

GILLETT LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2016

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE – OCT 21, 22, 29, & 29

We had another successful Haunted House event in the Community Center the last two weekends in October, and I had a lot of volunteers who worked hard to put on a great show. It was a Grimm's Fairy Tale theme and I was the Grimm who led all through the House to the various rooms of fairy tale characters searching for Little Red Riding Hood who went missing...Snow White and the 6 dwarfs (as something happened to the 7th one), Sleeping Beauty (who was distraught and couldn't sleep), etc.

This year, all visitors could wait inside the library for their House tour to begin, and they were entertained with stories by the fireplace; last year, all had to wait outside for over an hour and a half to get in. Volunteer Gary Jaeger, dressed as a lumberjack, led everyone from the library through our "woods" that was set up in the Community Square to the entry of the Haunted House. Gary and I did most of the work to decorate and create the scenes and special effects this year, which included dancing skeletons projected onto the windows facing the Square and a 3D talking witch inside the old vault of the Community Center facility.

Visitors came from as far away as Green Bay, and we've gotten many positive comments about this year's event. I'm including pictures along with this report.



FRIENDS OF THE GPL - LIBRARY RAFFLES

All tickets were sold for the LOCK BOX RAFFLE and ticket holders were able to come to the old vault in the Community Center on Election Day to open up their safety deposit box and see what they won. All 100 boxes were filled with a prize, and many of the prizes were donated by area businesses and individuals. The grand prize was \$100, 2nd prize was a \$50 gift certificate to Pat's Market, and 3rd prize was a quilted table runner donated by the Inchworm Quilters.

I've donated a quilt to the library that we're raffling off now. Our raffle license doesn't expire until next fall, and I thought it would be another opportunity to raise funds to complete the exterior spaces here. I can't take credit for making this log cabin quilt top, but I did donate the backing and batting as well as paid for it to be quilted, and I sewed on the binding. We're selling tickets for \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00, so let me know if you can sell some for the cause. We'll be announcing the winner the week of Easter, in April 2017.



THANKSGIVING WEEK

Our library will have special activities and fun projects to do all week when the kids are off from school (except on Thanksgiving Day when our library will be closed). A craft table will be set up during our open hours for kids to make a variety of Christmas projects. We'll also be creating a Christmas tree out of old books (which are destined for the next book sale) and hope to have it completed by the end of the week. Christmas music will be playing and there will be treats for all who visit.

Cathie from our library staff and members of her church (the Hope Community Church in Shawano) will be here serving refreshments for all ages, and they will be helping with children's activities on Monday-Wednesday from 9:00-Noon. They received a Thrivent grant and are using those funds to provide the refreshments here which is wonderful.

COMMUNITY CENTER DONATION- LOCKS FOR CABINETS

Robert Davis from our area VFW has volunteered to pay for and install cabinet locks on all of the cabinets in the Community Center. He's been working with Mitch from Meunier's and hopes to have all the coordinating locks and keys here within the next few weeks. The VFW uses the facility for meetings every month.



FIRST SNOW CONTEST – ENTER GUESS BY NOVEMBER 18TH

We're running a contest on the first date that Gillett will receive snow this season.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK – DECEMBER 3RD

Our library works with the Gillett Business Association each year to bring Christmas to Gillett, and it will take place on Saturday, December 3rd. We provide the children's activities at the park...the Jingle Bell Skate (bring your own roller skates) and Snowminton (like badminton with paddles and paper snowballs), along with other Christmas crafts and activities. We have 20 vendors signed up this year, and many community groups and organizations participate at the Park as well as around town with special events. There are some new people in the GBA now, and we all have a fresh outlook on what we can do to promote our Gillett community which is exciting. I'm hoping to coordinate a Christmas parade in Gillett again, hopefully in 2017.

Christmas in Gillett

At the County Fair Building
December 3rd

11:00am-4:00pm

Elfe Shoppe

Crafters, Vendors & Food!!



Santa arrives at 1:00pm!!!



1:00pm-4:30pm

Christmas in the Park Activities

Santa, Family crafts & activities,

4-H Cake Walk and Jingle Bell Skate

(bring your own roller skates)

4:30pm

Tree-Lighting & Fireworks in the Park

Fireworks donated by Boom Boom Boys & GBA



GILLETT AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS TEA
1:00-4:00pm at the GAHS Museum (110 W. Main Street)

GILLETT WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL COOKIE & FRUITCAKE SALE
December 2nd & 3rd at Gillett's two area banks

HILLSIDE ASSEMBLY TO HELP US WITH BOUGHS

I worked with youth pastor Matt Golie for our Easter in Gillett event last spring, and he's going to work with us again this weekend to cut and install evergreen boughs in our library's planters. Matt works with teens at the church and he coordinates community service projects, and he contacted me to see if there's anything they could do. We'll head out into the woods Saturday morning and our planters should be done and ready for the holidays by the afternoon.

EBENREITER COMMUNITY SQUARE SIGN

I got help last Sunday from my husband and friends to get the sign installed in the Community Square. The City used their augur to dig the holes awhile back, but the sides kept caving in so it didn't help us much last Sunday. Lots of work, but it's in and it looks nice.

HOLIDAY WREATH HUNT 2016

This is the 11th year that I've organized a COMMUNITY WREATH HUNT to Gillett area businesses. Last year, over 25 area businesses participated. The Hunt encourages families to go around to the businesses and answer a question about the wreath that they have on display there, and many of the wreaths are decorated with items that identify their business...i.e. the Hintz 4H always decorates a wreath for our library with a reading theme.

Families have the entire month of December to collect the answers, and the HUNT will be distributed for the first time at the Christmas in the Park event on December 3rd. Afterward, I'll have hard copies available at the library as well as online on our website and Facebook page.