

## **Director's Report: December, 2017**

It's festive around here, with displays on holiday crafts in the adult area, winter holidays in the children's area and books with themes of light and dark in the teen area. This year's Holiday Tea was a great success, even though we did it without the Historical Society this year. We hosted nearly 130 people and had plenty of food, drinks and entertainment. Thank you to all who attended and contributed. It was a lot of fun, but I'm looking forward to my vacation next week.

### **General Administration**

- We have a new custodian. He started on Saturday. So far, so good.
- Construction on the building seems to have stopped for the moment, though I'm told that there is more to be done. Rick will attend our January meeting to answer questions.
- We are continuing to weed the nonfiction collection.

### **Staff & Volunteers**

- Candace, our new staff member, is working out very well. She jumped right in and is making herself at home.
- We have more shelving volunteers than we've had in a long time.
- I'll be leaving for vacation on Saturday and will return on New Year's Day. I'm still trying to arrange coverage for 2 of my shifts, as Sally and Amanda will also be traveling, but am hopeful that we'll figure it out. The worst case scenario would be that the library would open slightly late on a day or two. I will be in Mexico, most likely without cell coverage, so Ashley will be in charge of communicating with Rick and closing for snow if necessary while I'm gone. She will inform Jacques and Gayle if we need to close and will make an announcement on the Facebook page.

### **Programs & Events**

- Regular weekly programming has wrapped up for the year. Play group and Music for Little Ones will start right back up in January and yoga will resume on January 22. We'll have another session of music composition beginning some time in February.
- The tree identification workshop had a small but enthusiastic crowd. The bystander training workshop was a huge success, with 24 people in attendance.
- Makerspace Workshop will return on January 13.
- Dede Wilson will do a chocolate tasting workshop for us in February.
- Amy Gates' student recital went well.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi.