February Adult Services Report

Collections:
We added a memory collection to our library of things, and it has already had quite a few checkouts and favorable feedback. For digital collections, we had the highest number of Hoopla checkouts for adults that we have had since we launched. Feedback we are hearing is that patrons are enjoying not waiting for items and not to have to put items on hold. Overdrive Audio and eBooks had more checkouts than we have had since the pandemic started and magazines had the most checkouts that we have ever had.

Teresa in cataloging is working to relabel all our puzzles because in the past patrons did not have to check out the ones that were donated. With the rise in popularity of puzzles, we were really missing out on those numbers so moving forward, each one will have a barcode so that patrons can easily check those out. She is also working to add library of things shelves to the catalog, so people can search for items more successfully. We have added quite a few new Lego sets for the Cortex and I was able to go art print shopping on Friday. Prior to that, we had not bought many art prints in the past year.

Limberlost got new floating shelves for new items since our DVD and video game collections are growing at Limberlost and we needed more space. In addition, Limberlost got a new desk for their computer check out station. Amanda has been great at giving me suggestions for what patrons in Rome City are asking for and I appreciate that so much.

Programs:
We have increased the number of take and makes for both the Cortex and adult programs since they go so fast. We also started planning summer reading and are so excited for our ideal! It is either going to be amazing or a flop. I am hoping for amazing. Brittany continues to have success with virtual yoga and barre. We just rescheduled Trevor Tipton’s artifact programs that we originally had scheduled for last March and are hosting a blood drive in February.

This year’s winter reading was the most successful we have ever had. I think a lot of that has to do with the prizes and the fact that we let people do online submissions. We had 236 Instant Pot entries and 263 entries for the Air Fryer. I was a little scared at first because everyone was entering for the air fryer, but the numbers evened out. We did the drawing this morning and the winners have been contacted.

Trainings:
We have had so many opportunities for virtual trainings this past year, but it is nice to start seeing other people again face to face. We hosted a HALO meeting on Monday the 25th. Those are meetings for adult programmers to come share ideas of what they are doing. We only had seven people come, but that is because we had just moved COVID levels and the weather was unpredictable. It was still nice to see other people.

On Friday the 29th, we had the opportunity to visit Wells County Public Library for a meeting and to see their renovation. One of my favorite parts about these meetings is touring other libraries. Wells County had a lot of neat new ideas and the building looked beautiful.
Matt, Inger, and Brittany all have been working to get their recertifications turned in and I think we are all set for this year.