



ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT February 17, 2017

I was off a significant portion of the last month due to moving to a new home; nevertheless, there are a few items to share:

- I spent a chunk of time cleaning cruft out of the web site database tables. This isn't anything that anyone would ever notice, aside from possibly faster page loads, but it's important for reducing the chance of errors. Think of it as web server spring cleaning.
- Linda requested a fourth year to the statistical report. Starting with January 2017 I am now able to do that. You'll see it in this month's packet. You will also see revised numbers for ABCMouse. They had been sending us cumulative stats instead of each month's individual numbers.
- To celebrate March Is Reading Month at the Coldwater Branch Kids' Place, I put together a system whereby patrons can submit brackets, March Madness-style, where they pick which book of the top 64 most checked out juvenile and young adult books of 2016 will win in a popularity contest. Online voting will commence next week on the book matchups, and the winner of the brackets contest will be chosen on April 4.

www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/tourney2017

- The Pixilation stop-motion video referenced in the Kids' Place report may be viewed at www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/node/1389
- Curtis and Angie continue to do a great job on the IT team. It was fantastic to come back after my absence to no major issues.

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