

Building Issues:

The library furnaces went down on Monday, February 6th for the second time since the beginning of the year. Repairs were completed by noon. The main area of the library was able to stay open using space heaters, however the back offices became too cold to work in.

Unfortunately the heating system went down for a third time, on Monday, February 27th. Each time the problem has been different such as a blocked fuel line, a bad nozzle, a problem with an electrode, or the failure of a motor. Since it was a very cold day, the temperature in the building fell to 56 degrees before the system was repaired.

The library roof was cleared of snow on February 17th as the depth and weight of the snow became a concern.

Another roof leak developed behind the circulation desk on Friday, February 24th. This latest leak unfortunately developed right over the book trucks containing library materials that were awaiting reshelving. Staff quickly identified the leak and were able to move the carts to safe locations so no materials were damaged. Three waste baskets were strategically placed to catch the drips. The problem stopped overnight and has not so far reoccurred.

Other:

The library closed early on February 7th, February 13th and February 9th due to inclement weather.

Programming:

The library presented 19 programs during February. The programs included book discussions, a travel film, story times, a presentation on Alzheimer's, a genealogy program on scanning photos and documents, and a short film about opera. Two hundred fifty-two people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

February 2017 Statistics

The weather in February definitely had an impact on library use as last February was warm and pleasant and this February was cold and snowy. The library closed several times due to weather problems so that the library was open 15% less than it was in February 2016. Despite this book circulation statistics were up 1%, the number of reference questions asked increased by 7% and attendance at library programs was up 20%. However, circulation of non-book items decreased so that year-to-date circulation figures are down 3% and patrons through the door are down 8%. An estimated 5,196 people visited the library during the month.