and now have comfortable seating for people to use while browsing the books. The audiobooks and learning courses on CD and DVD have moved to be closer to the DVD/Blu-Ray film collection.

Library Services Manager Sarah Roller is leading the creation of a Seed Library. The Seed Library will be a place where library patrons can select from the various seed varieties and grow them in their own gardens. We hope to have the Seed Library ready to go in time for spring.

The library has gotten into the (literary) holiday spirit with our *Chronicles of Narnia* display in the main section of the library. Come see what roles Mr. Dog and Big Bear are playing this year! Also in the holiday spirit, the library will have a Winter Break Scavenger Hunt and Winter Take and Make Kits available in December.

*-Shasta Sasser, Library Director*