



Director's Report  
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I hope everyone is enjoying Christmas break. December was a busy and fun month. We had many craft projects and two big events. Our Santa visit was fun and we had a cool fall day for it. Our attendance was down from previous years probably due to the Linwood Community Event. We are talking about changing our Santa event to a Santa reads the *Night Before Christmas* or something along those lines. I'll keep you posted on what we decided. The interactive movie night had eleven participants. We probably should have made it a teen only event since the movie was the Jim Carrey version instead of the original Dr. Seuss movie. Our craft nights continue to be enjoyed, we need to be sure we note the age guidelines for all programs.

Looking forward to 2022, we have our Adult Winter Reading program starting January 3rd and ending February 26th. Each week we will have a drawing from participants who came to the library and checked out books. Each participant is encouraged to read a book based on categories we selected. Once they have read three items from the list they fill in the snowman and turn it in to be entered into the grand prize drawing. The grand prize drawing will be March 5th. A name will be drawn for three different gift cards. The library will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. day. The staff will be asked to come in and help assemble and paint a Little Free Library and a Little Free Pantry. We will coordinate with the City of Linwood as to where we will put them.

The staff is working together to create a Teen Space in the library. We are checking ADA guidelines for libraries to make sure we stay to code. We are wanting to create a 'soft space' with comfortable reading chairs in the adult space instead the three tables we currently have there. Now that our shed and kitchen area are cleaned, we can start using the kitchen as the meeting space again.

I am still in the process of figuring out an outside programming space. Once the light situation is finalized I will start working with the building committee to come up with a design. I feel the library would greatly benefit from having a finished space for events. The area needs to accommodate various age groups and have electrical power.

I will be taking December 28 - 30 off to spend time with my brother who is visiting from North Carolina. I will be at the Board meeting.

Summer has presented some ideas to me regarding teen programs when the library is not open. I am including her description of the events. I am ready to give my approval for these programs as long as you are okay having the library in use during unofficial hours.

The teens have expressed that they would like to see Magic: the Gathering (MtG) back in the library. I have spoken to some of my contacts and am in the process of getting cards donated for the collection. I would like to have a collection of single cards that can be played with while in the library as well as a selection of between 6-8 decks that have been put together ahead of time that can be checked out from the library. The individual cards can be used to build decks and play with them while in the library. The decks available for circulation will be 75 cards in protective sleeves, plus a list of the cards contained in the decks. Each deck will check out as an individual item. A common concern when discussing the lending of MtG cards is that some of them are of considerable value. As a proactive response I have chosen to build decks out of cards that are most frequently printed (these are known as commons and uncommons, which refers to the frequency at which the cards are printed. These are the two most frequently printed categories) and as such are going to be of minimal value. I will also probably stamp them somewhere in a way that will diminish their value without impacting the playability of the card itself.

I have also spoken to you about the possibility of opening up the library, or keeping it open past regular operating hours, to teens only 1-2 times a month, at least until a dedicated teen space can be found in the building. During these times the teens have said that they would love to do things like watch anime, play video games, and with the Magic cards that I mentioned above. I think initially while I'm still figuring out which anime we can and cannot show I would be doing videogames with the switch and MtG but plan to take suggestions from the teens for what animes they would like to see in the library.