LOOKING BACK:
A Month of Enriching Moments

FEBRUARY 2025 | ISSUE #2

> *To enrich, educate, and inspire our community by providing unique and welcoming physical and virtual environments in which exploration, creativity and the sharing of ideas are encouraged.*

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

ON FEBRUARY 6, WE HELD A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FEATURING SESSIONS ON DATABASES, PROGRAMMING, STORYTIMES, AND MARKETING. IN THE AFTERNOON, TOM DANIELS FROM BOWLING GREEN UNIVERSITY LED DISCUSSIONS ON TEAM BUILDING, THE PREDICTIVE INDEX, AND MANAGING CHANGE.

- SIDNEY HOSTED SEVERAL ADULT PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY. BRANDON WEIS VISITED ON FEBRUARY 3 TO DO A PRESENTATION ABOUT HIS EPIC YEAR OF HIKING. BRANDON IS ONE OF ONLY TEN PEOPLE TO HAVE COMPLETED THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL, THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL, AND THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL IN THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR.
- WE ALSO HELD OUR MONTHLY CRAFT PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 8 AND MADE GNOMES.
- THE BOOKS & BREWS BOOK CLUB MET ON THE 20TH.
- WE ALSO HOSTED AN INFORMATION TABLE AND FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS BY WILSON HEALTH.
- I WAS KEPT BUSY IN FEBRUARY TREATING THE SIDEWALKS AND STEPS DURING OUR SNOWY WEATHER, BUT HAVE FINALLY FOUND A COMPANY TO PLOW OUR PARKING LOT.
- I CONTACTED OUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT THE UPCOMING BUDGET AFTER OLC CALLED FOR ACTION FROM DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES.
- I REPRESENTED IMAGINATION LIBRARY AT THE UNITED WAY AGENCY MEETING AND TURNED IN OUR FUNDING REQUEST. AS ALWAYS, I BOUGHT BOOKS, COMICS, MOVIES AND REQUESTED DIGITAL MATERIALS. AT THE END OF FEBRUARY, I BEGAN WORKING ON THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STATE LIBRARY.
- WE RECEIVED A DONATION OF $2500 IN HONOR OF JIM KAISER, WHO SERVED AS AN ORGAN DONOR FOR
- MARY BETH MONNIER.

Mark
-INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

50 CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL VISITS WITH

870 TOTAL STUDENTS

- PARTNERED WITH BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS ON BEHALF OF ROTARY FOR BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE FUNDRAISER. I WAS TEAM CAPTAIN
- ATTENDED THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM SHOWCASE IN BOWLING GREEN TO GATHER IDEAS FROM OTHER LIBRARIANS AND PREPARE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT OUR LIBRARY.
- PARTNERED WITH WHITTIER EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER FOR THEIR "WILD ABOUT READING" FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT WITH 70 FAMILIES IN ATTENDANCE.
- PLANNED AND LED LLAMA LLAMA LITERACY WEEK AT SHELBY HILLS
- WORKED WITH LONGFELLOW ELEMENTARY TO ENHANCE THEIR WESTERN EXPANSION CURRICULUM

April
-YOUTH SERVICE OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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TAG MEETING

7-11
TEEN THURSDAYS

TEEN SERVICES

"IN FEBRUARY, I HAD 5 TEENS FOR MY TAG MEETING, 0 FOR BOARD GAMES, AND 7-11 EACH WEEK FOR MY TEEN THURSDAY PROGRAM. JESSIE AND I TRIED SHOWING THE MOVIE, "THE PRINCESS DIARIES" FOR ALL AGES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 BUT DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE SHOW UP FOR IT, EXCEPT 3 TEEN VOLUNTEERS FROM THE SIDNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDER'S CLUB. SINCE NO ONE ELSE CAME FOR THE MOVIE, THEY HELPED GRACE WITH SOME TASKS IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM. I HAD ONE TEEN VOLUNTEER FROM MY TAG GROUP COME IN ON FEBRUARY 4 TO HELP SHELVE BOOKS FOR AN HOUR. ON FEBRUARY 27, I HAD 2 MORE TEEN VOLUNTEERS FROM MY TAG GROUP COME IN TO START MAKING A NEW BOOK DISPLAY FOR OUTSIDE THE TEEN ROOM (THEY WILL FINISH AFTER THE COUNTY WIDE SCHOOL ART SHOW IS OVER)."

-Cindy
TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

100 BOOKS BY GRADUATION

This year marked the start of the 5th year of our 100 Books By Graduation program! Since launching in 2021, we've had 62 teens join the challenge, recording an impressive 801 books. So far, 5 teens have reached the 25-book milestone, 1 teen has hit the 50-book check-in, and 3 dedicated readers have successfully completed all 100 books!

WINTER READING WRAP UP!

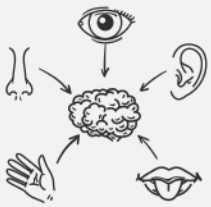
The Winter Reading Program wrapped up on Monday, February 10, for all ages, from babies to adults. This year's theme was "Read: It Just Makes Sense."

A total of 39 teens registered across the county, with 33 punch cards turned in:

Sidney: 18 registered | 12 punch cards submitted
Anna: 4 registered | 3 punch cards submitted
Botkins: 6 registered | 9 punch cards submitted
Ft. Loramie: 7 registered | 7 punch cards submitted
Jackson Center: 4 registered | 2 punch cards submitted
Russia: 0 registered | 0 punch cards submitted

Passive Programs in the Teen Room

- 8 - Five Senses Word Search



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TECHNOLOGY

- UPDATED DIGITAL SIGNAGE WITH 15 NEW SLIDES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH
- REPAIRED CHILDREN'S ASSISTANT COMPUTER WITH NEW POWER SUPPLY
- COORDINATED BUILDING WIDE INVENTORY AT SIDNEY OF OVER 80,000 ITEMS
- SET UP AND WORKED AS TECH SUPPORT DURING STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- DEVELOPED NEW STAFF RESOURCES FOR MOBILE HOTSPOTS TO ASSIST IN THE CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT PROCESSES
- PRESENTED A TECHNOLOGY REFRESHER SESSION AT THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
- ASSISTED IN RECORDING 7 DIFFERENT DIAL-A-STORY BOOKS
- CHANGED THE DIAL-A-STORY WEEKLY
- REMOVED 2ND FLOOR PAC TEMPORARILY FOR THE YOUTH ART MONTH SHOW
- REPAIRED GENEALOGY PRINTER NETWORK ERROR
- UPLOADED NEW HOOPLA RECORDS INTO PAC

15 PEOPLE ATTENDED

HEART SHAPED WOOD BLOCKS PROGRAM

MADE IN THE MAKERSPACE @SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES

30
Number of Appointments

- NARRATED A DIAL A STORY
- INSTALLED A NEW CATALOG PC IN RUSSIA
- COLLECTED AND FORWARDED ANNA AND BOTKIN'S PRINTER REPORTS.
- CORRECTED PUBLIC PRINTING ERRORS AT FT. LORAMIE AND RUSSIA
- RECORDED NEW GREETINGS FOR CLOSURE DURING INVENTORY AND ACCESS TO DIAL A STORY.
- DID UPDATES ON THE PUBLIC PC'S AT SIDNEY AND FT. LORAMIE

-Becki -TECH COORDINATOR

MAKERSPACE

$425.54
Money In

- FIRMWARE UPDATED AND MAINTENANCE PERFORMED ON LARGE FORMAT PRINTER AND 3D PRINTER.
- ASSISTED CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT WITH CREATING ALUMINUM BOOKMARKS FOR BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- PRINTED BULLETIN BOARDS FOR RUSSIA
- DEVELOPED NEW GUIDELINES FOR LARGE FORMAT PRINTER USAGE FOR INTERNAL USAGE
- MET WITH ELLEN FROM GATEWAY ARTS ABOUT PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN THE LIBRARY & GATEWAY ARTS
- ASSISTED SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING: SIDNEY CITY SCHOOLS, THE WAITING ROOM COFFEE SHOP, SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE ELDER THEATER, SIDNEY HISTORIC THEATER

-Bob -STEM LAB COORDINATOR

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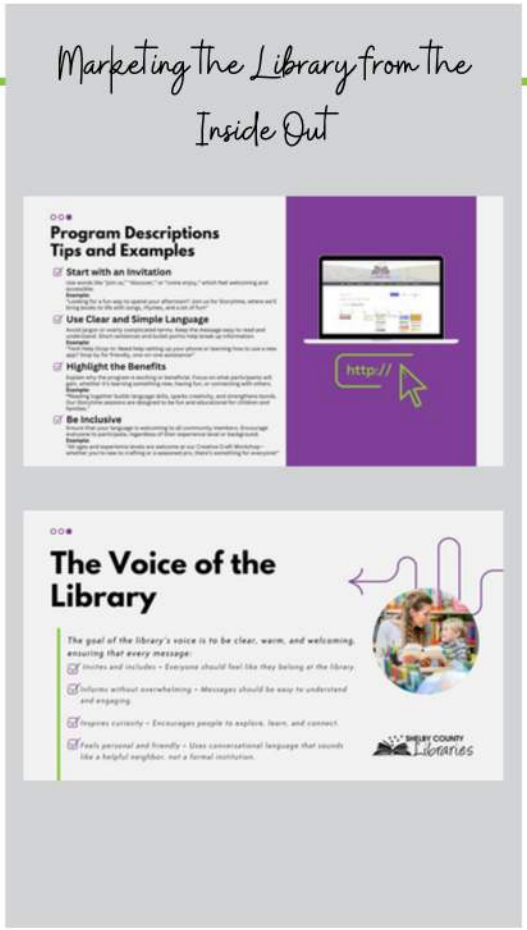
MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

- IN FEBRUARY, WE HOST A STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY, PROVIDING TRAINING ON VARIOUS TOPICS, INCLUDING HOW OUR MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OPERATE. I LED TWO SESSIONS ON THE INNER WORKINGS OF OUR MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.
- I CREATED AND PRINTED CALENDARS FOR ALL 5 COMMUNITY LOCATIONS, CHILDREN'S AND TEENS AT THE MAIN LOCATION
- I ADDED 100+ EVENTS TO OUR ONLINE CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

100+
ONLINE EVENTS ADDED

-Cassandra
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Key Discussion Points

- Our Mission and Vision
- Why Branding Is Important
- The Voice of the Library
- Program Descriptions
- Marketing Strategy for Promoting Programs
- Logo Versions and Placement

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February Stats

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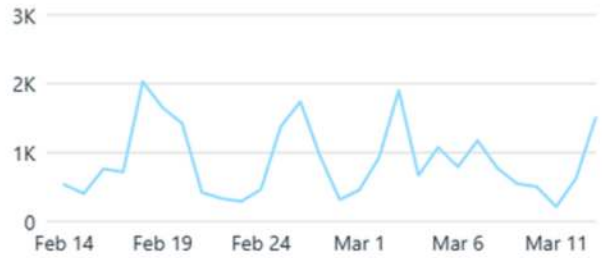

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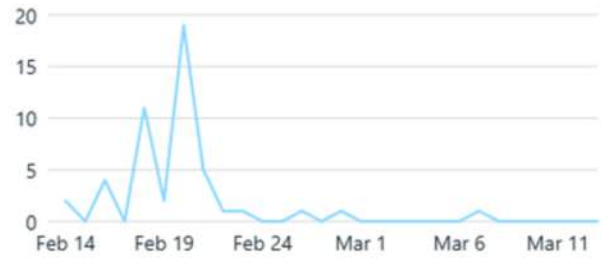

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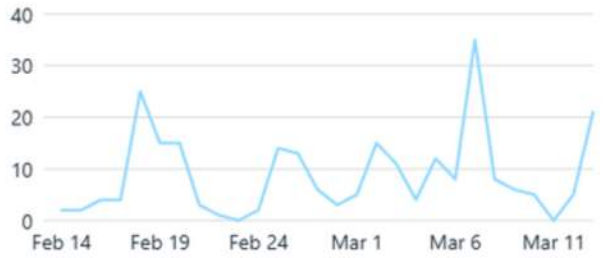

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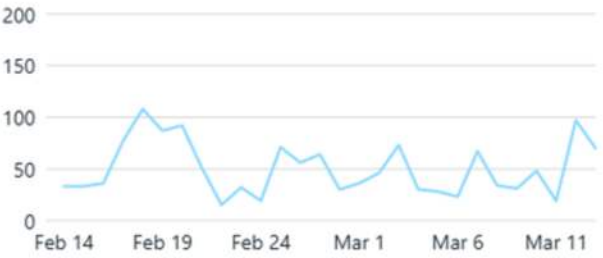

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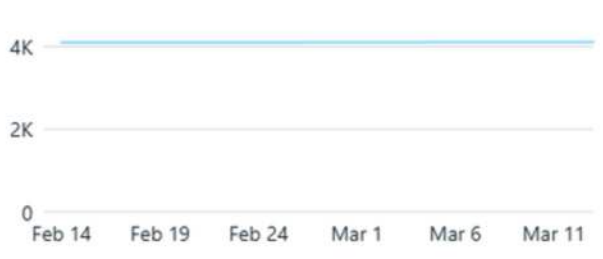

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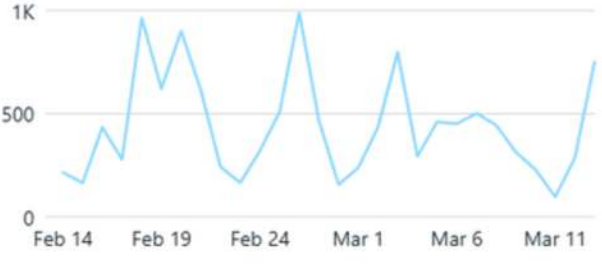

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COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY RECENTLY HOSTED A SCOOBY-DOO VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY FOR CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH THIRD GRADE. AROUND 58 KIDS JOINED THE FUN, PLAYING SCOOBY-DOO BINGO, SOLVING A MYSTERY, CREATING A THEMED CRAFT, AND SEARCHING FOR HIDDEN ITEMS AROUND THE LIBRARY TO WIN A PRIZE. THEY ALSO ENJOYED A TASTY SCOOBY SNACK! TO TOP IT ALL OFF, SHEILA STRUNK DELIGHTED EVERYONE BY DRESSING UP AS SCOOBY-DOO HIMSELF!

58
CHILDREN ATTENDED THE SCOOBY-DOO PROGRAM

BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

TRENT SMITH, WITH THE WELLNESS INITIATIVE FOR SENIOR EDUCATION (WISE) COMPLETED THE 6 LESSONS TO HELP WITH THE WONDERS OF GROWING OLDER FOR ADULTS 55+ TOPICS INCLUDED: UNDERSTANDING THE CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH AGING, AGING SENSITIVITY, VALUING CULTURAL AND GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY, MEDICATION AND THE OLDER ADULT, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ADDICTION, AND OLDER ADULTS, AND AN ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE

CONSERVATION STORYTIME: SLUGS IN LOVE

CONSERVATION STORYTIME WITH AMANDA HURLEY FROM SHELBY SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT IS ALWAYS A HIT! FOUR OF OUR COMMUNITY LOCATIONS HOSTED HER IN FEBRUARY WITH 34 KIDS ATTENDING OVERALL. AMANDA ALWAYS BRINGS GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES TO STORYTIMES AND FEBRUARY WAS NO DIFFERENT WITH "SNAILS AND SLUGS." ALL AGES LEARNED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SNAILS AND SLUGS AND WHAT EACH ONE CONTRIBUTES TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECOSYSTEM. THEY ALSO MADE SNAIL CRAFTS AND WERE ABLE TO MAKE THEMSELVES A SHELL TO WEAR JUST LIKE A SNAIL, COMPLETE WITH ANTENNA EYES!

34
CHILDREN ATTENDED CONSERVATION STORYTIME

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JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN VALENTINE'S DAY PICTURE BINGO & POPCORN AT THE JACKSON CENTER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY. EACH CHILD WAS GIVEN A BINGO BOARD WHILE DEB CUMMONS-PARKER CALLED OUT THE PICTURES. WHILE THE 25 KIDS EXCITEDLY MUNCHED DOWN ON POPCORN, THEY WOULD COVER THEIR BINGO BOARDS UNTIL THEY GOT A BINGO AND THEN RECEIVED A PRIZE! EVERY KID LEFT WITH AT LEAST ONE PRIZE!

25
CHILDREN ATTENDED BINGO

RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

RUSSIA HOSTED THEIR FIRST CARTOON AND A CRAFT SESSION WHERE KIDS ENJOYED THE MOVIE "SNOWMEN" AND MADE A SNOWMAN CRAFT. GIRLS IN 1ST TO 2ND GRADE ATTEND THE ANNUAL VALENTINE PARTY. WE HOSTED OUR ANNUAL FAMILY STORYTIME AT THE END OF THE MONTH WITH STORIES, A CRAFT AND A SNACK.

FT. LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WE HELD OUR MONTHLY CARTOON AND A CRAFT, KIDS ENJOYED THE MOVIE, "FROZEN" AND MADE A CRAFT. WE ALSO HAD OUR DROP-IN LEGO CLUB, GAME ZONE, TODDLER PLAYDATE AND BOOKMARK CRAFT.

-Jenny
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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COMMUNITY LIBRARY LOCATIONS