

Facility:

During October the heavy rains resulted in roof leaks in several areas where there have been leaks previously. Buckets and other containers kept the leaks under control so no library materials were damaged.

A problem developed with the system of exterior lights on October 30th. No exterior lights were functioning that evening. Attempts to locate the source of the problem resulted in the lights coming on, but why they started working again was not ascertained. We will be monitoring the situation in case there is another problem with the system.

Staff Development:

Susan Fuller, Library Technician, attended a workshop about Makerspaces at the Madison Public Library on October 16.

Other:

Library staff participated in two special staff workdays during October. Projects included weeding, sorting donations and troubleshooting technology problems.

The library director proctored two exams during October.

Programming:

The library presented a total of 17 programs in October. Programs included the Lego club, book discussions, story times, a genealogy workshop, a classic film, and a program about cooking with herbs. Two hundred seven people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Book circulation increased by 0.66% while all other materials decreased by 1.62%. Over 8,800 items were borrowed from the library during the month of October. The number of visitors increased by 11% with 7,902 patrons visiting during the month. Internet use held steady with 1,676 half hour sessions. The number of questions asked increased by 3.46%.