

Monthly Activities Board Report – December 2024

Director's Report:



Local teen Orson Lee gave the Leding Library of Milwaukie Foundation \$500 today. Orson has grown up in our library and even participated in Jana's storytimes in his younger days. He is excited to see what happens next, including the possibility of a bookmobile in the future.

I had the honor of receiving the check.

Over the past 18 months, library staff across the libraries in our county have worked to update the logo for Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC).

Although individual cities administer individual libraries with the support of a county-wide library funding, we're all dedicated to cooperating and collaborating to the greatest extent possible. A visual representation of this cooperation is our LINCC Logo, and you may have noticed it while searching for your latest greats book in the catalog.

Our new LINCC Logo is here!



Mountains



Book



Grass

Kudos:

From a patron who requested several books that are coming on interlibrary loan:
Thank you so much for your thoughtful response and for accommodating my book requests. I truly appreciate the care and dedication you put into ensuring I can access these resources. Knowing that you've reached out to other library systems, potentially even out of state, speaks volumes about the outstanding service LINCC provides. Thank you again for your support and commitment to making knowledge accessible. It means so much to me, and I truly value the Ledding Library and its wonderful team.

Kudos to Tara for programming some fun and creative events this winter and spring. Milwaukie residents are lucky to have you!

Improving Organizational Health & Sustainability:

On December 20, the Library participated in the City-wide Records Clean-Up Day by spending off-desk time focused on straightening, tidying, organizing, and de-cluttering (electronically and in real life). Another Clean-Up Day is scheduled for January 3.

Supporting Staff:

On December 10, the Library staff joined City colleagues at the Monarch Hotel for an appreciation breakfast. The event was designed to recognize the hard work of these public servants and featured trivia, a photo booth, and other staff appreciation fun.

In December Kelly, Fida, and Kaleena from the City's Public Works Department, completed a round of interviews for On-Call Library Assistant 1 positions. Hiring and training for the four new on-call Library Assistants circulation should be complete by the end of January.



On December 28 we celebrated Elysa's retirement with stories and a light tea. Becky created a beautiful photobook filled with memories and notes for Elysa.

Helping Milwaukians Most in Need:

Christine attended the Milwaukie Houseless Meeting with Kelly on December 17.

Helping Milwaukians Most in Need at the Library 2024							
	Dec	Nov	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	
Weekly Tuesday Outreach Clients	13	15	6	11	7	13	
Water Bottles/Granola Bars	62	139	129	132	97	100	
Outreach Card Referrals	8	5	6	8	9	13	
Bus Passes	NA	NA	NA	2	3	6	
Parole and Proboation Outreach	35	30	20	20	16	no data	
PITS Outreach Referrals noted	7	4	3	4	6	5	
Cooling Center Days	NA	NA	NA	2	0	5	
Extended hours of Cooling Center	NA	NA	NA	5	0	18	
Cooling Center Participants	NA	NA	NA	10	0	65	
Cultural Passes	153	170	113	143	195	159	

Community Partnerships, Collaborations and Connections:

The Clackamas Education Service District offered free developmental and hearing screenings for children ages 0-5 at the library on December 2.

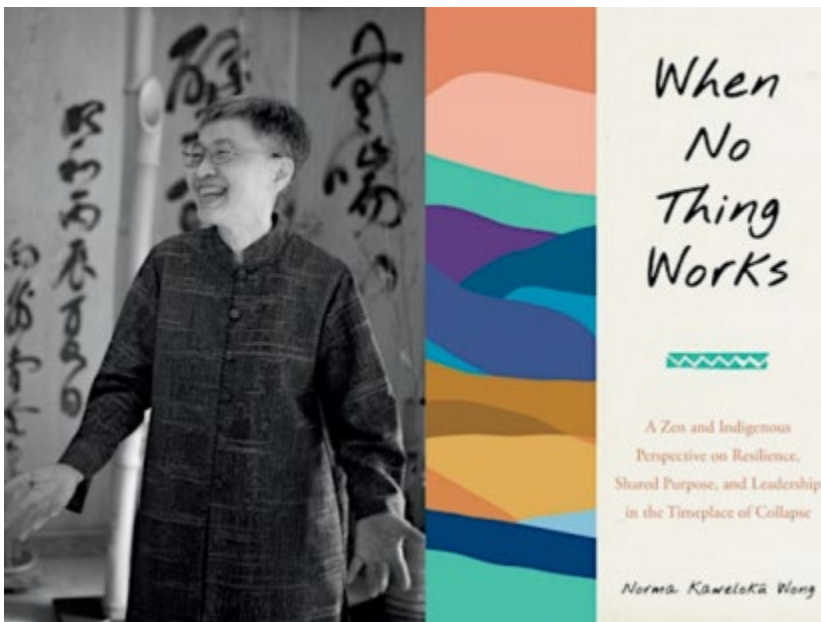


Jana met with the coordinators of the after-school enrichment program at Lot Whitcomb Elementary School to plan monthly visits in the new year. 80 kids are enrolled in the program, supporting low-income and bilingual families.

Delivering Library Services outside of the library:

Jessalynn delivered books plus one of our new outreach book sets to the Ardenwald after-school CARE site. She also shared storytime with the K-3rd grade classes. The books will stay at the site for a month for kids to enjoy. (*Improving Library Service at the Point of Need*)

Programs and Outreach



On December 1, author and activist Norma Wong discussed her book *When No Thing Works*, a guide to resilience in times of crisis. Grounded in Zen Buddhism, interconnection, indigenous knowledge, and decades of community activism, this author provoked fascinating questions and deep thoughts in the audience of 35. One listener commented: “Wasn't Norma incredible! Such a lovely inspiring person; wow.”

Christine assisted a patron with tech help on her new iPhone and iPad. We changed the passcode, got her Nook app and email set up, and she learned how to take photos and send them to her family members. Robert provided a tech help session with a different patron for phone setup, passcode change, and voicemail.

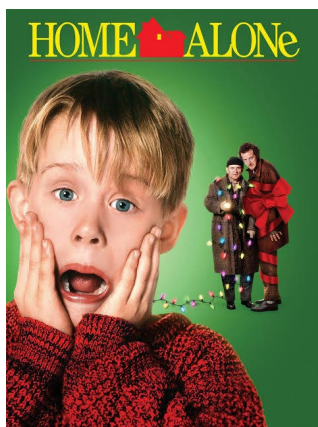
Book Club Updates: The Daylight Book Club discussed “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens. While the story and characters are well-known, it was the first time the majority of the group had read this classic! The SciFi/Fantasy Book Group discussed Isaac Asimov’s “Foundation”. The Ledding Book Club discussed J.D. Salinger’s “Franny and Zooey.”

On Saturday, December 28 local mindfulness teacher Diane Haase offered a free class titled “The Transformative Power of Mindfulness for a Happier New Year (and Beyond



On-call librarian Alicia Pérez Ververa hosted a family Lotería game day on December 8. Originally from Mexico and similar to Bingo, Lotería gives all ages the chance to learn the meaning of popular Spanish words while competing for prizes.

Sara invited kids to bring their stuffies to a hibernation party to welcome winter – complete with a photobooth, blanket decorating, painting, and handwritten letters to be opened come spring.



Teens enjoyed the movie “Home Alone” with cocoa this month. The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) picked the movie and designed the publicity. Jessalynn made it happen.

Book Displays:

For December, our main lobby display was “Winter Fun”. Other displays throughout the library featured seasonal cooking, holiday CDs, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and fantasy novels.

			Ledding	Library	Statistics			
			December	2023				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Circulation	55057	53282	47618	43974	25731	15211	40875	53356
Patron visits	16357	15853	13036					
New Cards	238	290	229					
Computer use	1064	1048	903					
WiFi sessions	1345	1333	1074					
Questions (all desks)	2826	2509	1778					
Programs								
Adult	8	5	6					
Attendance	97	77	34					
Juvenile	22	32	28					
Attendance	673	1333	884					
Teen	3	6	5					
Attendance	93	17	25					
Total Programs	33	43	39					
Total Attendance	863	1427	943					
Volunteers								
Number	68	63	65					
Hours worked	386	399	374					