Departmental Reports March 2012

Exhibits

Art Gallery: Dan Olvera, photography

Main Floor Display Cases

1 case: We're Glad to have Friends!

1 case: Have you tried My Media Mall?

Book Displays

Readers Services Displays

Books

Worlds of Wonder Curl Up With a Cozy Read Spotlight On... Jodi Picoult

Music

Monsters of Metal When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

Movies

Academy Award Winners Dancing With the Stars

Teen

If You Can't Get Enough of *The Hunger Games* Try These Readalikes... Brand New Teen Fiction

Reference Services Display

March Into Women's History Month

Reference Services - Mini Display

National Nutrition Month Happy 175th Birthday Chicago

Youth Services – Child Book Display

Gardens

Building Services

March 2012

Submitted by: Sabri Kecici, Director Building Services

- We kept the lawn trimmed and picked up trash on the grounds
- The storm drains and gutters were cleaned
- Scrubbed and painted cooling pumps #1 and #2
- The lawn mowers were prepared for summer
- Two broken emergency lights were replaced
- Batteries in 8 emergency lights were replaced
- We received a proposal for replacing floor tiles in the Youth Services restrooms from Chaz Flooring Corporation
- Gen Power provided maintenance on the back-up generator
- Continued standard daily building maintenance and spot cleaning of carpets

Information Technology

March 2012

Submitted by: Lucia Khipple, Director Information Technology

- Updated: all patron PCs, Administration, Special Services, Circulation and Public Desk PCs.
- Set-up Virtual PLA Conferencing
- Completed Wi-Fi Installation for Library Connection
- Trouble-shoot City Payroll
- Replaced broken barcode scanner
- Installed new printer for Circulation Director
- Replaced & Rebuilt hard-drive in walk-up PC
- Rebuilt Lab PC
- Assisted:

64 patrons

130 staff

- Replaced back-up battery for phone system
- Repaired 2 Print Release Stations
- Updated Website

Readers Services

March 2012

Submitted by: Mary Constance Back, Director Readers Services

Book Discussions

Books and Bagels

March 1, 2012

Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand Led by Meghan Carney

Morning Book Break

March 13, 2012 *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan Led by Meghan Carney

Just Desserts

Tuesday, March 27, 2012 *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

Led by Robin Schroeder

- We continued to update and revise our Bookmark collection.
- Weeding of the CD collection continued.
- Weeding of the Paperback collection was completed.

Reference Services

March 2012

Submitted By: Jennifer Collette, Director Reference Services

This month Reference Staff has been busy with our regular tasks of ordering, shelving, weeding and staffing of the Reference Desk.

This month we welcomed the addition of wireless access throughout the building. The response has been positive. As many e-readers are now wireless, the wireless access also increases staff ability to assist patrons with their e-readers in the library.

To provide more seating for wireless users, we are aggressively weeding the print Reference Collection. While we will of course be diligent as far as what is weeded, look for this collection to be markedly reduced in size in the future.

Special Services

March 2012

Submitted by: Sharon Montague, Director Special Services

While the weather outside was gloriously sunny and unseasonably warm, we endured some stormy times in Special Services this month. We began the month by assisting with the annual flurry of activity at the 11th Annual Dr. Seuss Day in Youth Services. Then, our scheduled Arts Alive performer had to cancel due to injury. Fortunately, we quickly found a suitable replacement. Finally, the long-standing Write It Now group has decided to disband. Many of the regular attendees moved on, and the few remaining members did not wish to continue without them.

Volunteer Hours:	34.75	In-House Printing:	3,692
Katherine Kinney	8.25	Duplicator	2,686
Annie LeFevre	1.5	Xerox Color Qube	1,006
Donna Thompson	25		

Special Services cont'd

Program Statistics:	125
Couponing 101	19
Arts Alive Concert:	
Classical Favorites with George Radosavlevic	48
Movie: Footloose	
Tuesday Matinee	12 est.
Friday Night at the Movies	23
Exploring Chicago's Magnificent Architecture	20 est.
Write it Now	3

Youth Services

March 2012

Submitted by: Lucia Khipple, Director Youth Services

Youth Services began the month with our annual Seuss Celebration. Both sessions were a terrific success. We are now planning our Summer Programs and Summer Reading.

We delivered 34 book bags.

Meetings:

- Julie Farris and Laura Garcia attended the Lincoln Story League at the Gail Borden Library in Elgin.
- Laura visited the Job Training Classes to promote Library Services to their students.
- Darlene Eiffes attended the School Facilitators Meeting at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library and represented the Library at Central Road School Reading Celebration.
- Laura, Darlene & I attended the PLA virtual conference on Early Literacy at the Library.
- I also attended a virtual conference on Social Media at the Library.