

Staff Development:

The library staff participated in two special staff work days during the month of January. Activities included planning sessions for a year-long series of travel programs that will be sponsored by the library during 2016, focused efforts on weeding the fiction section in the adult area, and brainstorming how to make the book ordering process more efficient and user friendly. Special project days allow the staff to make substantive progress on major projects as well as provide an opportunity for virtually the entire staff to attend a staff meeting together.

Programming:

The library presented 17 programs during January. The programs included book discussions, nursery school visits, story times and a travel film. Two hundred thirty-four people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Statistics were up in the month of January with only one exception, in the non-book circulation figure. While book circulation increased a huge 25% over the January 2015 figure, non-book circulation, including DVDs, was down 5%. A total of 8,050 items circulated during the month. All of the other statistics showed increases including use of the library's Internet system increasing by 63%, attendance at library programs increasing by 38%, and the number of patron's who visited the library increasing by 4%.