



## DIRECTOR'S REPORT - JANUARY 2022

### Library Support Activities:

Friends of MPL Meeting – 12/14	Causewave Survey Meetings – 12/21 & 1/7
Trustee Handbook Book Club 12/14	Directors Council Meeting 1/5

### Facility:

Thank you Highway Dept for removing a damaged tree which had dropped branches on our driveway.

New Art Show – “Colors of Winter” oil and pastel paintings by Victoria Brzustowicz.

### Personnel:

There were some staff shortages due to illness but we managed.

Next Staff Meeting Day is Feb 4. One thing planned is training on Sustainable Shelves, a program from book vendor Baker & Taylor to take back weeded books for library credit or recycling.

### Friends of MPL:

The next meeting is January 11 at 6:30 pm.

### Library System:

The library system is offering an opportunity to member libraries for discounted replacement of network equipment through the Federal E-Rate reimbursement program. Network switches are the equipment they are purchasing this spring, though there is the possibility to do wireless access points if a number of libraries are interested. The deadline for expressing interest is February 1 for the switches. This is something we need to look into more to determine our needs.

Libby App- The old Overdrive app is being discontinued this winter and the “Libby” app will be necessary to access Overdrive e-content. The system is doing a 1 year trial of “Great Courses”.

First Amendment Audits- There has been an uptick in people coming in with to libraries nationwide with cameras, trying to get staff to challenge their First Amendment Rights to film. I required staff to read an [article from the current American Libraries](#) periodical to be prepared. I have put copies of some of our related policies ([Rules of Conduct Policy](#) and [Electronics Use Policy](#)) in a folder at the main desk.

**Statistics:**

Door Count December 2021: ~1700

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December 2021 Circulation Stats:
Charge/ Renew 3,918
Catalog Plus 997
Phone Renewal 2
Overdrive 1,387
<b>Dec 2021 6,304</b>
<b>Dec 2020 7,011</b>
<b>Gain/ Loss (707)</b>
<b>Percentage -10%</b>

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2021 Total Circulation Stats
Charge/ Renewal 54,744
Catalog Plus 12,917
Phone Renewal 20
Overdrive 17,468
<b>YTD 85,149</b>
<b>2020 69,459</b>
<b>Gain/ Loss 15,690</b>
<b>Percentage 23%</b>

**Programs:**

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Kids: This past month we've had some highs and lows in the children's program department. Cris Johnson's Christmas Magic Show was a huge hit, with 50 people in attendance. Story Time was going great through the holiday break. Then, with staff illness and rising COVID infections, we've curtailed in-person Story Time and will be holding all Tuesday Story Times via Instagram LIVE until further notice. Presenter and staff illness found us cancelling much of our break week offerings. The Girl Scouts put

together a terrific Game Day on Monday, December 27th, complete with Life-Sized Candy Land and several board game offerings. It was a hit! Pottery Painting and Crafting events had to be rescheduled and will now take place in February and during Spring Break. January events include a special illustrator visit on Martin Luther King Day. Yuko Jones will share the illustrations from her recently published book and do a guided drawing program for the kids in attendance – thanks to our staff member, Christine for clueing us in on her talented friend!

Teen Involvement: Teens submitted a few book reviews, and our 2nd Teen Newsletter was released in-library and on our website in December. Teens will gather mid-January for another Teen Trivia Night, this one based on Harry Potter. We're thankful for the teen volunteer support that has allowed us to share simple craft kits and lego kits. Furthermore, their ongoing efforts help us keep the library neat and tidy. In gathering data for our 2021 Annual Report, we're pleased to note the total hours logged by volunteers in 2021 is 367 hours (this does not include Friends' volunteer hours). This compares with 264 in 2018, 255 in 2017, 258 in 2016.