## Library Director's Report January 2020

January was a very busy month for us. Our circulation numbers show a 4% increase from last January, and our door count shows a 9% increase. Many of us were commenting on how busy it seemed, and it's interesting and useful to have the statistics reinforce what we were all noticing anecdotally. We had a strikingly mild January this year, and a brutally cold January last year. Seeing how the rest of the year goes will give us some insight into how much of a factor the weather was, but I believe it definitely played a role. The fact that the library was a popular destination during the unseasonably mild January is something we are all pleased and happy about.

We had a highly successful deployment of the new desktop computers in the adult and teen public computer area. We have been receiving numerous expressions of appreciation regarding the larger monitors and increased speed of the computers. The new layout, which gives people more space for themselves and their belongings, is also going well. It doesn't look as roomy as I had anticipated, which is partially because of the larger monitors, but this makes me realize just how tight the space was for people previously.

We have been continuing our work with the US Census Bureau. They continue to regularly use our meeting room to train their employees; they find us to be an excellent central location that is easy for people to get to. We also continue to host census taker application days in our lobby. Adult services staff are familiarizing themselves with what they need to know to assist people who need help filling out the census form online.

## <u>Library Programs and Services</u>

Children's: Baby Lapsit I, 3 sessions, 77

Baby Lapsit II (3 groups), 9 sessions, 162 Toddler Time - 2s (3 groups), 9 sessions, 213 Storytime - 3-5s (3 groups), 12 sessions, 181

Spanish Storytime, 3 sessions, 25

Baby Music & Movement, 3 sessions, 54

1000 Books Before Kindergarten (additional), 6

Family Yoga, 4 sessions, 118

Passive - STEM Kits, 12

Passive - Chinese New Year Zodiac Hunt, 119

Bluestem Book Club, 7 Caudill Book Club, 7

Crafternoon (mini terrarium), 37 Chinese New Year Craft, 90

Miss Jamie's Farm - music program, 185

Airplane Science Flight, 43

Chicago Wolves Reading Club, 34 Chicago Wolves Player Visit, 35 Home School Engineering Projects, 18 Home School Art - Pet Blankets, 15 Home School Lab: Geospace, 26

Cub Scout Troop, 2

**Adult:** Mary Yezek Art Exhibit

Art Reception, Mary Yezek, 35

Button Making, 7 Genealogy Help, 16 Adult Coloring, 4 Astrology 101, 32 Writing Journey, 15 Cosplay 101, 11

Taxes are Everyone's Business, 32 Senior Cards & Games, 3 sessions, 37 Swedish Death Cleaning, 38

Adults BINGO Party, 45

**Teen:** Don't Pay the College Sticker Price, 23

Teen Drop-In/Button Making, 15

DIY: Calendar Pages, 20

**Tweens:** Tween Takeover, 18

Community Outreach: Totschool Storytime, 2 sessions, 59: Lisle Job Club, 3 sessions, 10; Census

Taker Application Day, 17

Book Discussions: Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts, 13; The Devotion of Suspect X by Keigo

Higashino, 18

Computer Classes: Create a PowerPoint Photo Album, 9; Introduction to Microsoft Word, 9;

Intermediate Microsoft Word, 8; Appy Hour, 4

**Services:** Reference Questions: 2,929 in Adult/Teen and 919 in Children's

Public PC Sessions: 1,968 in Adult/Teen and 174 in Children's

3D Printer Jobs: 22 - average print time 1:25:22

Interlibrary Loans Received: 4,339

Home Page Views: 34,044

Study Rooms: 609 in Adult/Teen and 21 in Children's

Volunteer Hours: 100.25 for Adults Museum Adventure Passes: 2

Tours: 2

Aruba Wireless Total Sessions: 4,464

**Displays:** Adult/Teen Department: 2019 Staff Favorites; Around the World in 80 Books; New Year, New

You!; Movie Award Nominees and Winners on DVD

**Children's**: Olaf's Favorites; Chicago Wolves Read to Succeed; Martin Luther King Day; Multicultural Children's Book Day; Snow; Birds; Winter; Clothes; Time Travel Fiction; Who

Loves Winter?; A Good Book is Always in Style

Staff Development and Training

**Adult/Teen Services:** George Kalinka ] Getting Business Buy-In at Your Library

Census 2020 Complete Count Committee

Chris Keefe
Brenda O'Brien GCN Sexual Harassment Training

Debbie Somchay Katie Stanton

**Children's Services:** Jane Malmberg

Elizabeth Burns Cristina Bueno

Kate Lehman
Paula Leonard
Patrick Maloney

Massachusetts Library System Webinar: The Future is Queer

Just the Facts: New Nonfiction for Fall

GCN Sexual Harassment Training

**Circulation Services:** Julie Lombardo World Cat Discovery Searching (webinar)

Michele Sarussi SWAN Circulation Basics (webinar)

**Technical Services:** Patsy Horner RAILS Cataloging Basics

Administration: Pam Dubé Chamber 630 – State of the County Meeting w/Habitat for Humanity

Rotary meetings

Deb Fowler
Pat Harwood
Keith Henderson
Matthew Hennessy

Patti Naisbitt

- GCN Sexual Harassment Training

## **Library Operations**

Circulation for the month of January was 51,854, a 4% increase from January 2019. Registered borrowers number 23,711 which is 71.9% of the jurisdictional population. People/Door Count for month: 32,118