



Howard Miller Public Library

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

February 2023



Library Events/Programming Highlights

- The Building Block Cub continues to gain momentum with the weekly offering of this Monday evening program for kids in Kindergarten and older.
- Regular weekly Children's programming resumed on Wednesday's and Thursday's.
- Jessica Volkers began a new program series, the Building Block Club, for Lego enthusiasts on Monday evenings for kids in Kindergarten and up.
- Teens engaged in a craft program on Try It Tuesday and created paintings using acrylics.

Staff Highlights

- Jessica Volkers drafted the Summer Reading Program activity calendar for June through August (see attached listing).
- Amanda Hanson attended several meetings including 2 for the Lakeland Library Cooperative, Michigan Public Library Directors' Group and NEA Big Read group.
- Amanda Hanson hosted a Collection Development staff training session for library materials selectors and curators to establish a system for consistent collection development and management. This session's topic focused on best weeding practices and how to manage collection budgets.
- Lynel Danckaert completed several online webinars on library management.
- Sara VanLente and Julie Russell attended an online webinar on book challenges and how to manage these situations.

Other

- Kimberly Dozeman was hired as the new Library Page. She began on February 13, 2023 and works 6 hours a week in the evenings.
- Amanda has been talking with the Clarke Historical Library at Central Michigan University to gather information about newspaper digitization and hosting services. General overview and scope of digitization project are still to be determined.
- Barb Dannenberg has been appointed by City Council to the open position of Member at Large on the Library Advisory Board.

Looking Forward

- Celebrating Quilting Month in March with a quilt display in the Library throughout the month of March.

- Hosting the Adult craft program, Zentangle, on March 14th at 6pm in the Community Center.
- In cooperation with the Zeeland Historical Society, we welcome guest speaker Dr. Steve VanderVeen to present on Zeeland's Early Entrepreneurs on March 15th at 7pm in the Community Center.

HML by the Numbers – February 2023

	February		
	2023	2022	% Change
Visitors	7,456	7,026	6%
Curbside Delivery	18	32	-44%
Digital Downloads	4,825	3,651	32%
Physical Items (Circulation)	25,463	22,612	13%
Computer Sessions	280	220	27%

Visitors:

- February: 7,456, up 6% from 2022

Curbside Delivery:

- February: 18, down 44% from 2022

Digital Downloads:

- February: 4,825, up 32% from 2022

Physical Items:

- February: 25,463, up 13% from 2022

Computer Sessions:

- February: 280, up 27% from 2022

Children's Programs:

- February: 13 programs – 363 participants; 1 outreach – 206 participants

Adult Programs:

- February: 2 programs - 32 participants