

Director's Report – February 2018
Joy Neal, Director

Library:

Circulation for February 2012. Patron count was 2002. We had 222 uses of the computers. We made 9 new library cards. We had 187 people attend library programs.

We were closed Monday February 19 for President's Day

Tech nights were held on February 7,14, 21 and 28.

Legos @ the Library was February 27.

Staff meeting was February 28.

Winter Reading Program continues to the end of March.

Staff:

I worked with Jessica Saturday the 17th, her first Saturday. I also took her to the FoSL meeting on the 6th to introduce her to the other Children's Librarians. I have signed her up for several training opportunities. I also took her to the Middle School Book Club on the 9th where we were able to visit with Beth about books, Summer Reading and cooperative projects.

Jessica and I visited the 8th Grade classes (2) to talk about resources we have that they could use for their Cultural Fair projects. The projects were on display at the school March 6th.

Aslan was gone from February 14-21 on vacation.

I have done some major weeding and shifting of the fiction collection, easy readers, and juvenile fiction. Weeding is an ongoing need due to space issues.

February 27 Susan, Matt Aalfs, and I met with the new city planner, Marianne (in the library staff room) to get a feel for how our building plans fit with the city guidelines. She was very excited about our project and encouraged Matt to flesh out the design. We also discovered that the process with the city will probably take about 6 months rather than the year we thought. (Small towns move faster!) She encouraged us to get the design phase done sooner rather than later.

Community:

February 9, Susan and I met with Whitney (superintendent) and Christine (booster club) regarding the sign on our property. I suggested they not make improvements to it as it will have to come down when we build. I promised to ask our Architect and city planner on the 27th about options that could be incorporated into our building design.

Skagit Library Directors' meeting was held here, Monday, February 12. The Anacortes position has not been filled yet.

I attended the Kiwanis breakfast meetings on February 7,14, 21 and 28.

My after school sewing classes were held on February 13, 20 and will pick up again in March for three more weeks.

Other:

I attended the Skagit Island Human Resource Management meeting February 8.

We had three employees of the Sno-Isle Library System come and take Microsoft Certification Tests. One took two tests and the others each took one. They all passed! They were extremely pleased they could take the tests here and were going to encourage other staff to take the tests.

I worked as a cashier at FiberFest for the Quilt Museum, Saturday, February 24.

Central Skagit and the Sedro-Woolley Libraries merged this month. Some remodeling was done of the Sedro-Woolley Library so both can operate out of it until a new building is built. I visited the space on the 23rd after the building reopened to talk with the Director, Jeanne.