

## Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: please see attached statistical summaries for the month of November 2017.

### Financial/Donations:

- Nothing significant to report at this point.

### News/Issues:

- We are applying for the SALS 2018 Challenge Grant, to hopefully get funds for a makerspace cart (an actual cart plus various supplies for creating). Karen has been working on this application; it is due at the end of this month. The application asks for a "board approval date". Would it be acceptable to everyone for us to put the date of our December board meeting as this date? The application is not complete yet, but all board members are welcome to look it over once it is.
- We need to discuss and decide upon our logo. I have a printed final version of Chris Smith's contribution.
- I have written up and posted a brief reminder-type list for people who are using Proudfit Hall, to remind them about tasks that need to be completed before they lock up. (All are items that are on the signed agreement form.)

### Programs:

- Gingerbread Contest was a success: we had 15 adult bakers/creators and 31 kids, with a total of 18 entries. There were 76 adult visitors the day of the contest, and 19 kids. We are planning to make this an annual event, due to multiple requests by participants and attendees.
- We continue to work on fulfilling program ideas written on our suggestion list.
- Upcoming programs: drop-in technology help with Sarah McFadden on Dec. 5 and 12; digital photos workshop being planned for January; adult short story writing workshop being planned for the new year.
- New story time bags are in circulation with good feedback (MANY thanks to Karen Hickland for these bags), and we've created a new Cursive Handwriting activity box that can be checked out of the library. The creation of this box stems from patron suggestions. We plan to make other activity boxes, for all ages, as we move forward.
- Many good things happening at our library this month: our Holiday Giving Tree, paper cut-out snowflakes to fill the front windows, and participation in the Little Hats, Big Hearts project  
([http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts\\_UCM\\_487734\\_SubHomePage.jsp#mainContent](http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts_UCM_487734_SubHomePage.jsp#mainContent))