

- At the Coldwater Branch I would like to thank Sharon and Heidi for finishing a project that I had started earlier in the year and had no hope of finishing in a timely manner due to all the staffing changes. They have finished putting up new end-of-range signage in the book stacks to show patrons what call numbers are where. These are standardized signs that we can keep updated and are a big aesthetic improvement over the hodgepodge that was there before.
- With the permission and approval of the CPL board and Vera Renshaw, we have ordered and received a book scanner for the Heritage Room, paid for by memorial funds, to be used in memory of Dave Renshaw for the digitization of rare books in the collection. This kit requires a good bit of assembly, and a volunteer is helping us to do that right now. When the frame is complete I will add the electronics and configure the machine. We will then identify good candidate materials for digitization to add to our online history archive.



- Coldwater Branch Building News:
 - The east entryway bricks have been repaired with concrete. This will no longer be a trip hazard.
 - The carpets were cleaned over the Labor Day long weekend, as we usually do. You will see an extra bill for this next month.
 - Robin Cline is tentatively scheduled to complete the carpet repairs on the steps in November. He will also be providing me with the needed materials and adhesive descriptions for the flooring in our elevator renovation.
 - We do not yet have a definite date for when the elevator will be down. I've asked but our rep is out of town for 2 weeks. I'll let everyone know as soon as I do so we can get the word out and schedule programs appropriately.
 - I had to order four lightbulb recycling kits from Waste Management, a bill for which you'll see in an upcoming packet. We have been replacing lots of light bulbs and need to get the old ones shipped off safely.
 - Hoekstra Roofing has been at work for two weeks on our gutter replacement and other roofing repairs. The work is progressing well, and we are receiving regular updates with photos of the work. Thanks to the City of Coldwater, especially Bob Granger, for helping with this project.



- The state library announced that the MeLCat interlibrary loan system will be turned off from November 18 until December 11 for system upgrades. Our ILL staff are working on getting the word out to our patrons right now. During this down time staff will be doing special projects, organizing things, and using vacation time.