



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees
December 4, 2023 Regular Meeting**

(Lyla Grills Reporting)

- Our holiday decorating was once again a collaborative effort between staff, teen volunteers, Friends, and patrons! Community member Carrie Oderman created the fantastic gingerbread library on display. The Village/Rotary judging committee will visit on December 5.
- We are all set to participate in the Firetruck parade with Elephant & Piggie on December 9, though if any board members wish to participate, please let us know!
- Two legislative meetings are planned this month with Senator Helming (December 13 at 9:45) and with Assemblymember Lunsford (December 19 at 10:00).
- Local graphic designer Patty McGuire fixed up our MPL logos a little bit, for resolution purposes. There are a few slightly different versions, attached at the end of this report.
- L Grills Meetings Attended: Town Board meeting on 11/13, Friends meeting on 11/14, Staff Training morning on 11/16, Legislative Event on 11/17.
- As is our tradition at Staff Training Days, staff reported on "Bright Spots & Best Moments at MPL." Some things mentioned were:
 - *A regular patron who often has some special reference requests told me thank you and he appreciates us.*
 - *We had a very special impromptu reading from a debut author: 5 year old Elayna read us her new book!*
 - *Bleak House Books is such a great asset to the community and there is a synergy between book shop and library; overall people are getting more excited about books and reading!*

Programming Highlights for December 2023 (Kelly P. reporting)

Kids: November was a time of transition at the library. We have gotten into our regular groove with programs and at Thanksgiving cleaned out our Fall Decorations to make room for a Library full of Gingerbread and other sweet treats!

The Children's Programs have been solidly attended. Regular events like Tuesday Story Time, Wednesday Firefly Friends, Tuesday Paws to Relax, and LEGO Club have all had great attendance. Our two programs for kids on Saturdays in November were tremendous. Kids and their families loved the RMSC Dino Program and the Storybook Chef's Gingerbread House Program. Come December, we look forward to having a few celebratory events – Rock, Rhythm, and Roll into the Holidays, Elephant & Piggie Meet & Greet, and Preparing for the Solar Eclipse. In addition, over break, we'll have a giant chess board set up over the holiday break. We'll also host a few programs for kids between Christmas and New Years including Seneca Park Zoo Delivers – Habitat Program, Cornell Cooperative Extension Bird Program, and Family Bingo.

This year, for the first time EVER, we will participate in the Holiday Parade on December 9th. The Friends have allowed us to rent awesome Elephant & Piggie costumes and we'll share bookmarks and other fun treats. We'll be asking our Teen Volunteers, Friends, and BOT to join us. Everyone marching will be asked to wear grey w/Elephant Ears provided or pink w/Piggie Ears provided.

Teen Involvement:

Teens enjoyed the Henna Program and Cookie Decorating Program in November. In addition, we had lots of teen volunteers assist us in November with craft assembly and decorating. Deb D has been drawing in a growing group of teens for Tuesday Craft Sessions. Come December, we look forward to offering a Holiday Air Plant Workshop. Teens will also be encouraged to attend the Family Bingo.

Adults:

"Mendon Public Library" & "The Original Mendon Public Library" Gingerbread Creations by Carrie Oderman are now on display near the study rooms. If you look closely, you'll notice the amazing details in these two wonderful gingerbread houses! Clementine is even featured! Carrie is the daughter of the Friends of Mendon Public Library's new Secretary, Theresa Oderman.

A few travel talks are planned for December as well as Meditation and Health Insurance Q&A Sessions. Later in December, we'll begin promoting the Cozy Little

Art Show 2.0. We'll begin distributing canvases in late December with the show set to open on Martin Luther King Day, January 15, 2024. Both the Friends and Kiwanis have agreed to help sponsor this event.

As of December 1, we will no longer offer the Book Drop in the Hamlet. Overall, usage has decreased over the years. The book drop at Mendon Public Library, 22 N Main Street in Honeoye Falls, is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Keep in mind that materials from Mendon Public Library (with the exception of WiFi Hot Spots) may also be returned to any of the 31 library locations within the Monroe County Library system.

