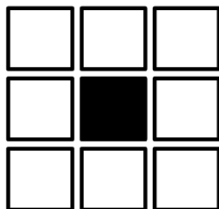


Lunar New Year 2023



Howard Miller Public Library

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 2023

Try It Tuesday
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Library Events/Programming Highlights

- On Saturday January 21st the HML partnered with Zeeland Christian School Mandarin immersion program to present a Lunar New Year celebration event with activities, crafts, and food for almost 300 participants over the course of 2 hours.
- 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 Sharpie-decorated sunglasses.

Staff Highlights

- Amanda worked on HML budget proposals for FY23-24 which includes a proposal to add a new position to the staff: Electronic Resource Services Librarian as of July 2023.
- HML hosted the Lakeland Children's Services Summer Reading planning program for 2023 – a day-long event to discuss programming, decorations, and professional development topics.

Other

- The reinstated Library Page position was advertised and interviews to fill the 6 hour a week position will begin in early February.
- Amanda and Leann are researching how to reactivate the digitization process of the collection of Zeeland Record newspapers that we own. The former company which provided this service no longer does this for libraries. We have identified a new course of action to take with completing this project of digitizing 2007 through 2022 and then creating a maintenance process for the activity moving forward.
- Elizabeth Harsevoort has resigned her position of Member at Large on the Library Advisory Board effective 1/31/2023. The City will be accepting applications to fill this position.
- Amanda reached out to

HML by the Numbers – January 2023

	January		
	2023	2022	% Change
Visitors	7,917	6,275	26%
Curbside Delivery	23	50	-54%
Digital Downloads	4,598	4,006	15%
Physical Items (Circulation)	25,998	23,812	9%
Computer Sessions	276	225	23%

Visitors:

- January: 7,917, up 26% from 2022

Curbside Delivery:

- January: 19, down 54% from 2022

Digital Downloads:

- January: 3,742, up 15% from 2022

Physical Items:

- January: 24,992, up 9% from 2022

Computer Sessions:

- January: 222, down 23% from 2022

Children's Programs:

- January: 11 programs – 921 participants; 1 outreach – 59 participants

Adult Programs:

- January: 1 program - 16 participants