



# HRLS

## *Director's Report and Highlights*

*March 2023*

### *Coming Together*

The Library's March ad in the Winchester Star, sponsored by TechTeam Solutions, extended an area-wide invitation for residents to *Gather at the Library* and enjoy the programs and activities offered throughout the system. And the ad seems to have achieved its goal.



Back by popular demand, Bowman held its second jigsaw puzzle tournament with an enthusiastic gathering of 29 competing for the coveted \$8 "Winner's" medal and the priceless bragging rights that come with it.



March also saw the popularity of its "Sit and Stitch" program at Clarke outgrow its space. The branch has now begun a search to find a larger space within the Berryville area to accommodate the program.



### *Special Tours & Common Interests*

Members of the 4H Soaring Arrows youth group were able to learn more about their special interest, photography, through a tour of Handley library and a presentation on early photographic techniques with a viewing of some of the daguerreotypes in the Archives collection



## ***Celebrating Things Irish***

March also saw patrons coming together to learn about and celebrate things Irish at all three branches. St. Patrick's Day activities included craft making, scavenger hunts, stories and legends, dancing and lots and lots of music with local celebrities sharing their talents. Laura Cullinane, (left) helped little ones learn about Irish instruments at Clarke, "One Street Over" Irish Band filled the air with music at Bowman and members of the Armstong Irish Dance Academy provided a showcase of their skills at Handley.

## ***A Good Story Always Brings a Crowd***

New Your Times best selling author and illustrator, also area resident, Ben Hatke helped out with StoryTime at Clarke by reading two of his books to an appreciative and only slightly wiggly audience.



## ***And Spring Brings Field Trips to the Library***

Each Spring, the staff of the Handley Youth Services Department offers a very special, personal welcome to Winchester elementary school children by hosting fieldtrips to the library. Many of the children have been here before, but for some, it's the first time. And that first time provides the opportunity to share the experience with their families and the knowledge that they are welcome.

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