

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – JANUARY 2020

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This is an annual web conference that was developed by our Library System, and it has since grown into a much larger event that brings in speakers from all around the country. Topics included: Strategic Planning, Adult Services, Tech Trends, Readers' Advisory, Community Engagement, Social Media Trends, Space Planning/Design, Children's Programming, Library Displays, and Library Management. It's a wonderful opportunity to learn and earn CE credits without having to leave the library!

COMMUNITY CENTER COURTYARD PROJECT UPDATE

I was contacted by Derek Hanson this past week...he's the Eagle Scout who is planning to do the landscaping in the courtyard area around the checkerboard behind the Community Center. He has finally set up a meeting with the entire board of Scouts and will present the idea to them so it can be approved as his Eagle Scout project.

Hopefully the process will continue to move forward and work can get started here in early spring as soon as weather permits. It isn't a big area, and hopefully the Scouts can have the grass removal and bed prep done within a few days, and then plants can be ordered from local garden centers while they still have a good selection to choose from.

ANNUAL REPORT TO DPI

The Wisconsin Public Library Annual Report and Wisconsin Public Library System Annual Report for the 2019 reporting period are now open and due to the State by February 29, 2020. Our Library System uploads all of the statistical data that is collected through our circulation process, and I will need to supply all local information...i.e. our program attendance figures, board member information, and our 2019 budget figures for revenues and expenses. I'll be in contact with Kim from the City, and hopefully we'll be able to get a written report to confirm our 2019 figures. Our library board will need to approve this report at our upcoming February meeting.

“PASSIVE” PROGRAMMING @ THE GPL

Our **ESCAPE TABLE** this month features the book “Snowflake Bentley”, and the challenge is all about snowflakes. We change the theme every month, and challengers who beat the table are entered into the grande prize drawing at the end of each month.

In addition to the **ESCAPE TABLE**, we’ll also have a **VALENTINE CREATION STATION** set up through Valentine’s Day. Kids can make a variety of crafts including cards at this station.

And every winter we change over from the Librarian’s Shake of the Day to the **LIBRARIAN’S CATCH OF THE DAY**, and kids can “fish” for either a treat or a chore in our Library Lagoon!



COMING SOON...BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK!



This has been a popular event in past years, and we’re bringing it back again this February!

Throughout the entire month of February, readers are encouraged to take a chance and read something new...

“No hard feelings or awkward break-ups. Don’t judge a book by its cover, and if you don’t like your date, you can return it. Then rate your date for an opportunity to win prizes (like gift certificates to local businesses)”.



Also included this month is “A Year in Review for 2019” (separate from this report).