

## January 2023 Librarians Report

Submitted by Alex Hess at the Trustees meeting on 1/19/23

Happy New Year all! For 2023's monthly reports, I am trying a new format, including tracking the library patronage more closely.

The Library was closed on Friday December 23rd due to snow. The week of the 25th-31st, I was away on vacation. We were able to maintain normal hours with the help of our 3 wonderful substitutes! Since the new year, the library has been open each day except for one due to illness.

Events so far:

- January 7: Storytime
- January 12: Book Club, Rescheduled from 1/5
- January 13: Vision Board Making

Coming up:

- January 21: Storytime
- January 25: #LibraryShelfieDay
- February 1-17: Blind date with a book
- February 2: Book Club
- February 4: Storytime
- Date TBD: Card making adult craft night (w/ Judy Gagnon)

Note: I intend to try some new things with Storytime this year including a warm-up (like stretching, call and answer etc), and continue improving the crafts/activities to be more unique and engaging.

This month so far I am prioritizing weeding, organizing, and updating the collection further. 15 new books were added to the collection and 16 were culled. 3 of the new books were donated from the Norwich Bookstore. Culling/weeding is decided on 3 main factors: circulation/usage, physical condition, and relevance or accuracy of content.

This month I also have been prepping for the year ahead:

- Began work on the Annual Report for the state
- Brainstorming for Summer Reading

- Setting up tracking charts for patronage

Things to consider:

- The book carts from Farmington still need to be picked up
- Payment for ALE/HQ is due
- Can we use the same system from the Discovery Park donations to send out events/offerings flyers?
  - I would like to promote our repeating events like Book Club and Storytime more
  - And get a head start on spreading the word for big events eg Egg-stravaganza, Book Sale, NatureFest, etc