

Director's Report to the Library Board For December 2018 Submitted January 15, 2019



Author Series partnership with Virginia Center for Literary Arts

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS:

Adult Services, Adrienne Davis

Reference Associate II Tory Gallery launched DIY programming for adults with two sets of Holiday Gift Making workshops, and is planning to offer up to five more sets of workshops in the coming year. Tory also promoted the Library's new *Universal Class* online service which offers approximately 500 online courses.



Reference Associate Mandy Foote organized and led her first eBook Workshop at Bowman. There were 13 patrons and at least 17 devices – including Kindle eReaders and Fires, Android and iOS smartphones, tablets and laptops. The goal is for associates to offer an average of one workshop per month focusing on our Virtual Library products.

Bowman Library Operations & Business Manager, Kim Bean

On nearly every day in December, something fun and interesting was happening at the Bowman Library, two of the programs to highlight were the Sisters in Crime women's crime writers' panel on Saturday the 8th, and a holiday concert provided by the Apple Valley Ringers Handbell Choir on Sunday, December 9th.

Friends of Handley Regional Library, Barbara Dickinson

The second program of the *Authors Series at Handley Library* with the Virginia Center for Literary Arts (VCLA) took on the publishing world of political biography with two authors that live (*at least part of the time*) in Clarke County. Hosted by VCLA founder, Sean Murphy; the authors were Harry Jaffee and Howard Means.

The Winchester Little Theater and Handley Library presented the radio reading of *Buddy and Sook*, offering three productions. The live radio play is based on a series of short stories, *A Christmas Memory* and *The Thanksgiving Visitor* by author Truman Capote.

Youth Services, Donna Hughes

A jolly time was had by all at our Handley Library Gingerbread Jamboree on December 5 where a record 240 people attended. Goody bags compiled of gingerbread cookies from Firefly Cafe, reindeer stickers and more were given to the first 75 children. After the energetic puppet show, families explored the interactive stations and, for the first year, got to play in and decorate a life-size “gingerbread” house (made of cardboard)!

Getting ready for the Reindeer Hokey Pokey at the 2018 Handley Gingerbread Jamboree!



A Who-ville Christmas was held at Bowman Library with program attendees coming in Who-ville dress. Stories, songs, puppets and craft activities completed the morning program.

Families from the Handley Library Homeschool Hub program presented their Science Fair projects to judges, Curry Schiavone from the Museum of Shenandoah Valley and Diane Schnoor from the SVDM. The “Best in Show” was awarded to an 8-year old student for “Algae Action”.

Handley Library Operations & Business Manager, Ann White

Once again, Handley Library was a performance site for the First Night Winchester activities. Approximately 200 New Year’s revelers were able to enjoy three performances held throughout the evening. This year’s performer was Tracey Wygal, recognized performer and award-winning music educator who specializes in paying tribute to Patsy Cline.

Handley Library participated in the Old Town Holly Jolly festivities held on Saturday, December 8th with more than double the attendance of last year as 115 visitors dropped in for crafts, music and holiday games.

Circulation/ Outreach Services, Mary Anton

Library staff enjoyed participating in the Mexican Consulate program at Shenandoah University, 150 visitors dropped by to learn about all the programs and services offered at the library and new library cards were issued.

Clarke County Library, Laurine Kennedy

Clarke County Library and Barns of Rose Hill are in the planning stages of offering three special programs “Community Conversations” in March, April and May. More details will be made available in the months ahead.

Public Relations & Technology Coordinator, Matt Swain

Our new logo was made available to the public on January 7. We are excited with the new look, as it highlights the interaction and connection between Handley, Bowman and Clarke County Libraries. New promotional items are in the process of being chosen and will be available in the future, such as mouse pads, shirts, bags, etc.

Community Partnerships:

- Barefoot Puppets, Heidi Rugg
- Blue Ridge Dog Training Club
- Discovery Preschool
- Firefly Cafe
- Four-Color Fantasies
- Friends of Handley Regional Library
- Great Big Faces, Paul Merklein
- Impressions Theater, Chris Markham
- JustBirth, Gretchen Smith
- Kid Pan Alley, Donna Burkweitz
- La Leche League, Natasha Ossinova
- Little Hearts to Little Hands
- Master Gardeners from the Virginia Cooperative Extension service
- Museum of the Shenandoah Valley
- One Book One Community, Author Adrianna Trigiani
- One-Man Band, Peter McCorry
- Pet Partners, Nicole Staib
- Pint-Size Polkas, Mike Schneider
- Shenandoah Music
- Shenandoah University, Karen Huff
- Shenandoah Valley Chess Club
- Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum
- Shine Yoga
- Stephens City Chess Club
- Spring Arbor of Winchester
- Tampa Taiko Drums, Ron Collins
- Tricky Person Productions, Johnny-O
- TyRone's World, TyRone Travis
- Valley Wildlife, Lynn Oliver
- Virginia Center for Literary Art
- Virginia Commission of the Arts
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Wildlife Ambassadors, Becky Shore
- Winchester City Sheriff's Office

Staff Outreach Programs in the Community:

Tiny Tales, Spring Arbor of Winchester
Spy Night, Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum