

Building Issues:

The sign that has stood in front of the library for many years was blown down in a storm on March 3rd. The sign, which is partially made of wood and partially made of vinyl, sustained damage in the fall and it was further discovered that the wooden portions had rotted over time causing the posts to break in the high winds. Plans for a replacement are underway.

The library furnaces went down again on Tuesday, March 14th then again on Saturday, March 18th. Problems with the controls on the system, issues with aging parts failing, and problems with thermostats have all been factors in the recent heating issues. Controls are being changed out and systems are being adjusted and recalibrated to try to resolve the problems.

Additional issues with the library building during March included an air handler above a staff work desk developing a major leak on March 14, new roof leaks in areas there had previously not been leaks (resulting in three damaged books), an ant infestation, and a broken toilet.

Other:

The library closed early on March 14th due to inclement weather.

Programming:

The library presented 24 programs during March. The programs included book discussions, a travel film, story times, a presentation on women during World War II, a genealogy program and a short film about opera. Three hundred fifty-four people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

March 2017 Statistics

The weather in March continued to impact library use, especially when compared to last March's warm and pleasant weather. Despite this book circulation statistics were up 3% and attendance at library program increased by 88%, even though the number of programs presented only increased by 9%. Other circulation figures decreased with overall circulation down 2% and the number of people through the door down 5%. Wireless internet use remained the same compared to March 2016, but use of the library's internet workstations decreased by 43% as more people brought their own devices to use to access internet services. An estimated 6,981 people visited the library during the month.