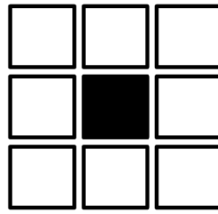


Winnie the Pooh Day
1/18/24



Howard Miller Public Library

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 2024

Library Events/Programming Highlights

- The Library hosted a Family Magic Show featuring Maciek the Magician on January 3rd and had 254 in attendance.
- A new monthly program offered in partnership with Empowering Youth Global Connection started in January. A different culture will be highlighted each session for families. 9 participants attended our first session 1/18/24 at the library.

Staff Highlights

- Amanda Hanson participated in the City's goal planning sessions and completed preliminary budget submission for City Council consideration for the 2024-25 fiscal year.
- Amanda Hanson visited the Zeeland City Township Board meeting on January 16th to introduce herself and present the HML 2024-2026 Strategic Plan.

OTHER

- We installed a suggestion box at the foot of the main stairs in the library called our Idea Hub and have begun receiving submissions from patrons on a regular basis. These ideas are reviewed, placed in a spreadsheet, and considered for implementation by library leadership monthly. As ideas are implemented we will acknowledge the recommendations on a small whiteboard near the box.

City of Zeeland 2024 Strategic Action Plan

- Library Leadership team submitted several operational goals to City management and City Council will choose those action items they feel best support the 2024 Strategic Action Plan for the City. These will be determined by March 2024.

Zeeland Record Newspaper Digitization Project Update

- Amanda Hanson, Director, completed and submitted the application for the Clarke DigMichNews grant to mitigate the digitization project cost – the grant winner(s) will be determined in March 2024.

Looking Forward

- Planning underway for the March Quilt Display by local quilters. So far, we have 12 local quilters signed up to bring in and display their quilting projects here at the Library during March.
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HML by the Numbers – January 2024

	January		
	2024	2023	% Change
Visitors	8,412	7,917	6%
Curbside Delivery	8	23	-65%
Digital Downloads	6,149	4,598	34%
Physical Items (Circulation)	28,004	25,998	8%
Computer Sessions	304	276	10%

Children's Programs:

- 11 programs – 718 participants

Adult Programs:

- 1 program - 53 participants

Outreach Programs:

- 0 programs – 0 participants