Building Issues:
The library lost both furnaces on January 25th and heat was not restored until after noon that day. One furnace had a fuel line issue and the other lost a pump.

The panic alarm system developed a problem starting on January 26th with three faulty alarm codes during the remainder of the month. Efforts to repair the system were initially unsuccessful, but finally in mid-February the problem was resolved.

A new roof leak developed in the staff office behind the circulation desk in the area where the roof and clerestory meet. Two buckets were placed above the ceiling tiles to collect the drips, which tapered off after a half hour.

Other:
The library closed early on January 24th due to inclement weather.

Programming:
The library presented 23 programs during January. The programs included book discussions, a travel film, story times, a presentation by a functional medicine practitioner and a program on the life of mill girls early in the last century. Three hundred five people attended the various programs. This was a 30% increase in the number of attendees compared to January 2016 figures.

Statistics:
January 2017 Statistics
Book circulation increased by 16%, while media and electronic circulation decreased by 11%. A total of 8,299 items were checked in January. Questions asked decreased by 6% compared to January 2016. An estimated 5,940 people visited the library during the month.