



- Our preparation for moving to Windows 7 has entered the live testing phase, with a small number of upgraded computers in everyday use so we can get patron and staff feedback and make tweaks to our master image as needed.
- Over a weekend recently I swapped out the 8-year-old file server for the one purchased this year. It was a big job, since this machine holds all of our local backups and network drives for file sharing, but it came off without a hitch.
- Next month we will be upgrading from Evergreen 2.1 to Evergreen 2.4. IT staff and Jeanne have been attending training sessions online with our host, Lyrisis, in preparation for this upgrade. Most of the changes are “under the hood”, so there won’t be a big shock either to patrons or staff. We’ll be conducting some brief staff training before we go live.
- Denise will report on it more next month, but I have created a web page to help promote the grant she received for the library: “Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys”. Please have a look at all the wonderful materials we’ve been given as a result:
http://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/muslim_journeys
- For about two years I’ve been working with Kathyleen Madden, former treasurer of the Union Twp. Branch Library Friends group, to lay the groundwork for a database indexing the veterans on the memorial wall across from the library in Union City. We now have all 864 names in the database and have made the index live to the public on the Branch County History portion of our website:
<http://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/branch/collections/show/4>
Kathyleen and the American Legion will soon be publicly soliciting further information on the veterans. It is our goal to have photos, service records, and brief biographical sketches on as many of the veterans as possible. This phase of the project will be indefinitely ongoing.
- I had F&M Electric in at the Coldwater branch to do some routine changing of bad ballasts in the lights throughout the building and add a wall outlet in Kids’ Place to eliminate a tripping hazard during A/V programming. You’ll see a bill in the \$700 range next month.
- Chenoweth Roofing has not been out yet as we expected. When I talked to the owner this morning, she said there had been illness in her crew that prevented them getting out here. She will get with me again on Monday to follow up.


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