

To: Trustees of the Abbott Memorial Library, Librarian's Report [January 16, 2017]

1. Circulation Statistics in December: 156 (last year: 137; in 2014: 215).

Listen Up Vermont: 322 checkouts in 2016, 200 checkouts in 2015, 180 checkouts in 2014.

2. Patron Tally in December: 142 (last year: 128; in 2014: 160).

new patrons in December: 2 total.

Computer use in December: 6 users/2 hours (last year: 10 users/ 4 hours).

WiFi use recorded in December: 3 users/2.5 hours total.

Volunteer hours for December: 32 hours (desk coverage, library tasks, programs, annual appeal).

3. Programs in December:

Preschool Storytime: 1 program took place in December with 2 people attending.

20 children and 5 adults attended the Lantern Making Workshop and Parade

4. Upcoming Programs:

Chinese New Year celebration will take place Friday January 27, from 5:30 – 7 pm. Anne and I are coordinating.

The Valentine Party after school program will take place on Thursday February 9 from 3 – 5 pm.

Two DCF book discussions will take place on the same day at the Prosper Valley School in mid-February. Interested 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students have the choice of reading *The War That Saved My Life*, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley or *Escape From Baxter's Barn*, by Rebecca Bond. Abbott Library is providing most of the books and coordinating with the school librarian and teachers.

5. We will be hosting a 'Work Together Tuesday' event on Tuesday March 14 from 9:30 am – 3 pm. Rachel Shields, a Woodstock resident who works from home, is reaching out to other telecommuters by hosting opportunities to meet and work alongside others, at different locations in Woodstock and Pomfret during the months of February and March.

6. I submitted the Public Library Report for FY 2016 to the state on January 6.

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