

## Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: statistical summaries for the month of November 2019 will be available at our meeting.

### Financial/Donations:

- We are working on putting together a proposal for the SALS Library Services Seed Challenge Grant. Our plan is to create a weekly program for retirees/older adults with a rotating slate of activities and including refreshments. The grant money would fund supplies for this proposed program. I will need preliminary approval from the Board so that I can submit our application at the end of December. I will share our full proposal at our January meeting, if that's acceptable.

### News/Issues:

- I mentioned last month that, through SALS, we would be participating in a grant program (called "First Book") in aid of early literacy. We chose our books, they were ordered, and most of them came in. I have since passed them on to Lori Stokem of Books in Kids' Hands, and they will be distributed this holiday season. When the remainder of the books arrive here, we will pass those on as well.
- Holiday hours: just a reminder that the library will be closed on Dec 24th and 25th, and on Dec. 31st and Jan 1st.

### Programs:

- The "Dairy Dialogues" program had a good turnout with just over 30 attendees.
- Our Gingerbread Building Program on November 23rd was a fun time, but the attendees were all people already connected with the library (staff and board members' families); there were no unique participants. Regardless, I think all participants really enjoyed themselves.
- Our Gingerbread Contest raised \$240.64 and about 101 food items for the Salem Food Pantry.
- There will be an Office for the Aging Luncheon on December 18th at noon, and a Caregiver Support Initiative program that same afternoon at 2 PM: "Caregiving and the Holidays."
- All other regularly scheduled programs are going along as usual.