Facility:
Several problems with lighting fixtures in the main area of the library were addressed by an electrician on November 20th. Four canister units required new ballasts. Two additional units have deteriorated to the point where the fixture itself needs to be replaced. Three units were repaired with materials on hand, however the remaining repairs will be completed by the end of the year once the replacement parts are available.

There was no heat on November 27th when staff arrived for work. Sometime over the Thanksgiving holiday the heating system failed resulting in uncomfortably cold temperatures on Friday morning. Apparently a problem developed with a belt requiring repairs that were completed by mid-afternoon.

The project to replace the locks that were badly worn in a number of library doors was completed on November 17th making it possible for staff to access all of the necessary areas of the building.

Other:
The Friends of the Library Annual Holiday Book Sale was quickly set up on Monday, November 30 by a large contingent of Friends’ members. Enthusiastic book buyers arrived as soon as the library opened. By the end of the first day over 200 books had been sold. Funds raised by this book sale will primarily be used by the Friends to purchase new technology and children’s programming for the library.

Programming:
The library presented 17 programs during November. The programs included book discussions, a book talk, nursery school visits and story times. While the library presented 19% fewer programs than the previous November, there was a 14% increase in attendance at the programs. Two hundred eighty-nine people attended the various programs.

Statistics:
There were 7,936 visits by library users during the month of November. Continuing a recent trend, circulation figures for adult fiction rose by 7%, while total circulation figures decreased by 8%. A total of 7,490 items were borrowed from the library during the month and so far this year 97,028 items have been circulated. Use of the library’s Internet system increased by 3% with 1,771 half-hour blocks used. Reference questions asked increased by 8% over November 2014 figures.