



- The library continues to “Geek”! We still have many people signing up for their “geek” pictures and will begin planning other “geek” events later this month.
- John took an excellent “geek” picture of Roland Stoy with him holding a book by Marilynne Robinson that was picked up by the author's website )  
<http://mrasociety.com/post/38886676352/the-geek-the-library-campaign-seeks-to-highlight>)
- Denise continues to schedule and run many excellent adult programs. Jeanne's “German Star” program was especially well received. So far in January we had a Tai Chi program on January 7.
- I am very excited to announce that BDL was selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities to receive the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf, a part of the NEH Bridging Cultures Initiative. We will be receiving 25 books and three films. In addition ALA will ship materials including bookmarks, bookplates and posters. We will also be given access to a Muslim Journeys companions website and digital resources.
- I will be speaking to the Coldwater Kiwanis group in January. They are eager to donate to Kid's Place again this year. Ruth and I are researching what type of event we would like to hold with the Kiwanis donation.
- John, Jeanne, Curtis, Gina, myself and many of our staff helped with “the big move”. We also had two amazing volunteers: Graham Rowe and Charlene Rucker who donated their time to help get things in order on New Year's Eve and Day.
- In general, the consolidation of Circulation and Reference into “Public Services” is working out well. Since this change includes some new duties for staff in this area, it will take some time for all staff to be comfortable enough to work fluidly in this new setup. There have been some times where the line has grown to 3 people, but I expect this to subside drastically when all staff are pulling their weight.
- Patron comments have been positive overall. Of course with any change, there are always some grumblings, but for the most part, patrons understand and agree with the move. They especially seem to like the new quiet reading area. Usage in this space has greatly increased. We still have a few loose ends to tie up, which will happen in the coming weeks.

Respectfully Submitted,

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