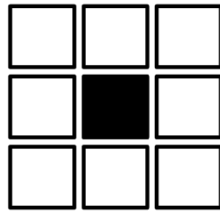


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Library Events/Programming Highlights

- In conjunction with the NEA Big Read Lakeshore 2023, the library gave away 50 copies of the title Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
- HML hosted JoAnne Laudolff on November 7th for a Botanic Printing Workshop with 12 attendees
- Jessica Volkers, Programming Specialist, hosted the Lakeland Youth Services Summer Reading Workshop for all member libraries on November 17
- The new furniture and décor have arrived and have been placed in the Teen/Tween area upstairs

Staff Highlights

- Susan Downing, Librarian II, and Lynel Danckaert, Technical Services and User Experience Manager, attended an online class about using Canva Design to promote social media communications for libraries on November 1
- Amanda Hanson, Director, attended a webinar, Conversation with a Suicidologist, hosted by Ryan Dowd to discuss the epidemic of suicide in our country
- Amanda Hanson, Director, attended a webinar, Open Meetings Act Refresher, November 15
- Julie Russell, Librarian II, and Sara VanLente, Librarian II, attended a Back to Basics training seminar offered by the Lakeland Library Cooperative on November 14

OTHER

City of Zeeland 2023 Strategic Action Plan, HML Action Step #5

- *Create New Workstation in Workroom:*
This goal was completed as of November 1, 2023

HML Strategic Planning Project Update, HML Action Step #6

- The planning consultant has submitted a draft of the Strategic Plan for 2024-2026. The draft is currently under review by the Library Advisory Board. The Board will vote to adopt the final plan at the January 16th meeting (since the Board does not meet in December)

Zeeland Record Newspaper Digitization Project Update

Looking Forward

- Planning for a Warm Beverage Bar at the base of the stairs on the main level of the library for patrons to enjoy hot cocoa, hot chai, or hot cider during the Christmas week 12/18-12/21 from 10am to 2pm daily

- The Holland Modular Railroad Club is offering its annual model train show in the Community Center and staff have create library events in support of this show including a presentation about the historical Interurban Train in the area and train-themed storytimes
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HML by the Numbers – November 2023

	November		
	2023	2022	% Change
Visitors	8,100	7,095	14%
Curbside Delivery	17	19	-11%
Digital Downloads	5,466	4,168	31%
Physical Items (Circulation)	25,715	24,992	3%
Computer Sessions	297	222	34%

Children's Programs:

- 11 programs – 427 participants

Adult Programs:

- 2 programs - 65 participants

Outreach Programs:

- 0 program – 0 participants