

Staff Development:

Two All-Staff-Workdays were scheduled during January, allowing staff to spend uninterrupted time working on special projects. Staff worked on developing programming for both children and adults during 2015, worked on the library's database, and evaluated items in the Young Adult, Fiction, and Arts & Crafts collections.

Programming:

The library presented a total of 18 programs in January. Programs included the Lego club, book discussions, and story times. One hundred sixty-nine people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

In most areas the statistics for January 2015 were flat compared to January 2014. The exceptions were in non-fiction books, reference questions and the number of library visitors. The number of visitors decreased by 10%, though this appears mostly to be related to the cold and snowy weather conditions. Circulation for non-fiction materials increased by 16%, while reference questions increased by 126%.

2014 statistics compared to 2013 show the number of physical book circulations continued to decrease modestly while circulation of e-books and downloadable audio books continued to rise. Overall circulation was down 2%. However, the number of people visiting the library continued to grow and library users stayed for longer periods of time. Over 92,000 people visited the library during the year. The average number of items checked out per month was 9,273 and, in a surprising new trend, children's non-fiction circulation increased by 11%. Usage of museum passes increased by 24% over the previous year, with a 113% increase in usage over the last six years.