

Upstairs, Downstairs

What's going on behind the scenes at the Cedar Rapids Public Library

1-7-2008

Administration

- ▶ The Board meeting on January 3 resulted in two very important decisions:
 - The Board voted unanimously to accept the updated Strategic Plan document that will guide library services through 2011. This important document is the result of a great deal of hard work among Board members and staff, with Regenia Bailey facilitating the project. A copy will be posted on the library web site soon.
 - The Board also voted unanimously to accept the building plan document for the downtown and West Site library locations. This document is the result of two years of hard work on the part of the staff and George Lawson, who took information from staff and crafted the plan using their input. It addresses community needs for library services and facilities for the next 20-30 years.

Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center

- ▶ Barb presented an overview of ISAIC problem gambling services at the Iowa Gambling Treatment Program Advisory Committee on January 4th.

IT

- ▶ Helped troubleshoot internet outages at West, Hiawatha and Marion.
- ▶ Began steps to move ISAIC to the Programming Red Room during Heat Pump installation.
- ▶ Various "new year" updates to the Web and Intranet pages.

Maintenance

- ▶ A contractor's meeting was held Thursday morning with Design Engineers, the Library director, the maintenance supervisor, and Brecke's to discuss control system issues and on going progress. All of the Beems heat pumps have been put into place and are secured. Work is underway on pumps in the tech closet, the staff hallway area, and the boiler room. Plumbing and electrical continues. The next areas scheduled are ISAIC and Jem's Deli.
- ▶ We have been working with Nick on alarm issues.
- ▶ We have also had to deal with boiler failures due to the extreme wind and blowing snow which also affected our outside air intake systems.

Children's/Programming

- ▶ Staff has concentrated on weeding in the media, fiction and reader sections of the children's collection this last week.
- ▶ Plans are continuing for the intergenerational reading program Read the River and for Paddle Day activities that include a writer/illustrator seminar on Feb. 16.

Circulation

- ▶ We welcome Robert DeSpain as our new shelver today!
- ▶ Circulation procedures are being reviewed and updated.
- ▶ We are in the planning phase to reorganize the Circulation workroom.
- ▶ The Circ Staff has done a wonderful job during the holiday season. Many thanks!
- ▶ The shelving team was a great help during this busy season and is greatly appreciated.
- ▶ Pat has returned from her vacation with a new Tennessee jacket and ready to get to work! She was definitely missed. Welcome Back!
- ▶ Special thanks to Lowell for picking up 9 boxes of very heavy paper that was donated to the library by the Public Works department!

Adult

- ▶ The library-entry book display has been changed from a very successful rotation of holiday books to its original Buried Treasure status. This display features interesting, intriguing books which the reference librarians have discovered languishing on our shelves when in fact they should be thoroughly perused and enjoyed by curious library users. Also check out our regularly changing display which currently features "What's Black and White and "RED" All Over" materials. Each title has red in the cover art. Stop in for a missed Treasure or a Red book.

Ask Marian