



McHenry Public Library District

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**McHenry Public Library District
Board of Library Trustees Regular Meeting**

Tuesday January 17, 2017

7:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Board Room

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Kathy Beaderstadt, President
- II. ROLL CALL** – Monica Leccese, Secretary
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING (Action)**
 - SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Monica Leccese, Secretary
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, December 13, 2016
 - TREASURER'S REPORT** – Charles Reilly, Treasurer
Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through
December 31, 2016 and Bill Reports for December 2016/January 2017
Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)
Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - D. Gaudio request for reimbursement of tuition
 - D. Gaudio upcoming courses to be taken

VIII. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

1. Update on solar project, RFID, CCS ILS RFP progress, hiring of Circ. Manager + other employee concerns, health insurance update, programs/ statistics, future plans, and other items.
2. MPLD 2017 Calendar distributed

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the December 13, 2016 Executive Session Minutes.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. RFID project – discuss scheduling visits to other area libraries, RFP process
2. Board self-evaluation process - ongoing

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval and release of the December 13, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. **(Action)**
2. Review 2017 calendar for board meeting dates + holidays (see attached calendar)
3. Discussion/prioritization of projects for FY2016/17 and beyond (see attached memo)
4. Resolution 2016/2017-7 authorizing the execution of an Employment Separation Agreement, General Release and Waiver between the MPLD and Joseph Drinka **(Action)**
5. Resolution 2016/2017-8 authorizing NIMEC to be our agent in procuring electricity for up to a 36-month period. **(Action)**
6. Change in MPLD sick leave policy (employee/staff manual). **(Action)**

XII. ANY AND ALL OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Date: December 13, 2016

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room

Members Present: Kathy Baderstadt, Margaret Carey, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, Bradley Schubert, and Jill Stone

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Scholtz, Executive Director
Bill Edminster, Assistant Director
Suzanne Yazel, HR Generalist
Nate Linhart, *Northwest Herald* reporter

I. Call to Order:

President Baderstadt called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Roll was called and a quorum was established. See #1 on attached sheet.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Corrections or Additions to the Agenda

None

V. Public Comment and Recognition of Visitors

Nate Linhart, a reporter from the *Northwest Herald* newspaper introduced himself.

VI. Consent Agenda for this meeting

Secretary's Report – Margaret Carey, Secretary Pro Tem

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, November 15, 2016

Treasurer's Report – Charles Reilly, Treasurer

Monthly Financial Statements and Interim Check Report through November 30, 2016 and Bill Reports for November/December 2016

Additional Bills (Distributed night of meeting)

Petty Cash and Credit Card Reports

The Board reviewed the regular board minutes, financial statements and bills.

Grala moved and Stone seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for November 15, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through November 30, 2016, the Bill Reports for November/December 2016, and payment of the bills.

Motion passed 7-0. See #2 on attached sheet.

VII. Communications

None

VIII. Librarian's Report

- Scholtz commended Deb Gunness for reviewing the budget, appropriation, and levy ordinances and finding errors before the documents were submitted to the county.
- Mary Amstadt's last day was Friday, December 9th. Yazel pre-screened and scheduled candidates to replace Amstadt and interviews have begun. Scholtz expects to fill the position in February or March.
- The library has been having problems with its online public catalog and IT, CCS and Virtec have been working to try to fix the problem.
- Scholtz reported that the solar panel project, which adds new panels and realigns old ones, will begin in the new calendar year. The cost of the project was about \$40,000 and the rebate will amount to about \$30,000. Energy savings will be 16-20% so the entire project will pay for itself in a few years.
- The project for replacing the floor tiles in the library's main room is largely done. The new tiles need to be sealed but staff are waiting to allow the adhesive to work its way up into the tiles before putting the sealant on. The library saved money by doing the work in-house.
- The library is replacing the furniture in the three study rooms by working with Demco. Some of the furniture has seen very heavy use since being purchased in 1995.
- Staff has been informed about the changes in the library's travel and sick leave policies.
- Scholtz is comparing our wage structure with neighboring libraries in response to news that Cook County is raising its minimum wage to \$13/hr. He expects that wage increase will place upward pressure on wages in our area as well.
- The Thatcher Meadow residential development has been revived due to increased demand for housing so Scholtz has reached out to Harrison School District #36 to make sure the library is informed and involved in future plans for school buildings. In 2008, we discussed having a library drop-off at a new school building or planning a joint school/public library in their district.
- Scholtz reported that Yazel had organized health benefit meetings for staff. He pointed out that the 17% increase in the cost of health benefits had been minimized for the library by increasing the percentage of the cost paid by staff from 2% to 5%. He also mentioned that there is likely to be uncertainty about health insurance costs due to the change of presidents.
- Scholtz informed the Board that the IT department helped dismantle and reassemble the tables that public computers are on when floor tiles in the main room of the library were replaced. When the tables were replaced, passageways were made between groups of tables to allow people to pass between the tables rather than have to go around the entire range of tables.
- Scholtz reminded the Board that he had said that phone service costs were going up but since then we have negotiated with Comcast for a much better deal starting in January 2017.
- Two ceiling heaters that have been in place since the 1970s will be replaced.
- Scholtz distributed questionnaires to entry-level masters degreed staff asking about their thoughts about their future as librarians and improving retention rates for the library, as well as keeping them interested in their jobs.
- Scholtz reported that Interlibrary Loan statistics for items loaned were up 29% from November.
- Scholtz reviewed progress on the RFID proposal and said that he was waiting for Cary's installation of RFID equipment to be completed in February 2017 before scheduling Board and staff visits to other libraries. He pointed out that we want certain unique features in our installation and wish to avoid getting things we consider unnecessary that would be bundled into any vendor's proposals.

IX. Executive Session

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the November 15, 2016 executive session minutes.

Carey moved and Schubert seconded a motion to go into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the November 15, 2016 executive session minutes. Motion passed 7-0. See #3 on attached sheet.

Grala moved and Carey seconded a motion to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed 7-0. See #4 on attached sheet.

No action was taken.

X. Old Business

1. RFID Project – Discuss scheduling visits to other area libraries, RFP process

Scholtz covered these topics during his Librarians Report.

2. Board self-evaluation process – Ongoing

This was postponed to another meeting.

XI. New Business

1. Approval and release of the November 15, 2016 Executive Session Minutes

The Board did not review the executive session minutes in Executive Session.

2. Approval of the FY 2017 Public Library Per Capita Grant Application and the FY 2015 Expenditure Report

The board reviewed the FY 2017 Public Library Per Capita Grant Application and the FY 2015 Expenditure Report. Schubert moved and Leccese seconded a motion to approve the FY 2017 Public Library Per Capita Grant Application and the FY 2015 Expenditure Report. Motion passed 7-0. See #5 on attached sheet.

XII. Any and All Other Business Which May Properly Come Before the Board

None

XIII. Adjournment

Leccese moved and Reilly seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Motion passed 7-0. See # 6 on attached sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

Text for Motion Sheet

1. Roll Call at 7:11 p.m.
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for November 15, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through November 30, 2016, the Bill Reports for November/December 2016, and payment of the bills.
3. Motion to go into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the November 15, 2016 executive session minutes.
4. Motion to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m.
5. Motion to approve the FY 2017 Public Library Per Capita Grant Application and the FY 2015 Expenditure Report.
6. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

DATE: December 13, 2016 Called to Order: 7:11 p.m.	Kathy Beaderstadt	Margaret Carey	Delphine Grala	Monica Leccese	Charles Reilly	Bradley Schubert	Jill Stone
1. Roll call at 7:11 p.m.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for November 15, 2016, the monthly financial statements for the fiscal year through November 30, 2016, the Bill Reports for November/December 2016, and payment of the bills.	Y	Y	(M)Y	Y	Y	Y	(S)Y
3. Motion to go into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the November 15, 2016 executive session minutes.	Y	(M)Y	Y	Y	Y	(S)Y	Y
4. Motion to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m.	Y	(S)Y	(M)Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
5. Motion to approve the FY 2017 Public Library Per Capita Grant Application and the FY 2015 Expenditure Report.	Y	Y	Y	(S)Y	Y	(M)Y	Y
6. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.	Y	Y	Y	(M)Y	(S)Y	Y	Y

A=Abstain, M=Motion, N=No, NP=Not Present, P=Present, S=Second, Y=Yes

MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

McHenry Public Library District**Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2016

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Cash Basis

Dec 31, 16**ASSETS****Current Assets****Checking/Savings****1060 · First Midwest Bank-Money Market**

1060100 · MM - General - First Midwest 851,788.52

1060200 · MM - Spec Reserve-First Midwest 1,748,157.48

1060300 · MM - Grant & Gift-First Midwest 459,173.26

Total 1060 · First Midwest Bank-Money Market 3,059,119.26

1070100 · HSA/Building - First Midwest 362,240.07

1615100 · General Account - First Midwest 19,847.61

1625100 · Payroll Account - First Midwest 125,795.75

1635100 · Imprest Account - First Midwest 5,000.00

1045100 · PROPAY 7,026.31

1150100 · FirstMerit-MoneyMarket- 4/22/11 200,196.13

Total Checking/Savings 3,779,225.13**Other Current Assets**

1005100 · Petty Cash 800.00

Total Other Current Assets 800.00**Total Current Assets****3,780,025.13****TOTAL ASSETS****3,780,025.13****LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Equity**

3010100 · Fund Balance - General 1,607,104.80

3010200 · Fund Balance - Special Reserve 1,744,332.86

3010300 · Fund Balance - Grants & Gifts 465,934.67

Net Income (37,347.20)

Total Equity**3,780,025.13****TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY****3,780,025.13**

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
December 2016

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Cash Basis
Dec 16

Income	
6030100 · Interest Income - General	61.74
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	54.61
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	14.42
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	295.00
6050100 · Fines	3,791.46
6055100 · Collection Fees	20.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	1,657.57
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	30.94
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	1,577.48
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	80.00
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	30.00
6130100 · Misc Income - General	324.00
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	162.76
6200100 · Over/Short	1.35
Total Income	8,101.33
Gross Profit	8,101.33
Expense	
8010100 · Adult Books	5,032.70
8020100 · Youth Books	4,220.73
8025100 · Professional Resources	274.60
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	29.99
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	1,203.40
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	4,121.46
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	867.76
8080100 · Video Games	2,864.18
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	56.90
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	12,228.52
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	(0.81)
8120100 · Library Supplies	631.20
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	9,070.46
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	234.08
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	1,262.33
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	2,750.97
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	134.25
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	3,153.00
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	37.74
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	5,902.00
8320100 · Network Expenses	240.00
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	806.00
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	1,238.85
8420100 · Legal Services	739.47
8510100 · Printing	4,654.00
8540100 · Postage	153.54
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	1,093.00
8610100 · Electricity	1,651.20
8620100 · Gas	265.34
8630100 · Telephone	471.72
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	327.80

	Dec 16
8640100 · Water & Sewer	242.57
8740100 · Building & Grounds	3,659.32
8760100 · Hospitality	819.55
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	8.99
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	2,465.45
8910100 · Salaries	190,731.47
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	14,419.04
8930100 · IMRF	21,243.37
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	25,981.91
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	964.94
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	298.84
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	(9.30)
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	16,858.37
Total Expense	343,400.90
Net Income	(335,299.57)

McHenry Public Library District
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Class
 July through December 2016

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Cash Basis

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,565,210.51	0.00	0.00	1,565,210.51
6020200 · Developer Fees	0.00	3,470.00	0.00	3,470.00
6030100 · Interest Income - General	351.18	0.00	0.00	351.18
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	0.00	354.62	0.00	354.62
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	0.00	0.00	92.94	92.94
6035100 · Dividends	195.20	0.00	0.00	195.20
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	475.00	0.00	0.00	475.00
6050100 · Fines	22,490.54	0.00	0.00	22,490.54
6055100 · Collection Fees	130.00	0.00	0.00	130.00
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	8,055.89	0.00	0.00	8,055.89
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	1,997.37	1,997.37
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	7,844.25	0.00	0.00	7,844.25
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	295.00	0.00	0.00	295.00
6130100 · Misc Income - General	1,669.83	0.00	0.00	1,669.83
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	1,684.16	0.00	0.00	1,684.16
6200100 · Over/Short	4.64	0.00	0.00	4.64
Total Income	1,610,806.20	3,824.62	2,090.31	1,616,721.13
Gross Profit	1,610,806.20	3,824.62	2,090.31	1,616,721.13
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	46,622.38	0.00	0.00	46,622.38
8020100 · Youth Books	18,681.15	0.00	0.00	18,681.15
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,750.99	0.00	0.00	4,750.99
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	349.95	0.00	0.00	349.95
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,870.10	0.00	0.00	12,870.10
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	0.00	0.00	4,087.28	4,087.28
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	24,678.95	0.00	0.00	24,678.95
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	5,243.03	0.00	0.00	5,243.03
8080100 · Video Games	6,010.93	0.00	0.00	6,010.93
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	18,788.15	0.00	0.00	18,788.15
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	38,589.81	0.00	0.00	38,589.81
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.81
8120100 · Library Supplies	2,645.21	0.00	0.00	2,645.21
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	14,876.41	0.00	0.00	14,876.41
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	9,404.11	0.00	0.00	9,404.11
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	3,093.56	0.00	0.00	3,093.56
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	0.00	0.00	24.08
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	12,072.19	0.00	0.00	12,072.19
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	608.60	0.00	0.00	608.60
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	15,811.74	0.00	0.00	15,811.74
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	38.10	0.00	0.00	38.10
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	29,510.00	0.00	0.00	29,510.00
8320100 · Network Expenses	7,705.52	0.00	0.00	7,705.52
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	4,030.00	0.00	0.00	4,030.00
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	13,833.06	0.00	0.00	13,833.06
8420100 · Legal Services	739.47	0.00	0.00	739.47
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	770.00	0.00	0.00	770.00

	100 General Fund	200 Special Reserve Fund	300 Grant and Gift Fund	TOTAL
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
8510100 · Printing	17,176.24	0.00	0.00	17,176.24
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30	0.00	0.00	107.30
8540100 · Postage	4,694.37	0.00	0.00	4,694.37
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	4,975.52	0.00	0.00	4,975.52
8610100 · Electricity	11,931.50	0.00	0.00	11,931.50
8620100 · Gas	613.04	0.00	0.00	613.04
8630100 · Telephone	2,987.79	0.00	0.00	2,987.79
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	3,006.00	0.00	0.00	3,006.00
8640100 · Water & Sewer	3,447.55	0.00	0.00	3,447.55
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	20,698.00	0.00	0.00	20,698.00
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,243.00	0.00	0.00	5,243.00
8740100 · Building & Grounds	27,586.99	0.00	0.00	27,586.99
8760100 · Hospitality	2,611.61	0.00	0.00	2,611.61
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	103.75	0.00	0.00	103.75
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	0.00	0.00	4,764.44	4,764.44
8910100 · Salaries	902,639.04	0.00	0.00	902,639.04
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	68,097.65	0.00	0.00	68,097.65
8930100 · IMRF	99,464.41	0.00	0.00	99,464.41
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	150,617.01	0.00	0.00	150,617.01
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	618.84	0.00	0.00	618.84
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	2,054.90	0.00	0.00	2,054.90
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	3,888.57	0.00	0.00	3,888.57
9060100 · Library Furnishings	944.79	0.00	0.00	944.79
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	(9.30)	0.00	0.00	(9.30)
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	19,369.74	0.00	0.00	19,369.74
Total Expense	1,645,216.61	0.00	8,851.72	1,654,068.33
Net Income	(34,410.41)	3,824.62	(6,761.41)	(37,347.20)

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

01/14/2017

July through December 2016

Cash Basis

	Jul - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,565,210.51	3,180,652.28	(1,615,441.77)	49.21%
6020200 · Developer Fees	3,470.00	25,000.00	(21,530.00)	13.88%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	351.18	5,000.00	(4,648.82)	7.02%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	354.62	3,000.00	(2,645.38)	11.82%
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	92.94	2,500.00	(2,407.06)	3.72%
6035100 · Dividends	195.20	500.00	(304.80)	39.04%
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	475.00	1,000.00	(525.00)	47.5%
6050100 · Fines	22,490.54	55,000.00	(32,509.46)	40.89%
6055100 · Collection Fees	130.00	1,000.00	(870.00)	13.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	8,055.89	17,000.00	(8,944.11)	47.39%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	1,997.37	20,000.00	(18,002.63)	9.99%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	7,844.25	17,000.00	(9,155.75)	46.14%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,400.00	4,200.00	(1,800.00)	57.14%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	295.00	1,000.00	(705.00)	29.5%
6130100 · Misc Income - General	1,669.83	25,000.00	(23,330.17)	6.68%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	1,684.16	6,000.00	(4,315.84)	28.07%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6200100 · Over/Short	4.64	0.00	4.64	100.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	1,616,721.13	4,326,745.71	(2,710,024.58)	37.37%
Gross Profit	1,616,721.13	4,326,745.71	(2,710,024.58)	37.37%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	46,622.38	85,000.00	(38,377.62)	54.85%
8020100 · Youth Books	18,681.15	59,000.00	(40,318.85)	31.66%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,750.99	3,500.00	1,250.99	135.74%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	349.95	6,400.00	(6,050.05)	5.47%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,870.10	15,000.00	(2,129.90)	85.8%
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	4,087.28	448,381.10	(444,293.82)	0.91%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	24,678.95	62,000.00	(37,321.05)	39.81%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	5,243.03	16,000.00	(10,756.97)	32.77%
8080100 · Video Games	6,010.93	15,000.00	(8,989.07)	40.07%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	18,788.15	55,500.00	(36,711.85)	33.85%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	38,589.81	80,000.00	(41,410.19)	48.24%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81	500.00	(499.19)	0.16%
8120100 · Library Supplies	2,645.21	10,000.00	(7,354.79)	26.45%
8130100 · Tech Services Supplies	14,876.41	57,200.00	(42,323.59)	26.01%
8135100 · Bindery	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	0.0%
8140100 · Adult Programs & Supplies	9,404.11	22,000.00	(12,595.89)	42.75%
8145100 · Circulation Supplies	3,093.56	12,000.00	(8,906.44)	25.78%
8147100 · Summer Reading Club	24.08	7,000.00	(6,975.92)	0.34%
8150100 · Youth Programs & Supplies	12,072.19	21,500.00	(9,427.81)	56.15%
8215100 · Collection Agency Fees	608.60	1,500.00	(891.40)	40.57%
8245100 · Comp/OfcEqp/CopierRepairs/Contr	15,811.74	59,000.00	(43,188.26)	26.8%

	Jul - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
8260100 · Misc Contracted Services	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
8270100 · Finance/Late Fee Charges	38.10	500.00	(461.90)	7.62%
8310100 · CCS & SIRSI Expenses	29,510.00	80,000.00	(50,490.00)	36.89%
8320100 · Network Expenses	7,705.52	25,000.00	(17,294.48)	30.82%
8330100 · OCLC Services (cataloging)	4,030.00	8,000.00	(3,970.00)	50.38%
8410100 · Payroll Exp, Acctg & Audit Serv	13,833.06	28,000.00	(14,166.94)	49.4%
8420100 · Legal Services	739.47	1,500.00	(760.53)	49.3%
8430100 · Automation & Misc Consultants	770.00	14,000.00	(13,230.00)	5.5%
8440100 · In Service Honorarium	600.00	1,000.00	(400.00)	60.0%
8510100 · Printing	17,176.24	36,000.00	(18,823.76)	47.71%
8530100 · Public Notices & Ads	107.30	3,000.00	(2,892.70)	3.58%
8540100 · Postage	4,694.37	18,000.00	(13,305.63)	26.08%
8550100 · Public Relations/Promotions	4,975.52	10,000.00	(5,024.48)	49.76%
8610100 · Electricity	11,931.50	25,000.00	(13,068.50)	47.73%
8620100 · Gas	613.04	2,500.00	(1,886.96)	24.52%
8630100 · Telephone	2,987.79	13,500.00	(10,512.21)	22.13%
8635100 · T-1 & other Telecommunications	3,006.00	7,000.00	(3,994.00)	42.94%
8640100 · Water & Sewer	3,447.55	3,500.00	(52.45)	98.5%
8720100 · Building/Auto Insurance	20,698.00	32,000.00	(11,302.00)	64.68%
8730100 · Bonding & Officers Liability	5,243.00	5,500.00	(257.00)	95.33%
8740100 · Building & Grounds	27,586.99	54,000.00	(26,413.01)	51.09%
8760100 · Hospitality	2,611.61	13,000.00	(10,388.39)	20.09%
8770100 · Interlibrary Loan Fees & Losses	103.75	700.00	(596.25)	14.82%
8795100 · Miscellaneous (FH)	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)	0.0%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	4,764.44	0.00	4,764.44	100.0%
8910100 · Salaries	902,639.04	1,810,000.00	(907,360.96)	49.87%
8920100 · FICA/Medicare	68,097.65	145,000.00	(76,902.35)	46.96%
8930100 · IMRF	99,464.41	180,000.00	(80,535.59)	55.26%
8940100 · Health & Life Insurance	150,617.01	260,000.00	(109,382.99)	57.93%
8950100 · Tuition Reimbursement	618.84	9,000.00	(8,381.16)	6.88%
8960100 · Memberships & Dues	2,054.90	8,000.00	(5,945.10)	25.69%
8970100 · Meetings & Travel	3,888.57	14,000.00	(10,111.43)	27.78%
9030300 · Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
9050200 · Library District Act	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
9060100 · Library Furnishings	944.79	35,000.00	(34,055.21)	2.7%
9070100 · Library Equipment	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.0%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	(9.30)	10,000.00	(10,009.30)	(0.09%)
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	19,369.74	320,000.00	(300,630.26)	6.05%
Total Expense	1,654,068.33	4,492,724.53	(2,838,656.20)	36.82%
Net Income	(37,347.20)	(165,978.82)	128,631.62	22.5%

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

01/14/2017

July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016 - General Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6010100 · Property Taxes	1,565,210.51	3,180,652.28	(1,615,441.77)	49.21%
6030100 · Interest Income - General	351.18	5,000.00	(4,648.82)	7.02%
6035100 · Dividends	195.20	500.00	(304.80)	39.04%
6040100 · Nonresident & Enhanced Cards	475.00	1,000.00	(525.00)	47.5%
6050100 · Fines	22,490.54	55,000.00	(32,509.46)	40.89%
6055100 · Collection Fees	130.00	1,000.00	(870.00)	13.0%
6060100 · Photocopier & Fax Income	8,055.89	17,000.00	(8,944.11)	47.39%
6090100 · Annexation Impact Fees	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
6105100 · Staff Cobra/Insurance Payments	7,844.25	17,000.00	(9,155.75)	46.14%
6110100 · Program Fees/Misc Fees	2,400.00	4,200.00	(1,800.00)	57.14%
6120100 · Meeting Room Fees	295.00	1,000.00	(705.00)	29.5%
6130100 · Misc Income - General	1,669.83	25,000.00	(23,330.17)	6.68%
6150100 · Lost & Damged Materials	1,684.16	6,000.00	(4,315.84)	28.07%
6200100 · Over/Short	4.64	0.00	4.64	100.0%
Total Income	1,610,806.20	3,314,352.28	(1,703,546.08)	48.6%
Gross Profit	1,610,806.20	3,314,352.28	(1,703,546.08)	48.6%
Expense				
8010100 · Adult Books	46,622.38	85,000.00	(38,377.62)	54.85%
8020100 · Youth Books	18,681.15	59,000.00	(40,318.85)	31.66%
8025100 · Professional Resources	4,750.99	3,500.00	1,250.99	135.74%
8028100 · Administrative Resources (GA)	349.95	6,400.00	(6,050.05)	5.47%
8030100 · Magazines & Newspapers	12,870.10	15,000.00	(2,129.90)	85.8%
8050100 · Adult AV Materials	24,678.95	62,000.00	(37,321.05)	39.81%
8060100 · Youth AV Materials	5,243.03	16,000.00	(10,756.97)	32.77%
8080100 · Video Games	6,010.93	15,000.00	(8,989.07)	40.07%
8090100 · eBook & eMagazine Services	18,788.15	55,500.00	(36,711.85)	33.85%
8095100 · Electronic Subscriptions	38,589.81	80,000.00	(41,410.19)	48.24%
8110100 · Bank Service Charges	0.81	500.00	(499.19)	0.16%
8120100 · Library Supplies	2,645.21	10,000.00	(7,354.79)	26.45%
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8970100 · Meetings & Travel	3,888.57	14,000.00	(10,111.43)	27.78%
9060100 · Library Furnishings	944.79	35,000.00	(34,055.21)	2.7%
9070100 · Library Equipment	0.00	70,000.00	(70,000.00)	0.0%
9080100 · Small Equipment Under \$250	(9.30)	10,000.00	(10,009.30)	(0.09%)
9090100 · Additional Capital Projects	19,369.74	320,000.00	(300,630.26)	6.05%
Total Expense	1,645,216.61	3,836,950.00	(2,191,733.39)	42.88%
Net Income	(34,410.41)	(522,597.72)	488,187.31	6.58%

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

01/14/2017

July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016 -Special Reserve Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6020200 · Developer Fees	3,470.00	25,000.00	(21,530.00)	13.88%
6030200 · Interest Income - Spec Reserve	354.62	3,000.00	(2,645.38)	11.82%
6070200 · Reserve Fund Gifts	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
6090200 · Transfer from General Fund	0.00	800,000.00	(800,000.00)	0.0%
6130200 · Misc Income - Special Reserve	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	3,824.62	855,000.00	(851,175.38)	0.45%
Gross Profit	3,824.62	855,000.00	(851,175.38)	0.45%
Expense				
9050200 · Library District Act	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0.0%
Net Income	3,824.62	705,000.00	(701,175.38)	0.54%

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Budget vs. Actual

01/14/2017

July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016 - Grant and Gift Fund

Cash Basis

	Jul - Dec 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
6030300 · Interest Income - Grant & Gifts	92.94	2,500.00	(2,407.06)	3.72%
6070300 · General Fund Gifts	1,997.37	20,000.00	(18,002.63)	9.99%
6170300 · Per Capita Grant	0.00	84,893.43	(84,893.43)	0.0%
6210300 · Miscellaneous Grants	0.00	50,000.00	(50,000.00)	0.0%
Total Income	2,090.31	157,393.43	(155,303.12)	1.33%
Gross Profit	2,090.31	157,393.43	(155,303.12)	1.33%
Expense				
8040300 · Operating Fund Gifts	4,087.28	448,381.10	(444,293.82)	0.91%
8800300 · Per Capita Grant expense for FY	0.00	32,393.43	(32,393.43)	0.0%
8800311 · Adult Materials - PER CAPITA	4,764.44	0.00	4,764.44	100.0%
9030300 · Misc Grants	0.00	25,000.00	(25,000.00)	0.0%
Total Expense	8,851.72	505,774.53	(496,922.81)	1.75%
Net Income	(6,761.41)	(348,381.10)	341,619.69	1.94%

McHenry Public Library District
INTERIM CHECKS ISSUED - December 2016
(NOT INCLUDED ON BILL REPORT)

Account - Money Market					
<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
	(no checks written on this account)				
	subtotal for account	\$ -			

Account - General Fund					
<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
Comcast	T-1 and other Telecommunications	\$ 247.80	8635-100	12/14/16	EFT
	subtotal for account	\$ 247.80			

Account - HSA/Building					
First Midwest Bank	employee contributions HSA	\$ 693.94	8940-100	12/06/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employer contributions HSA	\$ 646.24	8940-100	12/06/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employee contributions HSA	\$ 693.94	8940-100	12/07/16	EFT
First Midwest Bank	employer contributions HSA	\$ 646.24	8940-100	12/07/16	EFT
	subtotal for account	\$ 2,680.36			

Account - Payroll					
<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
IL Municipal Retirement Fund IMRF		\$ 22,226.43	8930-100	12/08/17	EFT
IL Municipal Retirement Fund IMRF		\$ 21,707.82	8930-100	12/30/17	EFT
	subtotal for account	\$ 43,934.25			

Account - Imprest					
<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK</u>
	subtotal for account	\$ -			

GRAND TOTAL CHECKS ISSUED \$ 46,862.41

McHenry Public Library District
Custom Transaction Detail Report
December 15, 2016

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Accrual Basis

	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Dec 15, 16				
	6549	Ace Hardware	116736	(138.23)
	6550	Aflac	A6H17	(570.48)
	6551	Akins, Geoffrey		(550.00)
	6552	Aramark Refreshment Services	45201	(166.47)
	6553	AT&T U-verse	118808300	(80.00)
	6554	Baker & Taylor Books		(9,122.03)
	6555	Baker & Taylor, Inc		(3,010.00)
	6556	Bankcard Processing Center	9270	(7,431.85)
	6557	Bergan, Caitlin		(56.34)
	6558	Blackstone Audio, Inc		(360.22)
	6559	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois	736860	(23,462.22)
	6560	BookPage	M0683	(480.00)
	6561	Brilliance Publishing, Inc		(139.96)
	6562	Brodart Co.		(346.02)
	6563	Call One	1010-7103-0001	(471.72)
	6564	City of McHenry (Alarm)	Acct # 225.00.3895	(270.00)
	6565	City of McHenry (Water)	01-104208090-01	(242.57)
	6566	CL Graphics, Inc	MCHLIB	(4,654.00)
	6567	Computer View, Inc		(250.00)
	6568	Cooperative Computer Services		(6,708.00)
	6569	Demco, Inc		(5,756.74)
	6570	Dineen, Molly		(48.60)
	6571	Dynegy Energy Services		(1,651.20)
	6572	EBSCO - Ele Subscription		(4,891.00)
	6573	Ed's Rental & Sales, Inc	133775	(428.80)
	6574	Eder, Casella & Co.	MCHLIBR	(286.25)
	6575	Evanston Public Library		(8.99)
	6576	Family Roots Publishing Co., LLC		(112.09)
	6577	Gale Cengage Learning		(6,966.91)
	6578	Gaudio, Diane		(47.01)
	6579	Home Depot Credit Services	6035 3220 0893 5060	(582.11)
	6580	Infobase Learning		(739.81)
	6581	Jansen Electronics		(10,980.45)
	6582	Lambert, Kathy		(42.12)
	6583	McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce	MCHENRYPUBLI	(225.00)
	6584	McHenry Garden Center, Inc	#1157	(312.50)
	6585	MDC Environmental Services	407546	(197.70)
	6586	Mechanical Inc		(1,629.50)
	6587	Mendez, Nora Najera		(200.00)
	6588	Midwest Tape	60050C	(5,108.81)

Num	Name	Memo	Amount
6589	Nicor Gas	22-24-98-1000 7	(265.34)
6590	Penguin Random House LLC		(105.25)
6591	Quill Corporation	C974731	(1,443.77)
6592	RAILS		(82.50)
6593	Recorded Books, Inc		(3,114.65)
6594	Rex, Laurie		(52.65)
6595	Sam's Club - Other Staff	7715090394481519	(281.06)
6596	Sam's Club Master Card - Debbie G.	6011371005097083	(265.64)
6597	Sherwin-Williams	1006-3365-0	(17.49)
6598	Shull Plumbing, Inc		(221.00)
6599	StackMap LLC		(750.00)
6600	Standard Insurance Co. - Dental	160-160553	(1,651.62)
6601	Standard Insurance Company - Life	160553	(228.48)
6602	Stone, Jill		(66.50)
6603	The Rawlings Company		(739.47)
6604	Thornton, Christine		(550.00)
6605	Today's Business Solutions, Inc		(105.00)
6606	TTI - Total Teledata Inc		(3,048.00)
6607	Uline		(2,666.36)
6608	Unique Management Services, Inc		(134.25)
6609	Value Line		(1,425.00)
			<u>(115,939.73)</u>

Dec 15, 16

McHenry Public Library District
Custom Transaction Detail Report

January 3, 2017

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Accrual Basis

	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Jan 3, 17				
	6610	Classic Cinemas		(500.00)
	6611	Cordoba, James		(250.00)
	6612	Justman, Steven H		(175.00)
	6613	Mayberry, Melissa		(150.00)
	6614	R.M. Confidence		(200.00)
	6615	Thornton, Christine		(300.00)
	6616	Thornton, Julie		(312.00)
Jan 3, 17				<u>(1,887.00)</u>

BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER					
December 2016					
STAFF	VENDOR	DATE	Amount	LINE	Total
Edminster	AmazonPrime Membership	11/8	\$ 10.99	8010-100	\$ 10.99
Gunness	SimpleInOut	11/12	\$ 29.99	8028-100	\$ 29.99
Gunness	Shaw Suburban Media	11/11	\$ 48.09	8030-100	
Gunness	Chicago Tribune	11/11	\$ 675.31	8030-100	\$ 723.40
Strain	Bestbuycom	11/18	\$ 191.23	8140-100	\$ 191.23
Jakacki	Herrschners-Wilton	11/8	\$ 14.62	8150-100	
Jakacki	Dollar Tree	11/9	\$ 14.00	8150-100	
Jakacki	Hobby-Lobby	11/9	\$ 25.89	8150-100	
Jakacki	Jewel	11/14	\$ 91.81	8150-100	
Jakacki	Vistaprint	11/16	\$ 137.80	8150-100	
Jakacki	Vistaprint	11/17	\$ (8.11)	8150-100	
Jakacki	Target	11/19	\$ 65.52	8150-100	
Jakacki	Target	11/24	\$ 269.79	8150-100	
Jakacki	OTC Brands	12/1	\$ 130.70	8150-100	
Jakacki	OTC Brands	12/1	\$ 74.83	8150-100	
Jakacki	Target	12/3	\$ 14.98	8150-100	
Jakacki	Dollar Tree	12/7	\$ 21.50	8150-100	
Raleigh	Jimano's Pizzeria	11/17	\$ 22.36	8150-100	\$ 875.69
Brown	Ninite.com	11/15	\$ 240.00	8320-100	\$ 240.00
Yazel	Ziprecruiter inc.	11/28	\$ 249.00	8530-100	
Yazel	Ziprecruiter inc.	11/30	\$ (249.00)	8530-100	\$ -
Gunness	USPS Postage	11/29	\$ 100.00	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	11/23	\$ 25.21	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	12/2	\$ 26.49	8540-100	
Yazel	USPS	11/18	\$ 3.25	8540-100	\$ 154.95
Lambert	CTC Constant Contact	11/7	\$ 546.00	8550-100	
Lambert	McHenry Area Chamber	11/8	\$ 160.00	8550-100	
Lambert	Photospin	11/16	\$ 8.00	8550-100	
Lambert	MyFonts	11/30	\$ 29.00	8550-100	\$ 743.00
Gunness	Paypal	11/8	\$ 228.00	8740-100	
Harding	BP McHenry	12/7	\$ 70.00	8740-100	
Lambert	USPS	11/17	\$ 485.80	8740-100	\$ 783.80
Jakacki	Arroweye corp	11/27	\$ 311.26	8760-100	
Jakacki	Hobby-Lobby	11/29	\$ 4.47	8760-100	
Jakacki	OTC Brands	12/1	\$ 9.99	8760-100	
Lambert	Jewel	11/15	\$ 41.13	8760-100	
Lambert	Angelos Fresh Market	11/30	\$ 65.82	8760-100	\$ 432.67
Edminster	ALAPLA Membership	11/17	\$ 210.00	8960-100	
Myers	ALA Membership Z. Terrill	12/2	\$ 141.00	8960-100	
Scholtz	American Library Assoc	11/14	\$ 187.00	8960-100	
Strain	American Lib Assoc	11/16	\$ 210.00	8960-100	\$ 748.00

Raleigh	Westin	11/7	\$ 271.32	8970-100	
Scholtz	Marzano's	11/10	\$ 37.99	8970-100	
Scholtz	EB Laconi Admin	11/17	\$ 15.00	8970-100	\$ 324.31
Harding	Transmatic Transmission	11/9	\$ 2,173.82	9090-100	\$ 2,173.82
BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER			\$ 7,431.85	TOTAL	\$ 7,431.85

BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER					
January 2017					
STAFF	VENDOR	DATE	Amount	LINE	
Gunness	SimpleInOut	12/12	\$ 29.99	8028-100	
Scholtz	Bus Mgmt Daily	12/21	\$ 96.00	8028-100	\$ 125.99
Gunness	Shaw Suburban Media	12/13	\$ 48.09	8030-100	
Gunness	Chicago Tribune	1/3	\$ (142.08)	8030-100	\$ (93.99)
Jakacki	Amazon	12/9	\$ 30.00	8120-100	\$ 30.00
Gunness	Panera Bread	1/7	\$ 294.68	8140-100	
Strain	OTC Brand	12/29	\$ 49.51	8140-100	\$ 344.19
Jakacki	LaRosita	12/12	\$ 15.07	8150-100	
Jakacki	Farm & Fleet	12/14	\$ 36.04	8150-100	
Jakacki	Istock	12/21	\$ 60.00	8150-100	
Jakacki	Shutterstock	12/26	\$ 44.00	8150-100	
Jakacki	Jewel	12/27	\$ 22.99	8150-100	
Jakacki	Hobby Lobby	12/27	\$ 29.90	8150-100	
Jakacki	Meijer	1/1	\$ 39.99	8150-100	
Jakacki	Dollar Tree	1/4	\$ 24.00	8150-100	
Raleigh	Jimanos	12/15	\$ 21.64	8150-100	
Raleigh	Walmart	12/21	\$ 18.84	8150-100	
Raleigh	Michaels	12/22	\$ 11.94	8150-100	
Raleigh	Little Caesars	1/3	\$ 32.25	8150-100	
Raleigh	Starbucks	1/4	\$ 15.00	8150-100	\$ 371.66
Brown	Web Networks	12/27	\$ 197.91	8320-100	
Brown	New Egg	1/4	\$ 165.95	8320-100	
Brown	New Egg	1/5	\$ 69.09	8320-100	
Brown	New Egg	1/5	\$ 44.84	8320-100	\$ 477.79
Scholtz	Walgreens	12/15	\$ 164.85	8440-100	\$ 164.85
Gunness	UPS Store	1/6	\$ 38.57	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	12/13	\$ 24.80	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	12/16	\$ 14.24	8540-100	
Lambert	USPS	12/22	\$ 13.78	8540-100	
Yazel	USPS	1/7	\$ 6.80	8540-100	\$ 98.19
Lambert	National Pen	12/9	\$ 295.90	8550-100	\$ 295.90
Harding	Autozone	12/16	\$ 17.19	8740-100	
Harding	BP Lakemoor	12/16	\$ 59.24	8740-100	
Harding	Exxonmobile	12/17	\$ 49.26	8740-100	\$ 125.69
Gunness	Walgreens	12/29	\$ 85.78	8760-100	
Lambert	Jewel	12/9	\$ 26.63	8760-100	
Lambert	Jimanos Pizza	12/10	\$ 432.29	8760-100	
Raleigh	Jewel	12/15	\$ 42.69	8760-100	\$ 587.39
Edminster	AmazonPrime Membership	12/8	\$ 10.99	8960-100	\$ 10.99
Lambert	Pioneer Center	12/8	\$ 50.00	8970-100	
Strain	EB Murder and Mayhem	12/22	\$ 60.00	8970-100	\$ 110.00
Gunness	Opto International	12/15	\$ 778.00	9060-100	\$ 778.00
Harding	Sunnyside Co.	12/16	\$ 534.35	9090-100	\$ 534.35
BANKCARD PROCESSING CENTER			\$ 3,961.00	TOTAL	\$ 3,961.00

McHenry Public Library
Board of Trustees
809 North Front Street
McHenry, IL 60050
January 5, 2017

Dear Members of the Board and James Scholtz,

I have completed my 5th course towards my MLIS. My coursework this semester consisted of Collection Development & Management. This course enabled me to learn ways to improve the collections for which I am responsible. I feel I have a better understanding on how to select the best materials for the library's collection. The course also introduced me to e-resources and the different ways the library works with vendors.

Weeding the collection of damaged, out of date, or non-circulating books is something I have helped to do since I began my position in YS at the library. I had been tasked with pulling books for the YS selectors to review. It was and remains to be one of jobs at the library that I love the most. Yet it has only been the last several years since I moved to the Adult department that I have been responsible for selecting new materials for the Adult collection. Selection is an area I have been learning about and felt that I could improve upon. This class has helped me think of new ways to consider selecting an item such as looking at the item's publisher or the size of the book.

Thank you for providing the tuition reimbursement program as it has been such a great help in my continuing education.

Sincerely,



Diane B. Gaudio

Diane Gaudio
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Trevor WI 53179

Board of Trustees

McHenry Public Library Board
809 N. Front St.
McHenry IL, 60050

To the Board of Trustees:

This spring term I have registered for the required class LIS 605 Library Management. This class examines the principles and theory of managing a library.

Once again I request your kind consideration in approving tuition reimbursement for this course.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Gaudio", is written over the "Sincerely," text.

Diane Gaudio

McHenry Public Library District

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

December 2016

Administration

- J. Scholtz prepared RFID proposal for vendors – will go out with OK from board as soon as we hear from CCS on ILS vendor (3/2017?)
- Thanks to all board members for completing information regarding Economic Interest forms for 2017 + 3 board members completing all documents for April 2017 election. All forms have been submitted to McHenry County Clerk's office in good form.
- Thanks to Main. Staff for good job in snow removal so far this year!!
- Thanks to K. Lambert for coordinating AARP tax help program in the Library for 2017. They will be occupying the Storytime Rm. From 2/7 – 4/13; Tues., Wed., Thurs.
- B. Edminster led the Classic Book discussion of **Get Shorty** by Elmore Leonard, 12/19.
- B. Edminster and P. Strain carried out an interview of a candidate for Career Online High School, 12/29. This brings the number of candidates to four with good prospects of graduating from Career Online High School.
- B. Edminster represented the library at the Character Counts! January meeting, which was also the kick-off for this year's St. Baldrick's campaign, 1/12.
- B. Edminster led the Classic Book discussion of **Kidnapped** by Robert Louis Stevenson, 1/16.
- J. Scholtz completed the ISL certification for 2017 (online).
- CCS hires Debra Wischmeyer as members Services Manager, 1/30/2017 start date.
- Barb Majak has been hired as Circulation Manager and she'll start on 2/6. Barb comes to us from the Algonquin Area Public Library. Welcome Barb. We had a number of excellent applicants for the position, including a few internal candidates – it was a difficult choice.
- D. Gunness and S. Yazel worked on year-end rollover in payroll regarding new rates for insurance and accruals changes.
- D. Gunness made necessary changes in payroll for both the final payroll run in December and the beginning payroll run in January.
- Thanks to all who helped in some way with the Staff Christmas Party! The food was great and the company even better! We had a visit from Santa and bid a fond farewell to Mary Amstadt!

Adult Services

- A patron wanted to know if it was possible to apply online for the Illinois SNAP program instead of printing out the 20 page application. T. O'Toole
- Finished my fifth graduate library class on **Collection Development** D. Gaudio
- Working with intern Anne on the **Pictorial Newsletter** collection. T. Hillier
- Updated the USBs for tax forms, informational bookmarks, and other information for tax aide for 2016 taxes. L. Mann
- Finished weeding the 800's D. Gaudio
- Completed a detailed weeding of the 640-641 collection. T. O'Toole
- Finished weeding the dusty materials for M-Z Fiction collection. L. Mann
- Created updated bibliographies for the history and sports areas T. Hillier, T. O'Toole

Building Services

- Snow storms thus far we have used 7 pallets of salt which is 17,150 pounds.
- Custodial staff is in the process of removing the floor for new wax.
- Christmas decoration were hung for the holidays and just removed.

Circulation

- S. Willis reports 162 expired holds were pulled in December.
- M. Amstadt retired.
- A. Nicholls also retired.
- Circ staff rallied and managed to cover shifts, despite being down 2 people.

Human Resources

- Two (2) employees left library employment: Amstadt, M (12/09) and Drinka, J (12/31)
- As of 1/01/2017, we have 51 employees (29 full-time and 22 part-time) and our FTE is now at 39.6 employees.
- Offer extended and accepted for the Circulation Manager position. Hire date of 2/6/17 is planned.
- Salary Increase Information: Data is pulled from a minimum of 3 months (vs. monthly) to maintain confidentiality and also provide meaningful numbers.
 - Average Salary increase for the Last 3 months – 3%
 - This average calculation is missing data from three employees whose salary increases have not yet been submitted.
 - Average Salary increase for the FY 2016-2017 (year-to-date) – 2.68%
 - This average calculation is missing data from three employees whose salary increases have not yet been submitted.
 - Fiscal YTD: two employees did not receive an increase due to performance and two employees have received lump-sum merit payments vs. an increase to their base salary
- An on-going employee relations issue of high complexity was resolved.
- Continued to audit and submit paperwork for 12-1-16 Medical benefits and 1-01-17 Dental/Vision and Life benefits.
- Worked with Business Manager regarding appropriate changes to payroll for benefits.
- AFLAC conduct a webinar for all employees regarding open enrollment for supplemental benefits.
- In-Service Day held on 12/09 following a holiday luncheon. Was attended by 77% of the staff. (Previous attendance: October 56%, August 81%, June 60%)
- MPLD was one of many area businesses invited to participate in the “Break Your Boundaries” weight-loss challenge. In order to be included we need to solicit a minimum of 12 employees to participate. Program runs from January to March.
- Participated in HR Roundtable (sponsored by Management Association) at the Palatine Public Library
- Attended Board of Trustees meeting to discuss employee relations issue in Executive Session.
- Met with representative from Liberty National regarding offering supplement benefits to employees.

Public Relations

- Edited, designed and mailed the Jan./Feb. **Preface** newsletter to district residences.
- Final four emails in Library Awareness/CCS campaign sent to patrons promoting various services our library offers.
- Began a “Cardholder Perks” email campaign to promote various online resources to our patron email list. Will span 6 months.
- Promoted upcoming programs via various media including press releases, online calendars, inside/outside LED monitors, website and social media.
- Helped coordinate annual staff holiday luncheon/Mary A.’s retirement celebration.
- Attended Lake County Library Marketers Group at Barrington Lib. Dec. 6, where we mainly talked about referenda experiences.
- Attended Pioneer Center’s annual Fundraiser Luncheon/Book Review Dec. 2.

Technical Services

See report after Monthly Statistics

Technology

- This month MPLit closed 62 Help Desk tickets.
- Micah fixed an issue that previously was blocking item status in the on-line catalog!! (fantastic job!!).
- IT staff moved all public workstations around due to floor construction.
- New cameras were installed this month and IT (we have 36 cameras in all now).
- Comcast will be here to install new equipment when we switch phone line providers; 1/23 is switchover date. Bill should be constant at about \$230-\$280 per mon. resulting in a savings.
- MPLit performed our routine maintenance of our patron and staff workstations.

Youth Services

- Spanish Interactions: Adult: 82, Teen: 24, Children: 158
- Afterschool Snack Program—snacks served: 37, room attendance: 37 kids, 10 adults
- G. Doolan hosted a Monster Mash storytime over winter break. They read monster stories, made monster crafts and most importantly had fun!
- M. Cairo had an interaction with a patron that reminded her of why libraries still are important in communities: “A mom came in with her four children ranging from preschool to 6th grade asking for help finding books that would interest the children during the time they were home during winter break”. I always have fun matching the book to the reader. Then the mom proceeded to ask what was needed to have the children use the computers. After questions were answered she looked up and praised the resources that we have available. She also explained that she chose to cancel her Comcast service until she could catch up on rent and have “Santa” for her children because of the library resources/services. The library serves in ways sometimes we don’t even realize!”
- J. Velasquez has had many more requests for bilingual classroom visits and tours than in the past. She conducted a tour and Native American activity using pictographs for the 3rd Grade bilingual class at Valley View. Students shared many things they learned on the tour, including the fact that Spanish and English books must be physically separated. After listening to the Legend of Popocatepetl & Iztaccihuatl , (a Mexican Folktale), they had many questions about volcanos. She also provided the teacher information on obtaining a library card, Spanish events, and the Welcome Brochure in Spanish.
- C. Bergan visited a fifth grade classroom at Valley View to demonstrate the library’s online resources. Students were working on history reports about the Revolutionary War and Caitlin demonstrated Scholastic Go as well as History Online. She walked them through accessing the library’s website and logging into the resources and then navigating around. Students were very successful even within the time she was there. Great outreach opportunity!
- At R. Raleigh’s Pizza N Pages book club for teens one teen shared that she struggled with an eating disorder last year, and our book club choice, *Winter Girls* by Laurie Halse Anderson, really struck a chord with her. The teen loved that she had a place to talk about such issues with other teens without feeling judged.
- M. Dineen offered a baby (infant and toddlers) art program in December. There were a handful of new families that she hadn’t met before. The parents were appreciative that we offered a messy program that they didn’t have to do at home and the projects turned out cute. We will look into doing more baby art programs for those families for which session storytimes don’t necessarily appeal.
- L. Jakacki worked with other on planning, setting up and hosting the staff’s Holiday Luncheon and December In-Service meeting.

Statistics and Highlights Narrative

Legend – ABk – Adult Books; JBk – Children's Books; PBk – Paperback Books; AudBk – Audio books; JAudBk – Children's Audio books; ILL – Interlibrary loan; Vid/DVD – Videos/DVDs; JVid/DVD – Children's Videos/DVDs; Oth - Other

The TS Dept. added 851 items (-38%) and withdrew 914 (-17%) compared with December 2016. Staff also mended 620 items (-17%) and processed 714 new items (-48%). Overall circulation decreased by (-15%) from the previous year/month and we were open same number of days (25). All areas except ILL (borrower) decreased (+31%). Holds increased (+4%) but renewal were down (-16%). Patron traffic increased showed an ave. of 458 daily in total - 12,531 video count; 11,907 ave. physical counter). Also our eMagazine/Zinio was at (+7%) with digital downloads (-13%), Zinio and Hoopla were at (+7% and +19% respectively. Internet use (Adult +8 and youth +15%) but overall, use declined by -13%). Our study room use increased by (xx%) but meeting room use declined (-xx%). Programs: (adult +26%; child -17%) Website hits we +12% but wireless use as (-28%).

Upcoming Events and Projects

- Staff/board visits to area libraries with RFID (Jan – Mar)
- Install of additional solar panels; retrofit of existing (Mar, Apr, weather permitting)
- McHenry Librarians mtg; Cary PL 1/27 (grand reopening CPLD, 1/13)
- Round Lake PL trustees visit MPLD + hold board mtg 2/22.
- Consolidated election (3 MPLD board members) 4/4
- 2/23, Z. Terrill and L. Mann will be visiting Fox Point to do a library talk and sign residents up for library cards.
- In March residents will be able to call in requests for library materials and Susan, the coordinator at Fox Point, will pick them up each month. L. Mann
- 3/29, scheduled library talk at Senior Services. L. Mann
- IL Legislative Day breakfast, Morton Grove Arboretum, Buffalo Grove, 2/20.

McHenry Public Library District

Monthly Statistics – December 2016 -2015

Categories	December		% Diff.
	2016	2015	
MATERIALS CATALOGED			
Adult Books Added	287	487	(41%)
Adult Books Withdrawn	530	295	80%
Children's Books Added	216	203	6%
Children's Books Withdrawn	197	348	(43%)
Young Adult Books Added	36	87	(59%)
Young Adult Books Withdrawn	36	118	(69%)
DVD/VHS Added	88	209	(58%)
DVD/VHS Withdrawn	23	64	(64%)
Other AV Added	22	23	(4%)
Other AV Withdrawn	28	2	1300%
Audio Mat. Added (CD/Cass.)	35	108	(68%)
Audio Mat. Withdrawn (CD/Cass.)	4	246	(98%)
Periodicals Added to Database:	167	254	(34%)
Periodicals Withdrawn:	96	22	336%
TOTAL ADDED	851	1,371	(38%)
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS	914	1,095	(17%)
OTHER HOLDINGS/TECH SRVS. STATS			

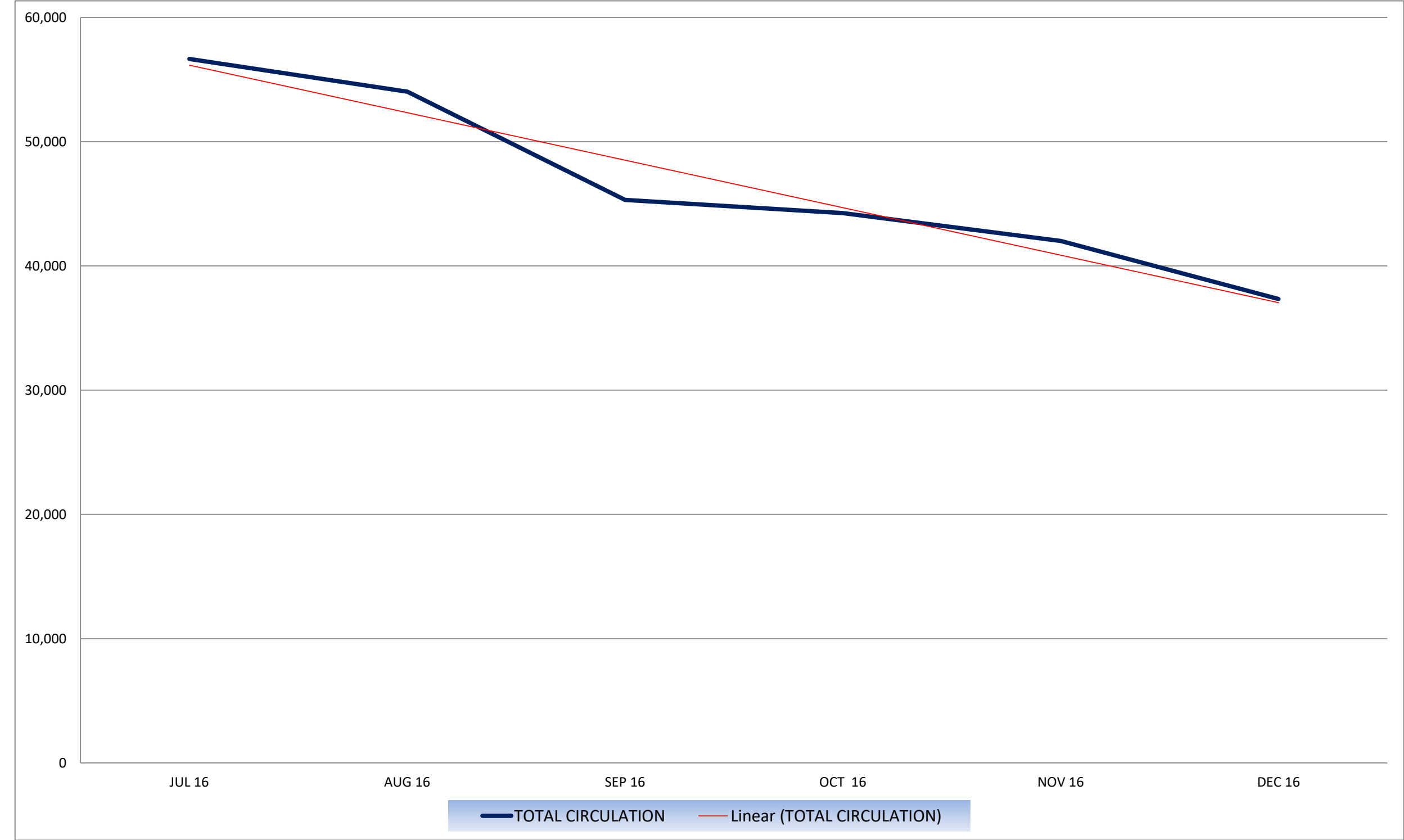
Items Mended			
OCLC Records Input to Catalog	620	750	(17%)
Bib Records Added to OCLC	165	165	0%
Bib/Item/Call # Changes	2	3	(33%)
# of Items Processed	1,386	1,670	(17%)
	714	1,362	(48%)
PATRON REGISTRATIONS			
McHenry District-NEW			
McHenry Dist.-REREG. & renewals	127	142	(11%)
RBP Patrons	219	203	8%
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	14	19	(26%)
	360	364	(1%)
CIRCULATION			
Adult Fiction Books			
Adult NonFiction Books	4,829	5,301	(9%)
Adult Books Total	2,839	3,037	(7%)
Children's Fiction Books	7,668	8,338	(8%)
Children's NonFiction Books	5,234	7,727	(32%)
Children's Books Total	1,134	2,106	(46%)
Pamphlets	6,368	9,833	(35%)
Periodicals		0	
Adult Fiction AudioBooks		760	(100%)
Adult NonFiction AudioBooks	2,847	3,568	(20%)
Adult Audio Total	223	151	48%
Juv. Fiction AudioBooks	3,070	3,719	(17%)
Juv. NonFiction AudioBooks	406	551	(26%)
Juv. Audio Total	123	156	(21%)
Adult Fiction Video/DVDs	529	707	(25%)
Adult NonFiction Videos/DVDs	7,838	9,029	(13%)
Adult VideoDVDs Total	345	519	(34%)
Juv. Fiction Video/DVDs	8,183	9,548	(14%)
Juv. NonFiction Video/DVDs	3,244	4,088	(21%)
Juv. Video/DVDs Total	151	226	(33%)
Adult Other AV Formats	3,395	4,314	(21%)
Juv. Other AV Formats	4	419	(99%)
ILL (MPLD as borrower)	1,426	1,422	0%
In-house Materials Use	2,292	1,747	31%
NonBarcoded Items Circed	2,063	2,381	(13%)
TOTAL CIRCULATION	58	75	(23%)
	37,346	45,845	(19%)
Full Days Open			
Average Circulation	25	26	
	1,494	1,763	(15%)
SERVICE USE STATISTICS			
Programs			
Summer/Winter Reading Children (hd. ct.)			

Summer/Winter Reading Teen (hd. ct.)			
Summer/Winter Reading Adult (hd. ct.)	0	0	
Meeting Rm Use (in hrs.)	0	0	
Storytime Rm Use (in hrs.)	0	0	
Adult Program Attendance (hd. ct.)	70	24	198%
Teen Program Attendance (hd. ct.)		0	
Child Program Attendance (hd. Ct.)	187	149	26%
Adult # of Programs	47	50	(6%)
Teen # of Programs	878	900	(2%)
Child # of Programs	12	11	9%
School/class visits - outreach (hd.ct.)	6	6	0%
Library Tours (hd. ct)	32	31	3%
Study Room Hrs. Used (9/10 first entry)	257	739	(65%)
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAM ATTEND.	225	0	
TOTAL YPS PROGRAM ATTEND.	311	387	(20%)
In House PC Use	187	149	26%
Express Internet Station	1,407	1,689	(17%)
Distance Learner PC Use			
Literacy PC Station	34	37	(8%)
Technology Center Computer Use	70	28	150%
Internet Use - Adult	28	32	(13%)
Internet Use - Youth		0	
Overdrive Workstation Hdct.	1,768	1,991	(11%)
Genealogy Computer Use	603	808	(25%)
Microform Reader/Printer Use		3	(100%)
TOTAL IN-HOUSE PC USE	31	15	107%
Electronic Resources Use	0	0	
web site visits (in-library/off-site)	2,534	2,914	(13%)
web site hits/views			
Wireless Hotspot Use (in-library)	22,825	20,345	12%
Database Usage (In-library)	461,179	457,434	1%
Database Usage (off-site)	872	1,214	(28%)
iBistro holds		0	
Material Renewals		0	
Digital book downloads (in-library/off-site)		0	
Zinio Magazine use	3,573	3,429	4%
Simple Scan uses	6,177	7,377	(16%)
Hoopla Usage	2,047	2,355	(13%)
General Use	243	227	7%
ILLs Loaned to Other Lib. (Lender)	823	0	
ILL Fill Rate (requests/filled as %)	435	367	19%
Library Attendance (hd. ct.)			
Genealogy Materials Used	2,615	2,584	1%
		0	
	11,907	12,531	(5%)
	19	45	(58%)

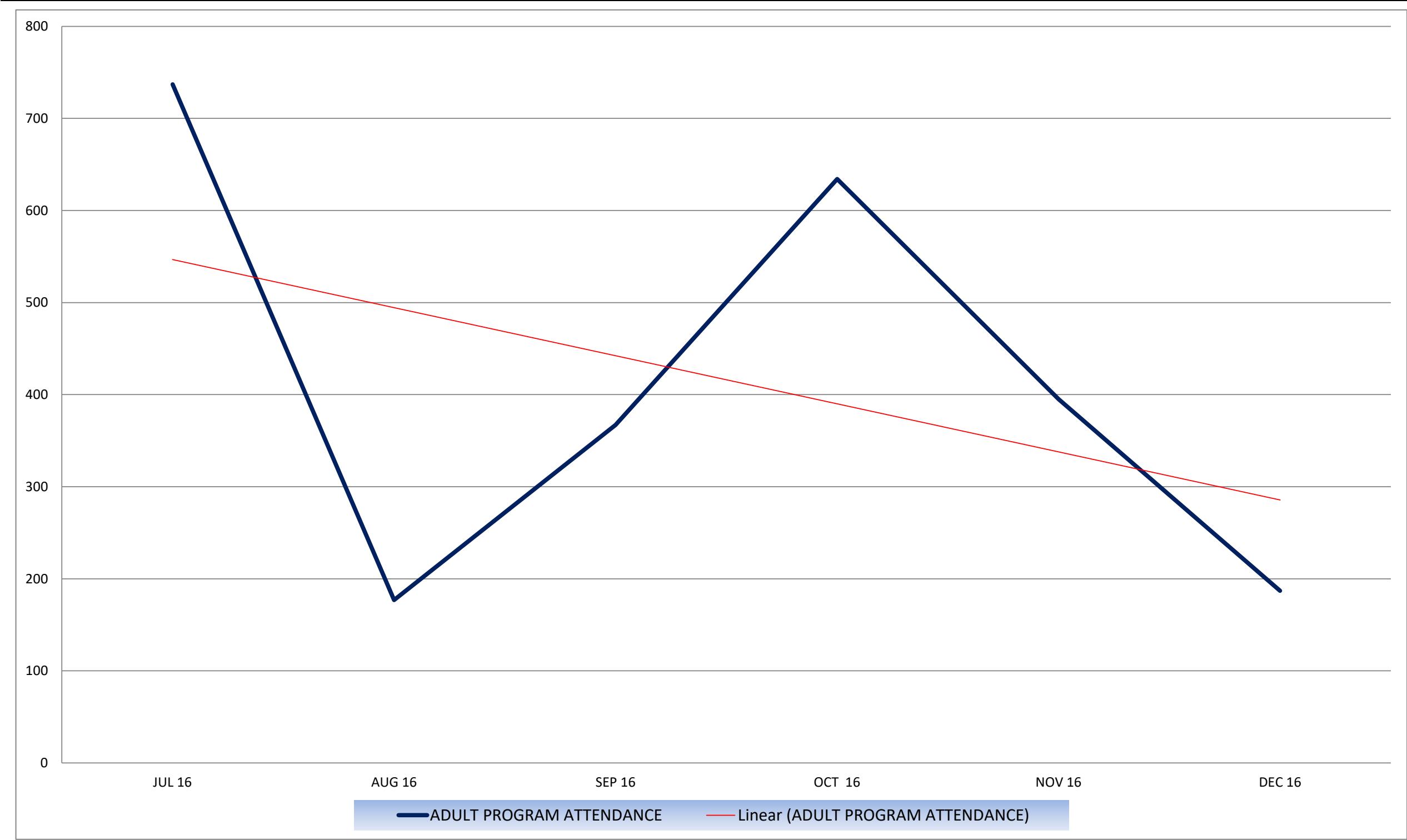
Technical Services

- Staff finished taking planned vacations, which significantly reduced departmental output
- D. Lavin worked with P. Radic and reviewed the tools in the Google Drive used by Technical Services staff
- 12/6, Collection Development, K. Milfajt
- 12/9, Staff In-service, P. Radic, K. Meadows, K. Walker, D. Lavin, K. Kimbrel, K. Milfajt
- 12/13, Dungeons and Dragons program facilitation, K. Walker
- 12/14, Catalog and Metadata Management meeting, K. Milfajt
- 12/14, Polaris Acquisitions demo, K. Milfajt
- 12/14, SirsiDynix Acquisitions demo, K. Milfajt
- 12/21, SCRAP, K. Milfajt
- 12/21, Project Laulima Acquisitions meetings, K. Milfajt

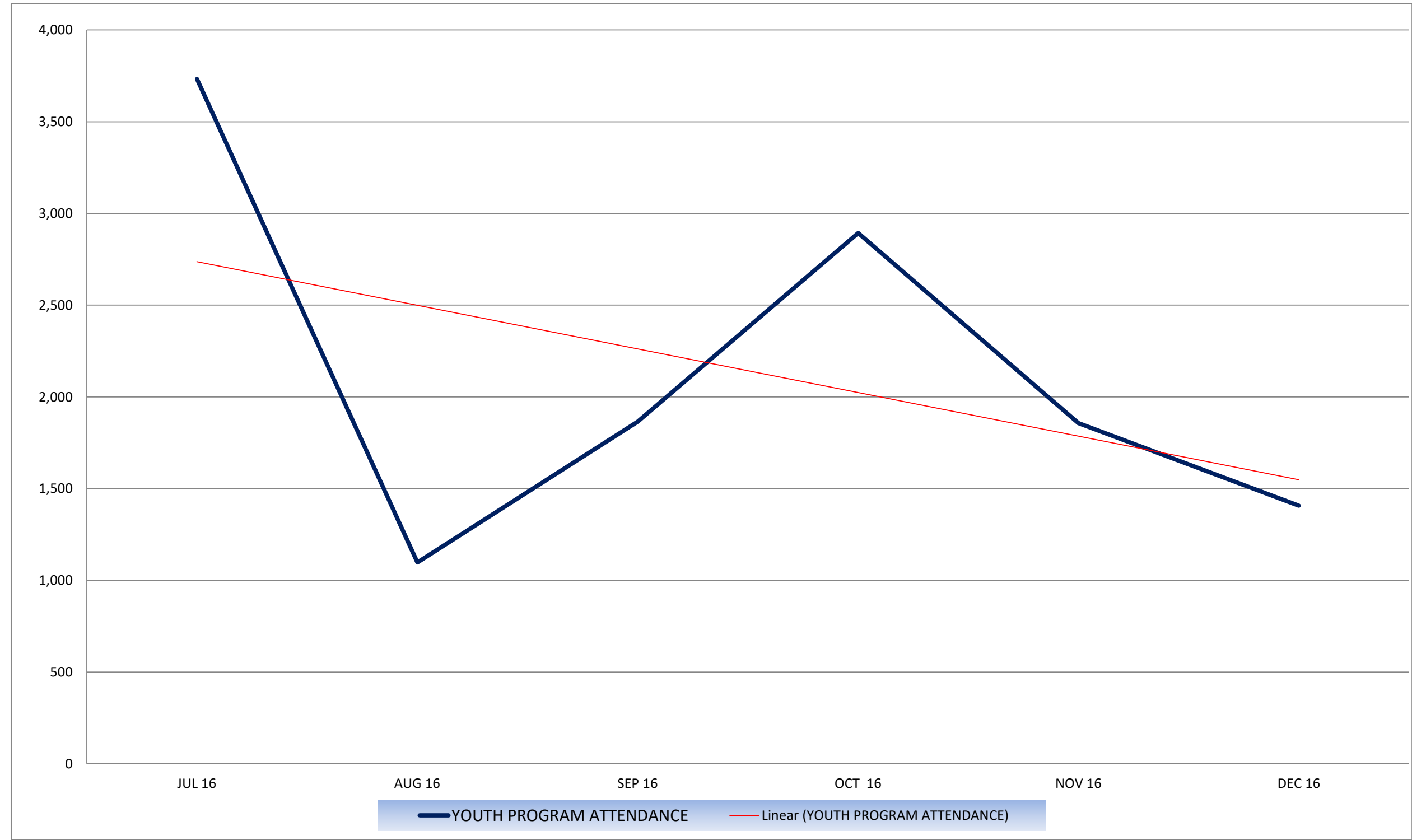
TOTAL CIRCULATION											
JUL 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
56,656	54,030	45,322	44,254	42,003	37,346	0	0	0	0	0	0



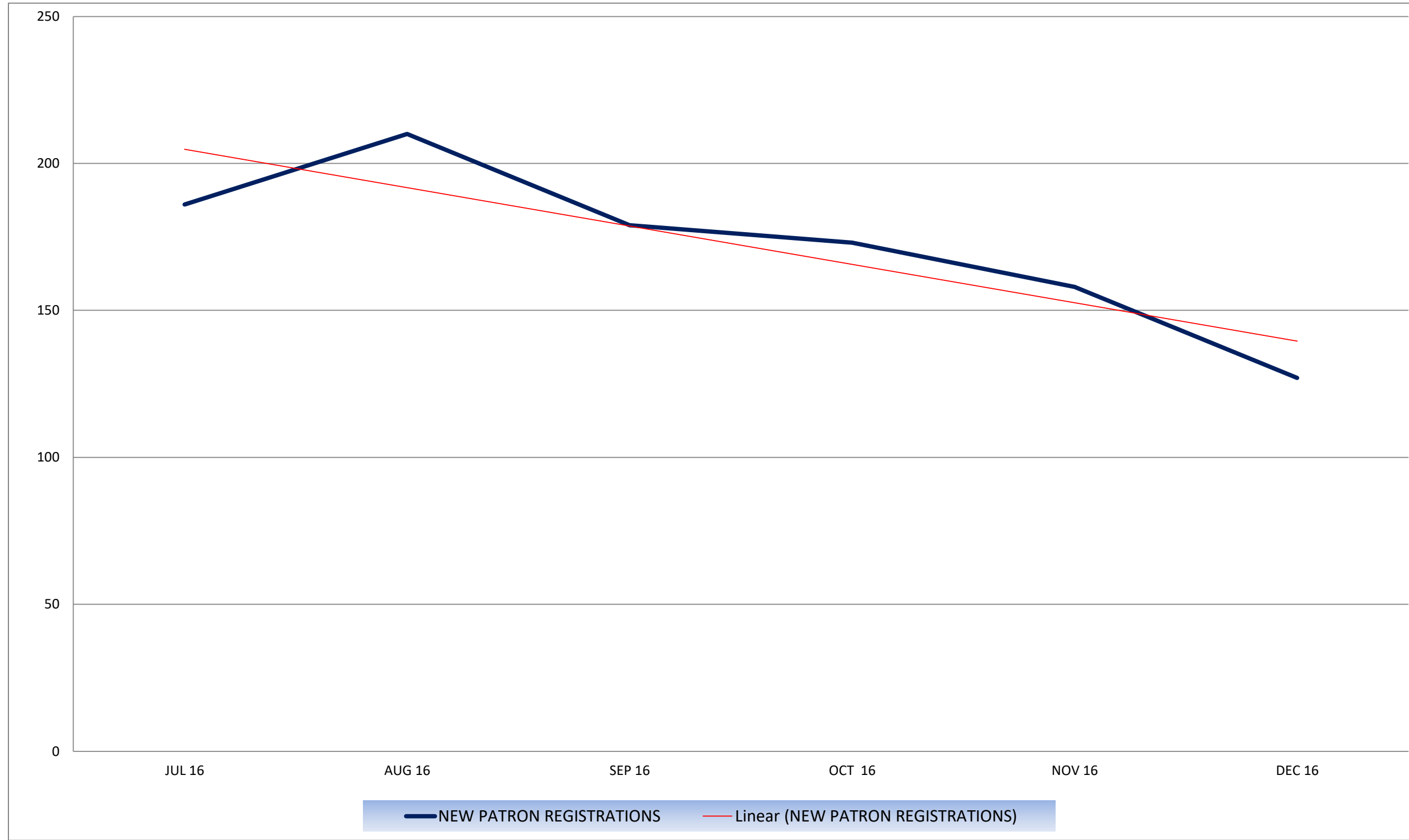
ADULT PROGRAM ATTENDANCE											
JUL 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
737	177	367	634	395	187	0	0	0	0	0	0



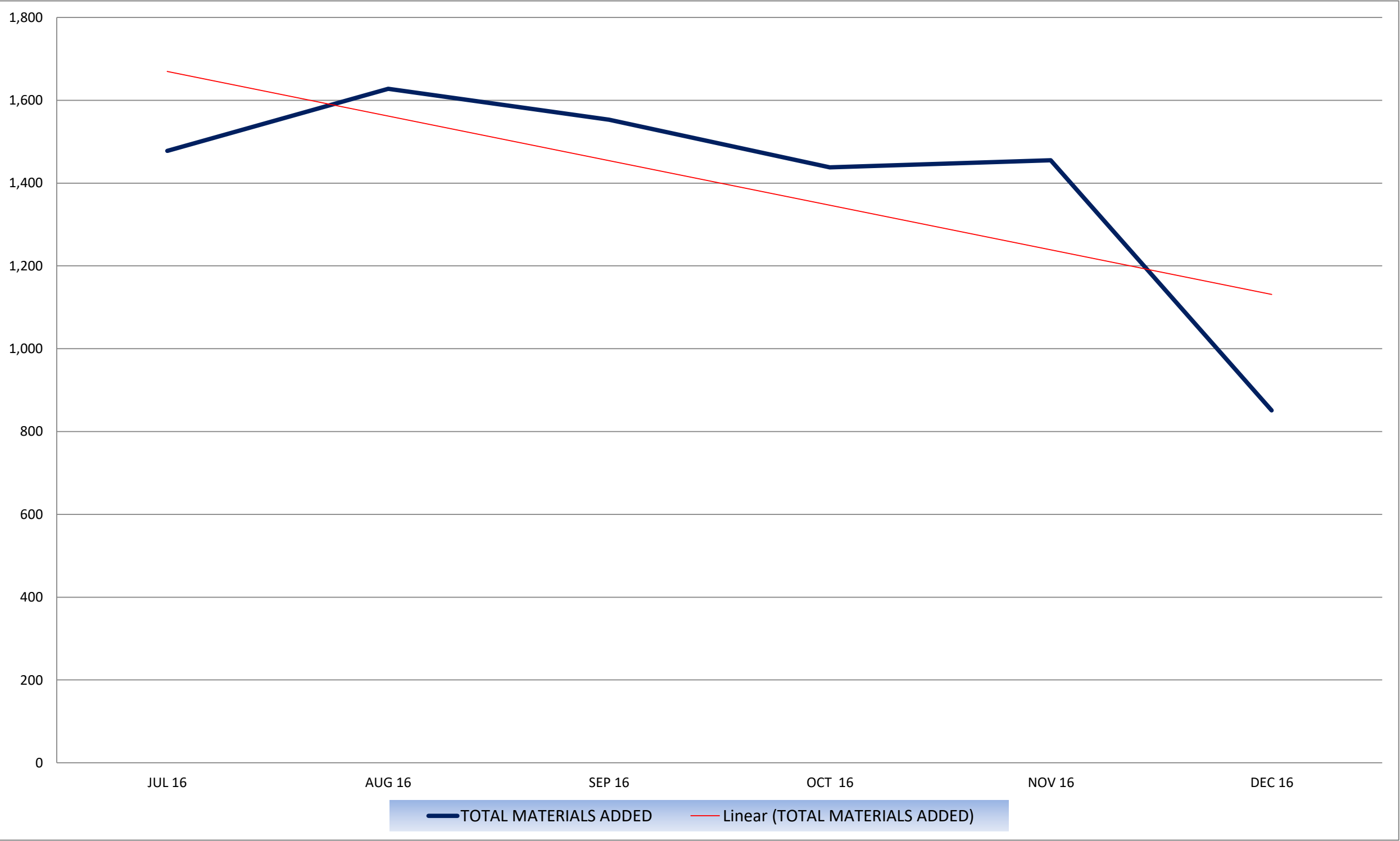
YOUTH PROGRAM ATTENDANCE											
JUL 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
3,733	1,098	1,866	2,893	1,857	1,407	0	0	0	0	0	0



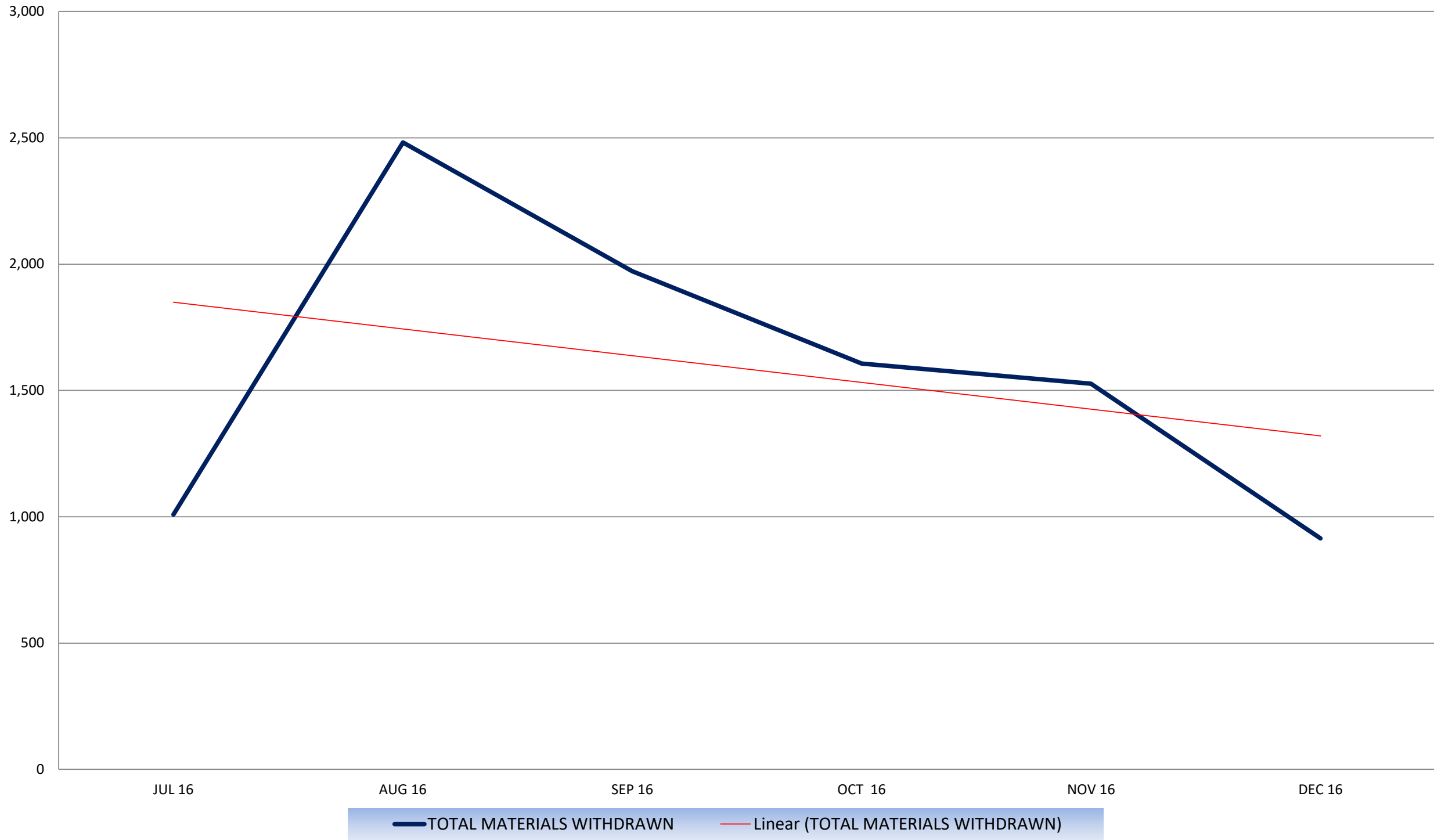
NEW PATRON REGISTRATIONS											
JUL 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
186	210	179	173	158	127	0	0	0	0	0	0



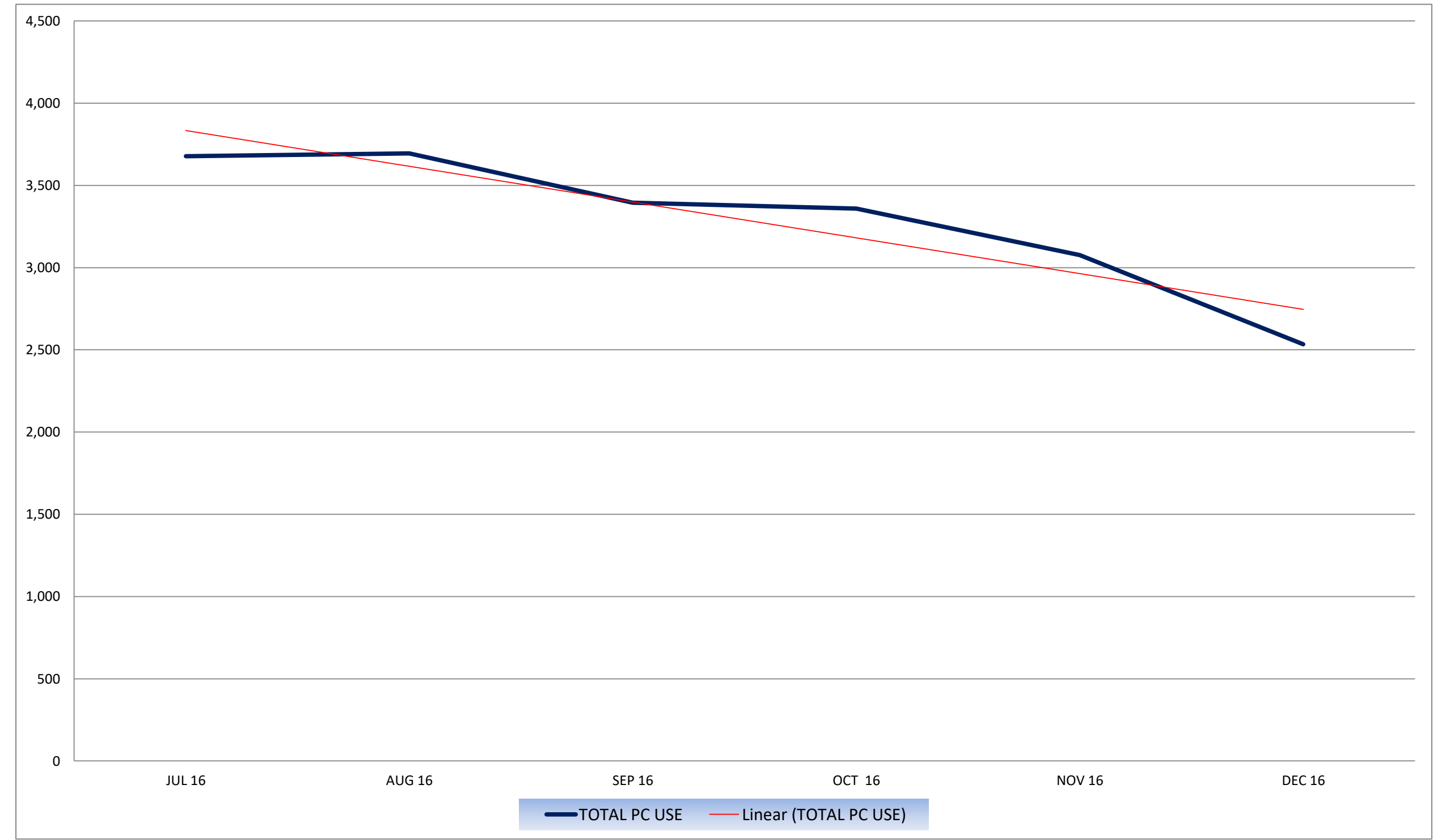
TOTAL MATERIALS ADDED											
JUL 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
1,478	1,628	1,553	1,438	1,455	851	0	0	0	0	0	0



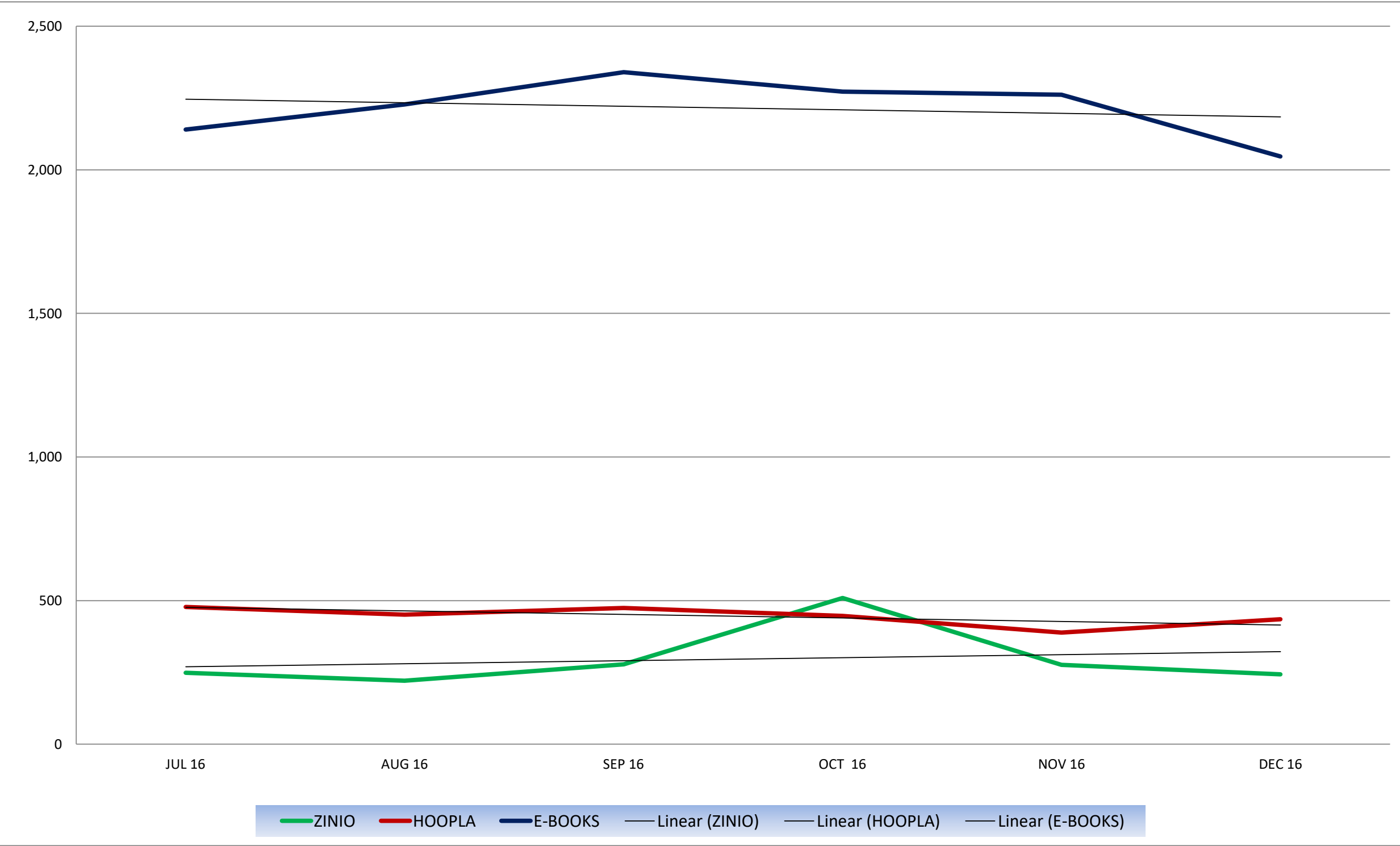
TOTAL MATERIALS WITHDRAWN											
JUL 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
1,009	2,482	1,972	1,606	1,527	914	0	0	0	0	0	0



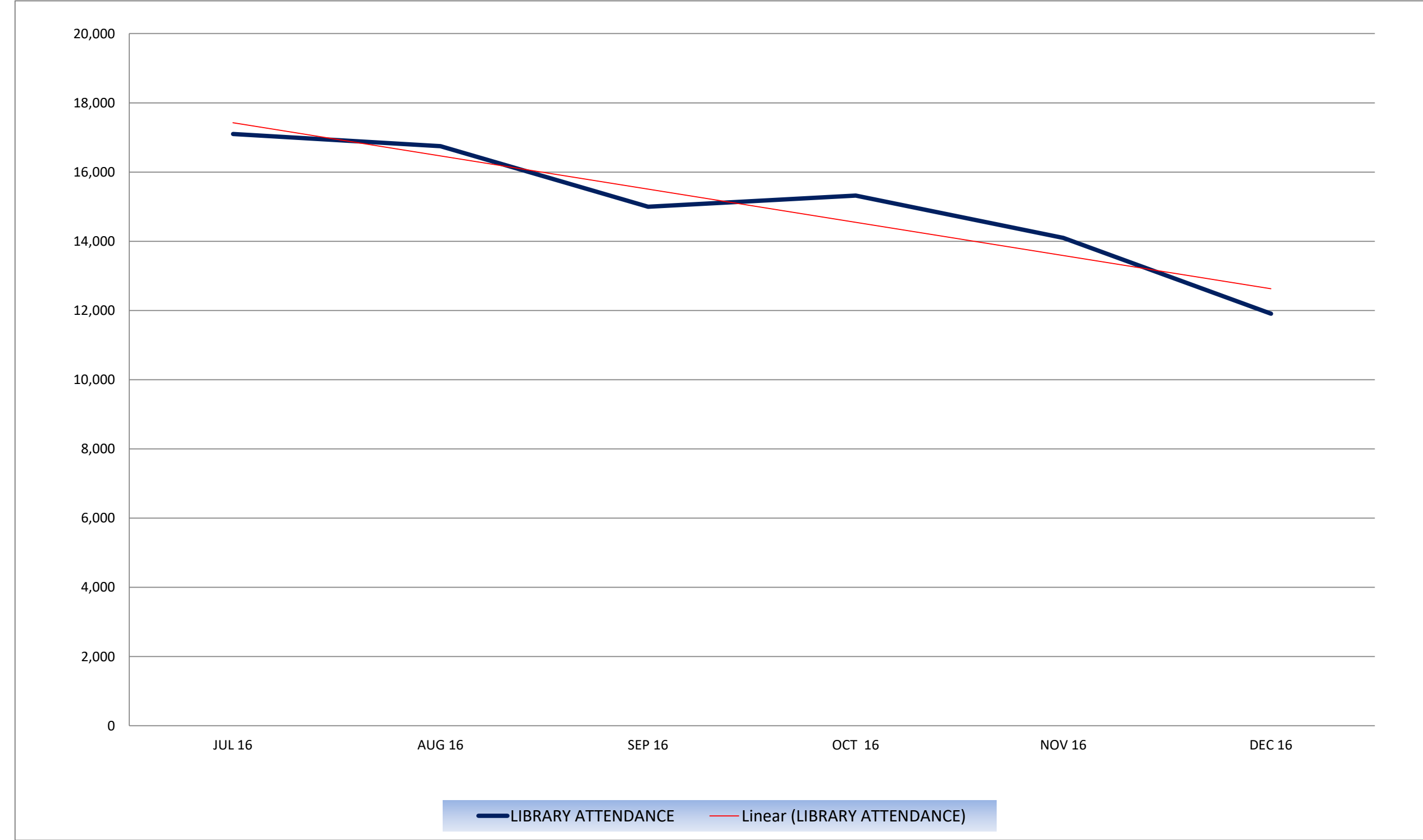
TOTAL PC USE											
JUL 16	AUG 16	SEP 16	OCT 16	NOV 16	DEC 16	JAN 17	FEB 17	MAR 17	APR 17	MAY 17	JUN 17
3,678	3,695	3,395	3,359	3,076	2,534	0	0	0	0	0	0



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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
MCHENRY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Date: December 13, 2016

Time: 7:58 p.m.

Location: Library Board Meeting Room

Members Present: Kathy Baderstadt, Margaret Carey, Delphine Grala, Monica Leccese, Charles Reilly, Bradley Schubert, and Jill Stone

Members Absent: None

During Executive Session, the Board discussed the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body in compliance with the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 section 2(c)(1) and review and release of the November 15, 2016 executive session minutes.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Leccese, Secretary

Text for Motion Sheet

1. Roll Call

DATE: December 13, 2016 Called to Order: 7:58 p.m.	Kathy Baderstadt	Margaret Carey	Delphine Grala	Monica Leccese	Charles Reilly	Bradley Schubert	Jill Stone
1. Roll call	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

A=Abstain, M=Motion, N=No, NP=Not Present, P=Present, S=Second, Y=Yes

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MEMO

TO: MPLD Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Scholtz, Executive Director, MPLD
RE: 2017 Potential Projects – board update
DATE: 1/4/2017

The purpose of this memo is to outline some of the potential projects looming before the MPLD in 2017 and beyond so that the board/administration can prioritize them relative to the budget, calendar of events and the strategic plan. I would like to elicit board and staff opinions regarding these projects, budget and time schedules. Hopefully, we will begin discussion of these projects in January 2017 and beyond:

- 1) Retrofit and enlarge the existing solar panel array (scheduled for 4/2017, weather dependent)
- 2) Staff/board visits to other area libraries concerning RFID, gates, self-checks, etc.
- 3) Repair/replacement of main floor carpeting – project involves closing library, moving books/stacks, carpet removal + floor prep for new carpet, new carpet installation.
- 4) Discussion with Gillespie Design concerning a new annex (for YS Dept.+ meeting rooms). This project could be combined with #3 (a necessity).
- 5) Installation of a lift-station for sanitary sewer to replace shared system (must this project be done to accommodate #4? It involves the DOT.)

What kind of carpet repairs can we make to the existing carpet/seams to extend the life of the carpet (originally installed in 1994)? Could we do #3 without doing #4? – Yes. But, if we are thinking about doing #4, how long should we wait to do it because #3 only gets worse? How do we fund #3 and 4? Do we need to do #5 before OR co-incidentally with #4 (due to state/city building codes)? In terms of moving YS, what would we use the existing space for – how would we rearrange space for Adult? For #3 and #4, we would need to be closed to the public for a period of time – possibly to staff as well. If there is a short period of time between the 2 projects, it would be best to link them together to be closed for the shortest amount of time, accomplishing the most activities/changes at one time (my opinion). We would also spend less money relative to the two projects.

Underlying these projects is the ultimate question – Are we going to stay in this building and, if ‘yes’, how long? Will it be worth it to build an addition/annex, install new carpeting, etc.? My initial answer to this question after being in the community for 9+ years is “Yes.” It would be much more expensive to build a new library and building referendums don’t have much success in this area. We could potentially do all of these projects with ‘saved’ money/ very little financing.

Resolution appointing NIMEC as the Library's broker to purchase electricity and delegation of signing authority to Library Director to enter into NIMEC-selected energy provider

Background: In 2007, the State of Illinois deregulated its electric market. Prior to that, ComEd both generated and delivered the power to residential and commercial customers. The legislation required ComEd to transfer ownership of its nuclear reactors to its parent, Exelon. Illinois then opened up its borders for other energy generators to compete with Exelon. ComEd remains a monopoly and delivers the power to commercial and residential users, regardless of who generates the power.

The Library has been using NIMEC as its broker since 2008. NIMEC is paid by the electric supplier for originating the business. The Library does not compensate NIMEC and is not under contract with NIMEC.

NIMEC has extensive expertise in the northern Illinois power market. Also, NIMEC manages a buying collaborative, aggregating the collective power of 123 municipalities, as well as 47 library/park district/water districts. The collective volume of the buying collaborative (\$15 to \$20 million/year) allows NIMEC to negotiate rates that are lower than what an individual library could negotiate on their own. The Library has enjoyed a good working relationship with NIMEC since 2008.

Resolution: Prices within the commodity markets (including electricity) are constantly fluctuating. Therefore, NIMEC's bid prices are only good for the day they are provided. As such, the board needs to delegate signing authority to the Director to accept a bid by entering into a contractual relationship with the winning power supplier.

NIMEC Bullet Points:

- 170 total members, consisting of 123 northern Illinois municipalities, plus 47 park districts, water districts and libraries.
- NIMEC member retention rate since inception: 98-99%
- NIMEC's first annual bid: 2008
- Each member receives its own pricing. No member subsidizes any other member's price.
- NIMEC offers 1, 2 and 3 year pricing. Each member can select its own term.
- Members are under no obligation to accept the bids.
- NIMEC solicits bids from Constellation (owned by Exelon), Dynegy, and MC Squared.
- Bids must be accepted by signing power agreement on the day of the bid.

NIMEC Bid Process

Because power prices fluctuate hourly, NIMEC's bid prices can only be held for the duration of the day of the bid. To accept a NIMEC bid, the municipality must sign the contract of the winning bid supplier by the end of the day of the bid. Therefore the Board must delegate signing authority during the month of January, to enable the Board's representative (Mayor, Village Manager, Director of Finance) to accept a bid. NIMEC has sample resolutions and memos available. This must be concluded by January 31.

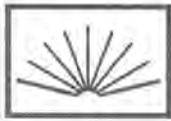
Starting on February 1, NIMEC will test the power markets. If rates are flat or declining, NIMEC will postpone the bid for one week. NIMEC will continue to test the market until a bottom has been reached. At that time, NIMEC will declare the bid date. It will be no sooner than 3 days from the announcement of the date.

On the day of the bid, you will find two emails regarding the bid. The first email will be from NIMEC, announcing the winning supplier. Your individual pricing will also be provided in that email. A second email from the winning supplier will contain the agreement, should you wish to accept NIMEC's bid.

NIMEC will host two conference calls that day, one at 10:30am and one at 2:00pm. They will be identical calls; simply participate in the call that best fits into your calendar. NIMEC will review the bid details and address any questions from the group.

Finally, to accept the bid, the agreement must be executed and sent to the winning supplier by the end of the day. The supplier will countersign and return an executed copy.





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RESOLUTION NO. 2016/2017-8

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC COLLABORATIVE (NIMEC) AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST COST ELECTRICITY PROVIDER FOR A PERIOD UP TO 36 MONTHS.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY
THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE 17TH DAY OF January 2017.**

Published in Pamphlet Form by
Authority of the Corporate
Authorities of the McHenry Public
Library District, McHenry, IL
This 17th day of January, 2017

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WHEREAS, on January 2, 2007, the State of Illinois implemented a plan to deregulate Commonwealth Edison; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of this deregulation, electricity may be purchased based on market price and Commonwealth Edison, will no longer be the sole supplier of electricity in northern Illinois, resulting in new electricity suppliers being able to compete against Commonwealth Edison, and competitive market forces dictating the price of electricity; and,

WHEREAS, municipalities and libraries across the State now look to enter the market to purchase electric power in order to mitigate some of the economic impact of rising rates, which, on a practical basis, can best be accomplished by using a third party who will serve as a broker for the municipalities and libraries and has the knowledge and experience to seek bids from the various electricity providers; and,

WHEREAS, the McHenry Public Library District of McHenry, IL has selected the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) to serve as the library's broker relative to the acquisition of electrical energy due to NIMEC's municipal experience and the fact that NIMEC is a municipal Collaborative which will be aggregating the energy needs of members of the Collaborative in order to secure more competitive pricing based in higher volumes than can be provided individually to a single municipality or library; and,

WHEREAS, there is no cost to join NIMEC, with the amount of compensation that NIMEC receives, if the Library chooses the NIMEC electricity supplier, being built into the prices bid by the electricity, so there will be no direct payment made to NIMEC by the Library; and,

WHEREAS, Commonwealth Edison will no longer offer a fixed rate for large or medium sized commercial accounts and will instead charge based on a floating hourly rate and the Library desires to enter the market to secure a fixed rate, up to 36 months in term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE McHenry Public Library District, McHenry, IL, AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1.** That the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) has been appointed the Library's broker for purposes of obtaining an electricity supply for the Library's municipal needs.
- Section 2.** That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate energy rates directly with suppliers in an effort to secure lower energy costs for the Library.
- Section 3.** That in light of the time constraints and procedures required, applicable to the acceptance of a competitive bid for a supply of electricity, once the bids are received by NIMEC, the Executive Director is hereby authorized to sign the contract with the most optimal bidder, with the Executive Director being hereby directed to place said contract on the first available Library Board regular meeting following the execution thereof by the Executive Director, for ratification by the Library Board.
- Section 4:** The Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 17th day of January 2017, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ABSTENTION: _____

APPROVED by me this 17th day of January 2017.

Kathy Baderstadt, Board President, McHenry Public
Library District.

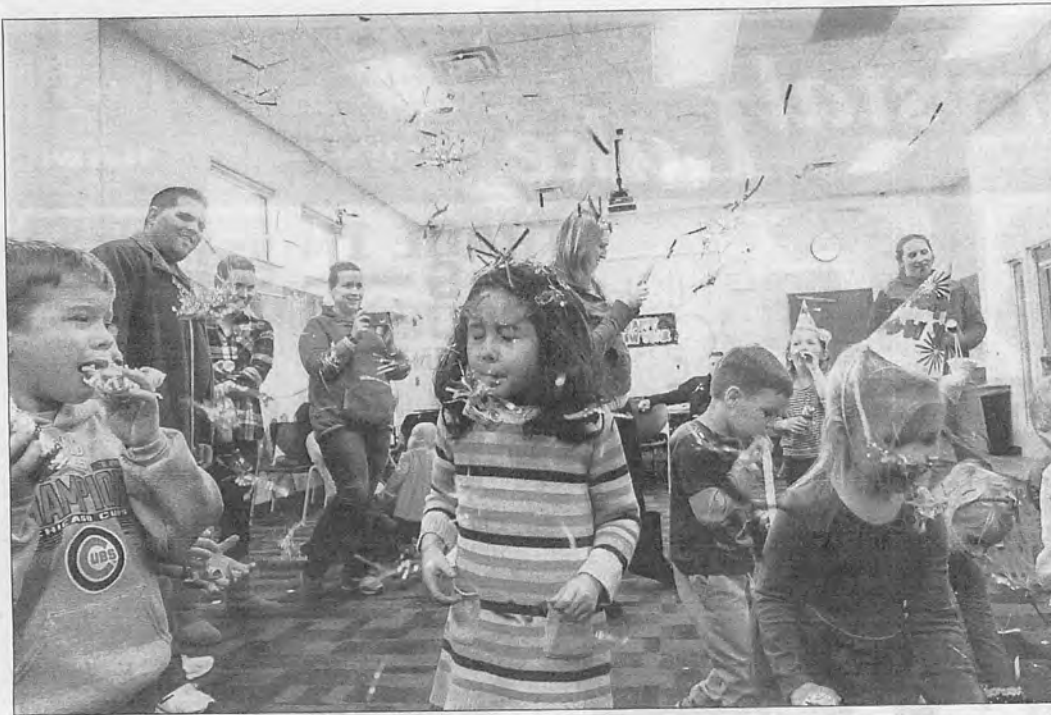
James C. Scholtz, Executive Director, McHenry Public
Library District.

ATTESTED
this 17th day of January 2017.

Notary Seal and Date

Reuben William Edminster
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____



Ana Sofia Perez (center), 6, of Crystal Lake celebrates Friday while attending the "Noon" Year's Eve Party at the McHenry Public Library. Preschool children celebrated with stories, games, crafts, dancing and then ringing in the new year at noon.

Photos by Sarah Nader - snader@shawmedia.com

Ready for 2017



LEFT: Children make crafts and party accessories.

BELOW: Allison Lampe, 3, of Woodstock holds onto her handcrafted kaleidoscope while celebrating at the party.



Ana Sofia Perez, 6, of Crystal Lake rings in 2017 early.

Find more photos from "Noon" Year's Eve in a gallery online at www.NWHerald.com.



McHENRY

Library to install more solar panels

By NATE LINHART
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McHENRY - The McHenry Public Library is planning to add its second 10-kilowatt solar panel structure to the library's roof in April.

The McHenry Public Library Board of Trustees discussed the solar project at its Tuesday meeting.

"Our solar panels provide us with about 8 [percent] to 10 percent in energy savings right now, and our energy savings should be at around 16 percent with the addition of the new panels," Executive Director Jim Scholtz said.

The library installed its first 10-kilowatt solar panel structure in 2014. The cost of the installation was \$53,000.

For the upcoming project, Johnsburg-based Magitek Energy Solution Inc. will be upgrading the existing system along with installing the new system.

Scholtz said this solar project is

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Jim Scholtz

McHenry Public Library executive director

expected to cost \$40,000. However, the cost will be offset by using solar renewable energy credits (SRECs), which can earn people money back for every megawatt-hour of solar electricity created.

"The project really only costs \$10,000 because of the SRECs," Scholtz said. "Since this solar contractor already had purchased some SRECs, we're able to get payback for 125 credits at \$240, which basically means we save \$30,000."

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Monday

McHenry City Council: 7 p.m., McHenry City Hall, 333 S. Green St.

McHenry County Board Committee the Whole: 11 a.m., county Administration Building, 667 Ware Road, Woodstock

McHenry County Mental Health Board: 5 p.m., 620 Dakota St., Crystal Lake

Tuesday

Algonquin Village Board: 7:30 p.m., Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive

Cary Committee of the Whole: 6 p.m., Village Hall, 655 Village Hall Drive

Cary Village Board: 7:30 p.m., Cary Village Hall, 655 Village Hall Drive

Huntley Historic Preservation Commission: 6 p.m., Huntley Village Hall, 10981

Wednesday

Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees: 7 p.m., Crystal Lake Public Library

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canvases. Individuals can buy up to two blank canvases for \$5 each from Jan. 2 until all 300 canvases have been sold. Canvases are available at Helping Paws Animal Shelter; Material Things, 103 E. Van Buren St., Woodstock; The Studio Art School, 3316 Pearl St., McHenry; and Fabric, Fiber & Finds, 5150 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Completed canvases are due by 4 p.m. Feb. 28. The 300 canvases will be displayed in one large mosaic at a public reception April 22. All artwork will be available to buy through an online auction beginning in early April, with bids starting at \$25 for each piece. Information: 815-338-4400 or www.helpingpaws.net.



HAPPY HOLIDAY – Members of Boy Scout Troop 167 reached into their pockets to help the community. At the Dec. 19 troop meeting, the Scouts donated enough to feed Christmas meals to 16 families. The Scouts also donated cheer. Among those pictured are Boy Scouts Alex Alms, Dylan Burg, Sean Eagan, Alex Hardt, Jack Harper, Dakotah Henn, Stirling Aiden Saez, Nathan Sheehan, Daniel Smith, James Smith, Alan Taylor, and Zukowski; Scout leaders Craig Logston, Dave Harper, Thomas Henn and

McHenry

Library's winter reading program starts Jan. 9

The McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., will offer a winter reading program, "Red Carpet Reads," Jan. 9 through Feb. 19.

Kindergartners through eighth-graders will read a total of 12 hours throughout the program and complete some activities. Prizes will be earned for every four hours read and one activity completed. Prizes include coupons to a local restaurant and movie-themed keychains. When the book log is completed, participants will earn a free paperback book from the Friends of the Library and a movie ticket to Regal Crystal Lake Showplace.

Adults ages 18 and older must read three books to complete one book log. Each log submitted earns them an entry into the Grand Prize drawing for a dinner/movie package and a BluRay DVD player.

All book logs must be turned in by 4 p.m. Feb. 19. A MPLD library card is not required to participate in the program.

For information, call 815-385-0036 or visit www.mchenrylibrary.org.

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cope with the unbearable pain of the death of a parent.

The award-winning 2011 novel is incredibly visual, but the story is even more affecting on film. Ness adapted and expanded his work for the screen, introducing new elements that deepen the characters and enrich the tale. Bayona blends live-action with CGI and more traditional animation for a result that's both modern and timeless. "A Monster Calls," which considers children's feelings as real and multifaceted as anyone else's, deserves a place in the canon of artistic explorations of grief.

Newcomer Lewis MacDougall brings heartbreaking earnestness to Conor, whom the monster describes

night. The giant creature says he has come to tell him three stories, and Conor should tell him a fourth.

"Who cares about stupid stories from a stupid tree that's a dream?" the boy defiantly replies. He hardly has time for a monster, even one he may have somehow summoned. Conor already is dealing with plenty of trouble in his life: He's bullied daily at school, and his mother is so sick, she gets weaker every day.

But the tree monster promises "stories are wild creatures." Though he looks scary (and little kids likely will find him pretty frightening at first), he seems kind. The monster always comes around after midnight, sharing fables about an evil queen, a

tive animation. When the monster starts spinning a yarn, the film shifts away from the muted, melancholy greens and browns of Conor's everyday life into a paper-like palette of stark watercolors and animated cut-outs. This distinguishes fantasy from reality, and for Conor, the monster is real.

But it can't save the boy from his sadness.

The monster gives Conor an outlet for his feelings, which the boy uses to take down bullies and wreak destruction in his grandmother's house. The adults around him reflect an unspoken understanding of Conor's plight when they refuse to punish him.

"What would be the point?" they

Jones, Lewis MacDougall

PLOT: A boy seeks the help of a tree monster to cope with his single mom's terminal illness.

RATED: PG-13 for thematic content and some scary images

TIME: 1 hour, 28 minutes

say. His mother is dying. Isn't that punishment enough for anyone?

We all experience loss and desperately wish for some salve to ease the pain. Kids feel it as much as grown-ups. When Conor is faced with life-changing grief, his aid comes in the form of a wise tree monster.

We should all be so lucky to have a kindly giant make it safe for us to explore life's darkest parts.

GO GUIDE

McHENRY COUNTY

DEC. 22

KIDS AND FAMILY PAINT-A-LONGS, Dec. 22, 27-29, Amber's Art Place, 9243 S. Route 31, Lake in the Hills. Kids paint 10 a.m. to noon and families paint 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Schedule: Dec. 22, Cute Snowman; Dec. 27, Cardinal and Snowman; Dec. 28, Pokemon; Dec. 29, Penguin. Cost: \$15 includes snacks and punch. Registration and information: 815-404-6520 or www.ambersartplace.com.

DEC. 28

ARCTIC ADVENTURES, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 28, Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. Nature-based activities both indoors and outdoors for children ages 8 to 11. Bring a lunch. Registration deadline: Dec. 24. Cost: \$10 county residents, \$13 nonresidents. Registration and information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.
MEET AUTHOR SUSAN MULLEN, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 28, Read Between the Lines, 111 E. Van Buren St.,

Woodstock. Susan is the co-author of "We Are Still Tornados" about two best friends, Scott and Cath, who grew up together and now on the verge of adulthood and first love. Free. Information: 815-206-5967 or www.readbetweenthelines.com.

DEC. 29

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY FOR SENIORS, 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 29, Grand Oaks Recreational Center, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. A breakfast brunch catered by Colonial Café with entertainment by Larry Breidenbach. Hosted by the Crystal Lake Park District. Optional gift exchange if you bring a \$5 wrapped gift. Cost: \$15. Registration and information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystallakeparks.org.

NATURE'S PUPPET SHOW & TEA PARTY, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Dec. 29, Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. Event features puppet shows about the wildlife of McHenry County Conservation areas and tea and snacks for children with a chaperone. Registration deadline: Dec. 25. Cost: \$3 County residents, \$5 nonresidents. Registration and information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

DEC. 30

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY, 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 30, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Ages 3 through 6 with an adult will celebrate the new year with stories, games, and crafts. Free. Informa-

tion: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.
"CLOSE TO YOU: THE MUSIC OF THE CARPENTERS", 7 p.m. Dec. 30, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Featuring Lisa Rock and her six-piece band as they pay tribute to the music of Karen and Richard Carpenter. The show will include holiday classics alongside the music of The Carpenters. Tickets start at \$27. Tickets and information: www.rauecenter.org or 815-356-9212.

"PIANO MAN - A TRIBUTE TO BILLY JOEL & ELTON JOHN", 8 p.m. Dec. 30, Woodstock Opera House, 121 Van Buren St., Woodstock. Presented by Piano Man Productions, "Piano Man" brings the music of Elton John and Billy Joel to life. Tickets: \$28 adults, \$18 seniors and students. Tickets and information: www.woodstockoperahouse.com or 815-338-5300.

DEC. 31

FAMILY NOON YEAR'S EVE, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 31, Grand Oaks Recreational Center, 1401 W. Route 176, Crystal Lake. Party for ages 5 and older with a parent featuring a disc jockey, refreshments, noise makers and balloons. Hosted by the Crystal Lake Park District. Cost: \$8 a person. All family members must be registered. Registration and information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystallakeparks.org.

NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 31, Village Hall, 600 Harvest Gate, Lake in the Hills. Children ages 8 and younger with their parents will

make party hats and noise makers, dance to music, play games, enjoy snacks and welcome the new year with a balloon drop. Hosted by the village of Lake in the Hills. Cost: \$8 residents, \$10 nonresidents. Registration and information: 847-960-7460 or www.lith.org.

STEVE COCHRAN'S NEW YEAR'S EVE COMEDY SHOW, 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 31, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Featuring Cochran of WGN and special guests in a stand-up comedy show. Tickets start at \$52. Tickets and information: 815-356-9212 or www.rauecenter.com.

"A ROCKIN' NEW YEAR'S EVE WITH JIMMY NICK & DON'T TELL MAMMA", 8 p.m. Dec. 31, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Featuring Nick, an old-fashioned, guitar-slinging blues prodigy who began developing his chops in Chicago clubs when he was 16. The show also will feature comics Mike Toomey, Pat Tomasulo and Ana Blevial from WGN's morning show. Tickets start at \$25. Tickets and information: www.rauecenter.org or 815-356-9212.

PATIO DADDY-O NEW YEAR'S EVE, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31, Kief's Reef, 3505 S. Wright Road, McHenry. Featuring classic rock. Free. Information: 224-622-0472 or www.facebook.com/patiodaddy.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT MACKEY'S HIDEOUT, Dec. 31, Mackey's Hideout, 2601 S. River Road, McHenry. Featuring Miles Over Mountains, Under the Willow and River Valley Rangers. Cost: \$10. Information: www.mackeyshideout.com.



DANCING SANTA – Santa (Cody Ozyuk, son of VFW Auxiliary member Kristine Ozyuk) thrills the 256 in attendance at the VFW Fox River Post 4600 annual Christmas party as he struts his version of the party dance number “The Chicken Song.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 24

• 6 to 8 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Open House Party**, Faith Community United Church of Christ, 2023 Route 176, Prairie Grove. Complete dinner provided, with many homemade traditional holiday dishes. More than 130 nativity sets will be on display. Free. Information: faithcommucc@aol.com or 815-479-1307.

• 6 to 9 p.m. – **Christmas Manor drive-through display**, Mack Residence, 1150 Algonquin Road, Fox River Grove. Continues 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 25-Jan. 3. Traditional 2-acre Christmas display with drive-through portion. Free. Information: mackmanor13@gmail.com.

Dec. 25

• 5 to 6:30 p.m. – **Sunday evening community dinner**, First United Methodist Church, 236 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. A free dinner for those in need. Information: 815-459-0785 or foodministries@firstchurchcl.org.

Dec. 26

• 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. – **Kids Club**, McHenry

Recreation Center, 3636 Municipal Drive, McHenry. Continues 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 27-29. Children ages 5-10 will participate in group games, arts and crafts and outside activities (weather dependent). Cost: \$40 a day for residents, \$50 nonresidents. Before and after care available for additional fee. Information: 815-363-2160 or cwtitt@ci.mchenry.il.us.

• 10 a.m. to noon – **Winter Break Movie**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring a screening of “The BFG,” rated PG. Free. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

Dec. 27

• 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. – **“Let’s Make Thank You Cards,”** Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. All supplies provided. Drop-in program. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

• 10 to 11 a.m. – **“A Monster of an Event,”** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children ages 3-6 accompanied by an adult will read monster stories, sing songs and make a craft. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 1 to 3 p.m. – **“Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” Readers Theatre**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fourth- through 12th-graders will act out scenes from J.K. Rowling’s

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“Harry Potter and the Cursed Child.” Costumes are welcome. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 2 to 3:30 p.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m. – **Minecrafters @ the Library**, Algonquin Area Public Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. Minecraft gaming for third-through eighth-graders. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3139 or www.aapl.org.

• 6 to 8 p.m. – **The Fray Stitchery Club**, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Open to those who knit, crochet, cross-stitch or work any other needle craft. Novice through experienced, ages 10 and older, are welcome. Bring projects and supplies. Information: 847-669-5386 or www.huntleylibrary.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **Lifetree Café**, The Pointe, 5650 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Gather

to hear inspiring stories and engage in conversation on a different topic every week. This week’s topic is “The Aliens are Coming: What If It’s True?” Free. Information: 815-459-1441 or www.lifetreecafe.com.

Dec. 28

• 9:30 a.m. to noon – **Food distribution**, First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake, 461 Pierson St., Crystal Lake. The church is sponsoring a food truck for those in need through the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Numbers will be handed out at 9:30 a.m., shopping begins at 10: a.m. Bring a shopping bag. Information: 815-459-6010 or www.fcc-cl.org.

• 10 to 11 a.m. – **Memory Café**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Best Care, a non-medical home care company, will sponsor networking, a short activity and light refreshments for people with memory issues such as dementia or Alzheimer’s and their care partners. Free. Registration required. Information: Lois Fox at 815-382-0464 or seniorsitter@hotmail.com.

• 10 a.m. to noon – **Winter Break Movie**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring a screening of “Pete’s Dragon,” rated PG. Free. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

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SOCCKER CHALLENGE - St. Mary of Huntley Knights of Columbus Council No. 11666 hosted its 2016 Soccer Challenge Sept. 17 at the Huntley Park District Rec Center. Volunteers who helped with the event included (back row, from left) Tom Marquis, Ken Zehnder, Guy DeMaertelaere, Jim Walsh, Frank Rzeszutko, Carl Hilt, Nick Nakis, Phil Miller, Kevin Gudeth, Rich Wiltz and Brian Parker; and (front row) Greg Schuring, Didier Kamla, Rajib Rahman, Phil Riccio, Joe Samme and Al Morin.

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Jan. 9

• 1 p.m. - **McHenry Senior Citizens Club meeting**, McHenry Township Hall, 3703 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg. Joe Sakowski will entertain on guitar and vocals with "Joe's Senior Moments." Coffee and sweets will be served. Visitors welcome. Information: 815-347-1742.

• 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **"Making Tracks in Nature,"** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Kindergartners through third-graders will learn about animal tracks made in the snow. A portion of the program will be outside, weather permitting. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 6:30 p.m. - **Crystal Lake Lions Club meeting**, The Cottage, 6 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Information: 815-356-6917 or www.crystallakelions.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **"Coffee with the Chief,"** Woodstock Police Department, 656 Lake Ave., Woodstock. Join Chief John Lieb for coffee and conversation. Michael Young, president of Not One More Illinois, will discuss his organization's mission to serve and support those in the community who are struggling with drug addiction. Free. Information: 815-338-6787.

Jan. 10

• 9 to 11:30 a.m. - **Presentation of 2017 McHenry County Healthy Community Study results**, McHenry County College Luecht Conference Center, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Year-long study composed of a

survey of community residents, focus groups, community leader input and a community analysis. Free. Information: 815-334-4510 or www.mcdh.info.

• 6 to 8:30 p.m. - **Tuesdays with Movies**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring "Hell or High Water," rated R. Bring a dinner. Free. Information: 815-459-1687.

Jan. 11

• 10 to 11 a.m. - **"Discovery Days,"** Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. McHenry County Conservation District program. Children ages 2-6 accompanied by an adult will enjoy a game, craft, snack and other educational activities based on a special theme of the day. There will be a short walk if weather allows. Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Registration deadline: Jan. 7. Information: www.mccdDistrict.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **"Staged Weight Loss,"** Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. Joanna Puciata, author and integrative nutrition health coach, will discuss emotional and physical blocks that affect healthy weight, genetic wiring and its influence on overall well-being, basics of an elimination diet and more. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-344-0077 or www.johnsburglibrary.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **"Concealed Carry,"** Algonquin Area Public Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. Donn Ziebell, author of "Conceal Carry; Pause" will discuss concealed carry laws and training. Open to ages 18 and older. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapl.org.

Jan. 12

• 4 to 5 p.m. - **STEM Hands-On Science**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Third- through fifth-graders will learn about the geometry of design. Open to library cardholders only. Free. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

• 7 to 8 p.m. - **Get Lit(erary),** Le Petit Marché, 19 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Williams Street Repertory reading series based on monthly themes. Free. Information: 815-477-3296 or www.petitmarche.biz.

• 7:30 p.m. - **William Chandler Peterson American Legion Post 171 meeting**, Park Place, 406 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake. Information: 815-459-0481.

Jan. 13

• 10 a.m. to noon - **School is Out Movie**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring "The Great Gilly Hopkins," rated PG. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 1 to 2 p.m. - **"Charge! Electricity and Magnetism,"** Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Open to third- through eighth-graders. A physicist from Fermilab will show how magnets work and explain the relationship between magnets and electricity. Free. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

• 3 to 4:30 p.m. - **"Make a Movie Trailer,"** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fourth- through eighth-graders will produce and star in their own movie trailer.

Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 6:30 to 9 p.m. - **Northern Illinois Scale Modelers Club**, Goodwill, 2006 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Features discussion of model-building tips, tricks and more. All ages welcome. Free. Information: modelcars14@yahoo.com.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. - **"Winter Constellations,"** Prairieview Education Center, 2112 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. McHenry County Conservation District program. Participants will learn to identify a few major constellations and listen to the stories behind them. Be prepared to be outside for part of the program. Free for county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Registration deadline: Jan. 9. Information: www.mccdDistrict.org.

• 7 to 9 p.m. - **Cary Library grand re-opening**, Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. Patrons age 21 and older may sample wine and local beers. Registration and show of ID required. The event also will include a performance by the Georgia Rae Family Band from 7 to 10 p.m. Free. Information: 847-639-4210 or www.caryarealibrary.info.

Jan. 14

• 8 a.m. - **Bird walk**, McHenry Dam, McHenry Dam Road, off River Road, McHenry. Walk is about 2 miles and is led by McHenry County Audubon members. Bring binoculars and field guides or borrow from the leaders. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

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LITERARY EVENTS

To have an event listed in this calendar, fill out the form at PlanitNorthwest.com.

CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 9, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise" by Ruth Reichl. Copies available at the checkout desk. For ages 18 and older. No registration needed. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpref@mchenrylibrary.org.

"RED CARPET READS" - WINTER READING 2017, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 9, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Kids in K-8 and adults can pick up a book log at the questions desk starting Jan. 9 and turn it in by Feb. 19 to be eligible to win a prize. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

DOWNLOADING HELP DROP-IN SESSION, 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 10, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Help downloading free library eBooks to your eReader or smart device. Information: 815-338-0542 or <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4732>.

BIRTH TO 3 STORYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Jan. 11, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children from birth to 3 years old, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16448>.

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Family storytime for children from birth to age 5, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16464>.

4 AND OLDER STORYTIME, 9:30 to 10 a.m. Jan. 12, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Storytime for children age 4 and older. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16472>.

GET LIT(ERARY), 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 12, Le Petit Marché, 19 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Every second Thursday, the café and bistro



COOKBOOK AUTHOR VISIT

WHEN: 3 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 14
WHERE: Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary
COST & INFO: Meet JeanMarie Brownson, author of "Dinner at Home: 140 Recipes to Enjoy with Family and Friends." She's a food writer for the Chicago Tribune and has a partnership with Rick Bayless. She'll demonstrate recipes and provide samples. Books will be available for sale and signing. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-639-4210, almamaj@caryarealibrary.info or www.caryarealibrary.info.

Street Repertory (WSR) for a reading series based around monthly themes. Readers include community members as well as WSR actors and staff members. Free. Information: 815-477-3296, petitmarche2@yahoo.com or <http://wsrep.org/index.php/whats-on/get-literary-2/>.

MURDER & MAYHEM BOOK CLUB, 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 12, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. The library's longest running book club meets the second Thursday of the month. Group members read two

month. Request a copy of the book using the online catalog, or copies sometimes are available at the front desk. No registration required. Information: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=5054>.

COOKBOOK AUTHOR VISIT AT CARY LIBRARY, 3 to 4:30 p.m. Jan. 14, Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. Meet JeanMarie Brownson, author of "Dinner at Home: 140 Recipes to Enjoy with Family and Friends." She's a food writer for the Chicago Tribune and has a partnership with Rick Bayless. She'll demonstrate recipes and provide samples. Books will be available for sale, and signing. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-639-4210, almamaj@caryarealibrary.info or www.caryarealibrary.info.

FAMILY STORY AND PLAYTIME, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Jan. 14, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Stories, songs and rhymes followed by playtime. Families with children babies to age 6 are welcome for the drop-in program. Information: <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16480>.

OF BOGS AND BOOKS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Jan. 14, Volo Bog State Natural Area, 28478 W. Brandenburg Road, Ingleside. The group meets the second Saturday of each month to discuss natural history, outdoor and environmental literature. Jan. 14: "Flights Against the Sunset: Stories that Reunited a Mother and Son" by Kenn Kaufman. Feb. 11: "The Home Place: Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature" by J. Drew Lanham. Registration requested at 815-344-1294 or dnr.volobog@illinois.gov.

SECOND SATURDAY SENSORY STORYTIME, 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. Jan. 14, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. A storytime designed for children with special needs. We engage children through movement, music, stories and hands-on activities. For ages 3-8 with an adult. Siblings are welcome. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org, 815-459-1687 or <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=16870>.

USED BOOK & MEDIA 25¢ FLASH SALE.

Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. The Friends of the Johnsburg Public Library are sponsoring their first quarter Flash Sale of used books, movies and music. Everything is 25 cents. Information: 815-344-0077, mzawacki@johnsburglibrary.org or <http://johnsburglibrary.org/event>.

CLASSIC LITERATURE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 16, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "Kidnapped" by Robert Louis Stevenson. Copies available at the checkout desk. For ages 18 and older. No registration needed. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpref@mchenrylibrary.org.

FAMILY BOOK CLUB GOES TO THE MOVIES, 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 16, Classic Cinema Woodstock, 209 Main St., Woodstock. Read the book then watch the movie "How to Train Your Dragon" based on the book by Cressida Cowell, followed by trivia and prizes. The first 25 families to sign up will receive a free copy of the book. For kids in grade 2 and older with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

BOOKIES - ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Jan. 18, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Share your views in a friendly setting. This month's book is "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. Books available at the circulation desk. New members welcome. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or <http://evanced.crystallakelibrary.org/evanced/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=12924>.

STORYTELLING SESSIONS: THE ART OF STORYTELLING, 9:30 a.m. to noon Jan. 18, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Local resident Joy Aavang, speaker, author and storyteller, will be present to encourage interested parties to tell their stories and practice the art of storytelling. Joy is coordinator of the Memory Makers Storytelling Group in Richmond, which was started by well-known artist Jim May who she credits for her start in storytelling. Participants are not required to tell if they are uncertain - listeners are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Information: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/evan->



ROTARY AWARD – The Rev. Godwin Nsikan-Ubom Asuquo (right), pastor of St. Patrick Church, is the recipient of the Rotary Award for Humanitarian Services in connection with his efforts in forming and developing the ImaBridge Africa USA team, which works to support the people of Akwa Ibom state in Nigeria in areas of health care, provision of clean water, education and microfinance. He is shown with Christine Carrington, vice president and board member of ImaBridge Africa.

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• 9 a.m. to noon – **Habitat restoration work day**, Yonder-O'Leary Conservation Area, 1150 S. Rose Farm Road, Woodstock. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County seeks volunteers to help restore a natural area. Information: 815-337-9502 or www.conservemc.org.

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **First aid/CPR training**, Crystal Lake Park District Administrative Building, 1 E. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. Open to ages 12 and older. Students will learn to recognize and care for burns, cuts, sudden illnesses, head, neck and back injuries and more, and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. Cost: \$70 residents, \$75 nonresidents. Registration required. Information: www.crystal-lakeparks.org or 815-459-0680.

• 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Used Book & Media 25-Cent Flash Sale**, Johnsburg Public Library, 3000 N. Johnsburg Road, Johnsburg. The Friends of the Johnsburg Public Library will sponsor a sale of used books, movies and music. Everything costs 25 cents. Information: 815-344-0077 or www.johnsburglibrary.org.

• 10 a.m. – **Free introductory yoga class**, Yoga Seva Studio, 407 C E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. The class will demonstrate the benefits of a yoga practice, stress solutions and how to change habits for better posture and well-being. Registration required. Information: 815-355-0010 or ann@yogaseva.com.

• 10 to 11:30 a.m. – **"Beans, Greens & Grains,"** Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Nurse educator Joan Davis will discuss the latest in nutritional science and the importance of incorporating more whole-grain, plant-based foods into a diet. Open to ages 16 and older. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-669-5386 or www.huntleylibrary.org.

• 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – **"Escape at the Library!"**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Sixth- through 12th-graders will solve puzzles and find clues during a room escape game. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 3 to 4:30 p.m. – **Cookbook author visit**, Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. JeanMarie Brownson, author of "Dinner at Home: 140 Recipes to Enjoy with Family and Friends," will demonstrate recipes and provide samples. Books will be available for sale and signing. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-639-4210 or www.caryarealibrary.info.

• 4 to 5:30 p.m. – **"An Afternoon with the Short-Eared Owls,"** Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. McHenry County Conservation District program featuring a short indoor presentation and a hike at dusk to search for owls. Bring binoculars if you have them. Free for county residents, \$2 nonresidents. Registration deadline: Jan. 10. Information: www.mccdistrct.org.



Dr. Peter Constable (left), deceased, presents the Dr. Erwin Small Distinguished Award of the Woodstock Veterinary Association.

Woodstock

Veterinarian receives

Dr. Lloyd Shaw, retired from the Woodstock Veterinary Association, received the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine Erwin Small Distinguished Award, recognizing his contributions throughout his 45-year career, only on behalf of his patients for homeless animals, his community and the veterinary profession.

Shortly after earning his veterinary degree from the University of Illinois in 1969, Shaw joined the Woodstock Veterinary Association as an associate veterinarian. Years later, he became an owner of the practice. Among Shaw's veterinary expertise were the treatment and surgery of bulldogs, reproduction and canine ophthalmology.

Shaw played an active role in the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association, the Northern

Crystal Lake

'Confronting Racism'

The seventh annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Prayer Breakfast will be held from 9:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at D'Ale's Banquets, 4419 Route 14.

Keynote speaker Phyllis Kuschetz, author and workshop facilitator who has been researching the dynamics of racial conflict for 20 years, will present "Confronting Racism." The

MOVIES

WHEN: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 10

WHERE: Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake

COST & INFO: Featuring a screening of "Hell or High Water," rated R. A divorced father and his ex-con older brother resort to a desperate scheme in order to save their family's ranch in West Texas. Bring a dinner. Free. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

THE McCARTNEY YEARS

WHEN: 7:30 to 10 p.m. Jan. 10

WHERE: Arcada Theatre, 105 E. Main St., St. Charles

COST & INFO: The McCartney Years performs the music of Paul McCartney, spanning two decades from The Beatles to Wings. The all-ages concert will include hits such as "Hey Jude," "Jet," "Let It Be," "Band on the Run," "The Long and Winding Road," "Live And Let Die" and more, all performed to their original arrangements. Tickets: \$19.26, \$30. Information and tickets: www.arcadalive.com or 630-962-7000.



BOARD MEMBERS – The McHenry Senior Citizens Club installed its 2017 board members. Pictured (b) Fabian, Carole Curran, Char Goodman, Judy Krencis, Elaine Breidenbach, Harriet VanKaneagan, Pat Mar Rose Marie Gnivecki, Carol Walthers, Linda Schmidt and Sue Janzen.

McHenry

Police technologies topic of program

The McHenry Police Department will present "Coffee with the Chief" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St.

Police Chief John Jones will briefly discuss the state of the department and what is happening in the community. Afterward, there will be a presentation on police technologies. Admission is free.

For information, visit www.mchenrylibrary.org or call 815-385-0036.

McHenry County

Free holiday lights recycling available

Free holiday lights recycling is available throughout McHenry County, according to a news release from the McHenry County Department of Health. Residents may drop off holiday light strands, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords. Garlands, wreaths or other non-recyclable material will not be accepted. Locations include:

Village of Algonquin Public Works, 110 Meyer Drive, Algonquin; Ganek Municipal Center, 2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin; Village of Cary Public Works Building, 454 Cary Woods Circle, Cary; City of Crystal Lake Public Works, 100 W. Woodstock St., Crystal Lake; Village of Lakewood Public Works, 6570 Haligus Road, Lakewood; City of McHenry Public Works, 1415 Industrial Drive, McHenry; Wonder Lake Chamber of Commerce, 7602 Hancock Drive, Wonder Lake; Village Market West, 3410 Thompson Road, Wonder Lake (outside next to ice machine); and City of Woodstock, 121 W. Calhoun St., Woodstock.

Richmond



MERRY CHRISTMAS – Richmond Gr (left) accepts a Christmas wreath from Peterson, Nora Bowgren and Margot.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 31

• 8:30 to 10:45 a.m. – **Crystal Lake Toastmasters**, Exemplar Financial Network, 413 E. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Guests welcome. Free. Information: 847-899-1210 or www.crystallake.toastmastersclubs.org.

• 9 a.m. to noon – **New Year's Eve oak rescue**, Community Research Forest, 20500 Lembcke Road, Harvard. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County seeks volunteers to help restore a natural area. Information: www.conservemc.org or 815-337-9502.

• 6 to 9 p.m. – **Christmas Manor drive-through display**, Mack residence, 1150 Algonquin Road, Fox River Grove. Continues 6 to 9 p.m. through Jan. 3. Traditional 2-acre Christmas display. Free. Information: mackmanor13@gmail.com.

• 6:30 to 9 p.m. – **New Year in Greenland**, Tree of Life Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 5603 Bull Valley Road, McHenry. Featuring Chinese carryout food, conversation, board games, funny hats and noisemakers. Champagne toast at the stroke of 9 p.m. McHenry time (midnight in Greenland). Donate whatever you might have spent on an evening out. Information:

815-322-2464 or www.facebook.com/events/928959530571833.

Jan. 1

• 5 to 6:30 p.m. – **Sunday evening community dinner**, First United Methodist Church, 236 W. Crystal Lake Ave., Crystal Lake. A free dinner for those in need. Information: 815-459-0785 or foodministries@firstchurchcl.org.

Jan. 2

• 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. – **Sledding and outdoor fun**, Lions Park, 1200 Silver Lake Road, Cary. The Cary Park District offers day off school outdoor seasonal activities. Cost: \$35 a child. Information: 847-639-6100 or www.carypark.com.

Jan. 3

• 9:30 a.m. – **Elgin Genealogical Society meeting**, Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. Cheryl Winter will present "Tutorials and Webinars for Genealogy." Free. Information: www.elginroots.com.

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Monopoly tournament**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Open to fifth- through 12th-graders. Qualifying round in the morning, break for snacks and then the final game in the afternoon will crown the Monopoly champion. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 7 to 9 p.m. – **Crystal Lake Camera Club meeting**, Home State Bank, 611 S.

GET LISTED!

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Main St., Crystal Lake. Bill Brown will present "So You Wanna Be A Judge." Free. Information: rowham40@sbcglobal.net or www.crystallakecameraclub.org.

• 7:30 to 9 p.m. – **Fox Valley Rocketeers meeting**, Woodstock North High School, 3000 Raffel Road, Woodstock. Local club of model rocketry enthusiasts. Information: 815-337-9068 or www.foxvalleyrocketeers.org.

Jan. 4

• 11 a.m. – **McHenry Senior Citizens Club's Lunch Bunch**, IHOP Restaurant, 1228 W. Elm St., McHenry. Visitors welcome. Call for reservations. Information: 815-578-1224.

• 1 to 2:30 p.m. – **"Sing! @ the Library,"** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fourth- through eighth-graders may take turns singing karaoke while the others enjoy dancing and singing along. A list of songs, ranging from Disney favorites

to popular radio hits, will be available at the Questions Desk before the program. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 5 to 7 p.m. – **Green Drinks**, Duke's Alehouse and Kitchen, 110 N. Main St., Crystal Lake. On the first Wednesday of each month, environmentally minded people gather to network and talk about "greening" the future. This month's guest speaker will be state Sen. Pamela Althoff, who will discuss the clean energy bill for Illinois that was adopted this past fall and environmental issues that may be coming up in the 2017 legislative session. Information: www.facebook.com/greendrinksmchenrycounty.

• 6 to 8 p.m. – **DAR genealogy workshop**, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Sponsored by the Fox River Valley Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Genealogists will help prospective DAR members to find and prove their lineage to a Revolutionary War patriot. Information: 847-961-6381, jmlngmr@foxvalley.net or www.dar.org.

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. – **"Make Your Own Nature Calendar,"** Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park, Route 31 and Harts Road, Ringwood. Learn how to keep a phenology calendar to track nature sightings and cycles. Registration deadline: Dec. 31. Cost: \$2 county residents, \$5 nonresidents. Information: 815-479-5779 or www.mccdistrict.org.

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History / World War II. It is an area that I have written about in the past.

Who is the intended audience?

Anyone interested in World War II, American history or naval history will enjoy reading this book.

Why is this story important to you?

I have no personal connection to anyone involved in these events. However, the World War II generation is quickly fading away, and I think it is important their stories continue to live on as

How/why did you decide to write a book?

Although this story was well-known during World War II, it since has faded into history. I think it is a story worth telling again, with the use of some additional sources not available during wartime.

Who are your favorite authors?

James D. Hornfischer and Alex Kershaw – two great story tellers who write about World War II

Pick one: Danielle Steel or John Grisham?

John Grisham

Pick one: Ebooks or hard/paperbacks?

Hard/paperbacks

Have you written anything else?

Yes – Numerous magazine articles and three other books: "Into the Dark Water," "Sunk in Kula Gulf," and "Lost at Guadalcanal."

What's next for you?

I am writing some magazine articles – also on World War II. I definitely will write another book, but am not yet sure on the topic or timing.

SUN"

RELEASE: Dec. 14, 2016

INFO: www.pacificwar-author.com and <http://a.co/8CAgMB2>

Have your book featured in Style: Fill out the form at NWHerald.com/forms/authorspotlight.

LITERARY EVENTS

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CHAT 'N CHEW TWEEN BOOK GROUP,

4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Jan. 5, Jimano's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. Bring your favorite book read in 2016 and share it with the group. For kids in grades 4-6. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenryli-

brary.org.

GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK CLUB, 4 to 5 p.m.

Jan. 5, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. In January we will read and discuss "Roller Girl" by Victoria Jamieson. For grades 6-8. Free. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

CONTEMPORARY BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP, 7 to 8 p.m. Jan. 9, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise" by Ruth Reichl. Copies available at the checkout desk. For ages 18 and older. No registration needed. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mpref@mchenrylibrary.org.

"RED CARPET READS" – WINTER READ-

ING 2017, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 9, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Kids in K-8 and adults can pick up a book log at the questions desk starting Jan. 9 and turn it in by Feb. 19 to be eligible to win a prize. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

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LITERARY EVENTS

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CLASSIC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP, 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 19, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read and discuss "Get Shorty" by Elmore Leonard. Copies available at the checkout desk. For ages 18 and older. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or bedminster@mchenrylibrary.org.

POETRY NIGHT, 8 p.m. Dec. 19, Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake. Hosted by Phil C. Denofrio, the Raue Center's poet in residence. The open mic will feature poets from the Chicago area reading their contemporary verse or poetry of others. Free admission. Coffee, wine and beer will be for sale. Information: 815-356-9212 or www.rauecenter.org.

"SNEEZY THE SNOWMAN," 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 20, Algonquin Area Public Library District - Harnish Main Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. Warm up to a silly story about a snowman who just can't seem to stop melting. After reading "Sneezy the Snowman" by Maureen Wright, we'll create a snowman craft. For children ages 4-6 who can attend on their own. Registration required. Free. Information: 847-458-3139, apamele@aapld.org or www.aapld.org/do.

STORYTELLING SESSIONS: THE ART OF STORYTELLING, 9:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 21, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St.,

Woodstock. Hosted by Joy Aavang, speaker, author and storyteller. Interested parties can tell their stories and practice the art of storytelling. Listeners welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Information: <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4435>.

STORYTIME AT PANERA, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Dec. 21, Panera Bread, 1711 N. Richmond Road, McHenry. Listen to stories, songs and finger-plays with milk and cookies. For ages 3-6. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

STORIES AT THE HIDDEN PEARL CAFE, 1:30 to 2 p.m. Dec. 23, Hidden Pearl Cafe McHenry, 1208 N. Green St., McHenry. Enjoy an intimate story time with your preschooler. For ages 3-6 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

A MONSTER OF AN EVENT, 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 27, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Read monster stories, sing songs and make a craft. For ages 3-6 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

"HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD" READER'S THEATRE, 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 27, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. We act out scenes from "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child." Costumes are optional. For grades 4-12. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

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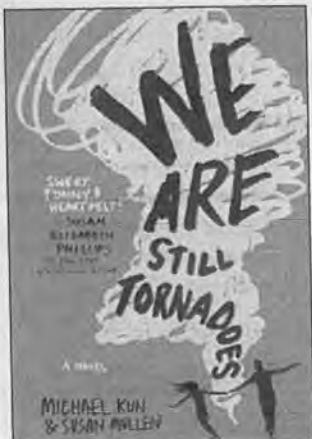
THINGS TO DO
IN & AROUND
McHENRY COUNTY

AUTHOR APPEARANCE

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 28

WHERE: Read Between the
Lynes, 111 E. Van Buren St.,
Woodstock

COST & INFO: Meet Susan Mullen, co-author of "We Are Still Tornadoes." It's the summer of 1982, and for Scott and Cath, everything is about to change. Growing up across the street from each other, they've been best friends for most of their lives. Now they've graduated high school, and Cath is off to college while Scott stays at home trying to get his band off the ground. Through their letters, they survive heartache, annoying room-mates, family dramas and the pressure of figuring out what to do with the rest of their lives. Through it all, they realize the only person they've ever wanted to turn to is each other. But does that mean they should think about being more than friends? Books will be available to buy. Information: 815-206-5967 or www.readbetweenthelynes.com.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS – The McHenry Meijer store donated more than 50 wrapped Christmas presents for 34 homebound senior citizens. Pictured (from left) are Meijer store director Jason Weisenberger, Liliana Moran of Senior Services Associates Inc. and Cheryl Meyer, Meijer PI team leader/operations.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 28

- 9 a.m. – **Senior coffee, games and lunch**, St. John's Lutheran Church, 9812 St. Albans St., Hebron. Coffee and games at 9 a.m., Salvation Army Golden Diner lunch at 11 a.m. Other activities at noon. Call 630-232-6676 to reserve a meal. Information: 815-648-2671 or www.stjlutheran.com.
- 9:30 a.m. to noon – **Food distribution**, First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake, 461 Pierson St., Crystal Lake. The church is sponsoring a food truck for those in need through the Crystal Lake Food Pantry. Numbers will be handed out at 9:30 a.m., shopping begins at 10: a.m. Bring a shopping bag. Information: 815-459-6010 or www.fcc-cl.org.
- 10 to 11 a.m. – **Memory Café**, Kraus Senior Center, 441 W. Main St., Cary. Best Care, a non-medical home care company, will sponsor networking, a short activity and light refreshments for people with memory issues such as dementia or Alzheimer's and their care partners. Free. Registration required. Information: Lois Fox at 815-382-0464 or seniorsitter@hotmail.com.
- 10 a.m. to noon – **Winter Break Movie**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Featuring a screening of "Pete's

Dragon," rated PG. Free. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Habitat restoration work day**, Lynda Clayton Conservation Area, 5000 N. Walshire Drive, McHenry. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County seeks volunteers to help restore wetlands and an oak grove. Requires a moderate amount of walking over slightly uneven terrain. Information: www.conservemc.org or 815-337-9502.

• 2 to 3 p.m. – **Air-powered cars workshop**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Fourth- through eighth-graders will create their own air-powered cars with balloon engines and other everyday supplies. Open to library cardholders only. Free. Registration required. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

• 6 p.m. – **Family movie**, Huntley Area Public Library, 11000 Ruth Road, Huntley. Featuring "Finding Dory," rated PG. Free. Information: 847-669-5386 or www.huntleylibrary.org.

• 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Teen Movie Night**, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. There will be a selection of movies to choose from, and popcorn will be provided. Free. Registration required. Information: www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org.

• 7 to 8 p.m. – **Anime & Manga Club holiday gathering**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Fans of anime and manga can get together to discuss favorite manga, watch anime and enjoy other activities. For sixth-graders through age 20. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

McHenry County Registration o Udder Century

The McHenry County is accepting registrations for its annual Udder Century which will be June 1-3.

Bicycle enthusiasts and experience level riders will ride along flat to rough through the scenic northern Illinois countryside. Available in 76 and 100 miles. The ride ends at McHenry County Route 14. After the ride, lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Early registration is offered. The cost is \$35 from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, \$40 from March 1 to April 30, and \$45 from May 1 to June 3. The cost is \$10 for children 5 and under. Register or for information, call mchenrybicyclecl.org.



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THINGS TO DO
IN & AROUND
McHENRY COUNTY

POETRY NIGHT

WHEN: 8 p.m. Dec. 19

WHERE: Raue Center for the Arts, 26 N. Williams St., Crystal Lake

COST & INFO: Hosted by Phil Denofrio (below), the Raue Center's poet in residence. The open mic will feature poets from the Chicago area reading their contemporary verse or poetry of others. Free admission. Coffee, wine, and beer will be for sale. Information: 815-356-9212 or www.rauecenter.org.



CALM COLORING FOR ADULTS

WHEN: 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dec. 19

WHERE: McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry

COST & INFO: Listen to soothing music while coloring. All supplies provided, but participants may bring their own projects. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.



Crystal Lake



PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS – The winners of the Crystal Lake Camera Club's December competition were Lance Petersen of Crystal Lake, Jeff Gathman of Lake in the Hills, Jeff Chemelewski of Cary and Roger Willingham of Cary.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 19

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – **Habitat restoration work day**, Hennen Conservation Area, 4622 Dean St., Woodstock. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County seeks volunteers to help restore a natural area by cutting dead trees out of a prairie to return it to its original ecosystem. Information: www.conservemc.org or 815-337-9502.

• 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. – **3-D Ornaments**, Cary Area Public Library, 1606 Three Oaks Road, Cary. Free. Registration required. Program for fourth- and fifth-graders at 10:30 a.m.; sixth-through eighth-graders at 1 p.m. Make and take home a Christmas-themed ornament using 3-D drawing pens. All supplies provided. Information: 847-639-4210 or almamaj@caryareallibrary.info.

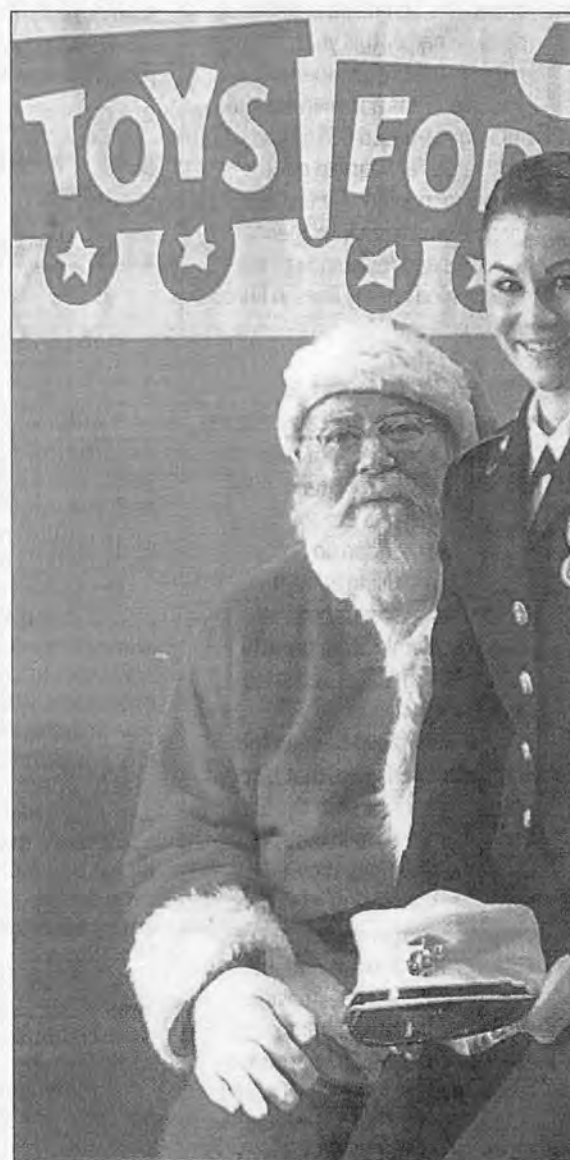
• 11 a.m. to noon – **Crystal Lake South High School athletes presentation**, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Sports players, cheerleaders and pommies will visit the library in their uniforms and describe how they train for their sports. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-459-1687 or www.clpl.org.

• 3 to 4:30 p.m. – **Super Smash Bros. Wii U competition**, Algonquin Area Public Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. Open to fourth-through eighth-graders. First prize in each bracket is a \$10 gift card to Gamestop. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3139 or www.aapld.org.

Have an event to share? Submit your information online at PlanitNorthwest.com.

Photos may be emailed to neighbors@nwherald.com.

Marengo



TOYS FOR TOTS – The Marine Corps League hosted a kickoff campaign Nov. 12 at Glo-Bowl Fun Center. Residents were in need, and have their photo taken with Santa or a Marine. Jessiemae Ludwick took part in the event.



ROBOTICS TEAM – Spare Parts Robotics, a new FIRST Tech Challenge team, won fourth place at its first contest Nov. 12 at Barrington High School. FIRST Tech Challenge teams of 10-plus members in grades 7-12 compete as they design, build, program and operate robots to play a floor game. For information, visit www.sparepartsrobotics.com. Pictured (back row, from left) are Trevor Ryan, Trinity Oaks Christian Academy High School; Philip Pierce and Stephen Huang, both of Cary-Grove High School; Malachi Castner, Faith Lutheran High School; and Joshua Rohlwing and Jacob Castner, both of Carmel Catholic High School; and (front row) Michaylah Ryan, Trinity Oaks Christian Academy Junior High School; and Aleksandra Castner, Faith Lutheran High School.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 16

• 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – **Veterans mobile medical unit health services**, Prairie Lodge at Sun City, 12880 Del Webb Blvd., Huntley. A variety of health screenings and services will be available to military veterans in the mobile medical unit sponsored by the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital. Registration is encouraged. Information: 708-202-8838 or www.sccah.com.

• 10 a.m. to noon – **Friday food distribution**, Nunda Township Office, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake. Food donated through the Northern Illinois Food Bank by local grocery stores will be distributed to those in need. Information: 815-459-0785 or foodministries@firstchurchcl.org.

• 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. – **Prime Time Coffee Hour**, Wauconda Area Library, 801 E. Main St., Wauconda. Seniors meet for coffee and conversation. This month's theme: "Cookie Traditions and Crazy Sweaters." Wear an ugly holiday sweater and enjoy holiday baking reminiscences with Whisk Bakery of Wauconda. Free, drop-in program.

Information: www.wauclib.org.

• 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. – **Little Explorers**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Children ages 3-6 will learn about the world through crafts, experiments, games and movies. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

• 1 p.m. – **Marengo Woman's Club meeting**, Marengo United Methodist Church, 119 E. Washington St., Marengo. New members welcome. Dues: \$30. Information: 815-568-0704 or www.marengo.gfwcillinois.org.

• 4 to 5 p.m. – **Christmas concert**, Harvard Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Young students of Katie Chivari Suzuki Violin Studio will present sounds of the season. Free. Information: www.harvard-diggins.org or 815-943-4671.

• 5 to 9 p.m. – **Cross-country Candlelight Ski**, Prairieview Education Center, 2021 Behan Road, Crystal Lake. Also 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 17. Cross-country ski on trails lit only by candlelight. Bring your own equipment. Event canceled if trails are icy/hazardous or wind chill drops below -20 degrees. Free. Information: 815-338-6223 or www.mccdistrict.org.

• 6 to 7 p.m. – **Classic Christmas Bedtime Stories**, Rotary Building, 431 N. Walkup Road, Crystal Lake. Children may wear pajamas and bring a blanket or stuffed

animal to experience traditional Christmas songs and stories with Mrs. Claus. Cost: \$15 residents, \$20 nonresidents. Registration required. Information: 815-459-0680 or www.crystallakeparks.org.

• 7 p.m. – **Christmas concert**, St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 451 W. Terra Cotta Ave., Crystal Lake. Featuring the Traditional Choir, Children's Choir, Contemporary Choir and handbells. There will be a cookie reception after the concert. Free. Information: 815-455-5400 or www.saintthomascatholicchurch.org.

• 7 p.m. to midnight – **Winter Masquerade Ball**, Holiday Inn, 800 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake. Hosted by Cinnamon's DanceWorks. Includes a three-course dinner, cash bar, DJ and dancing, special dance performances and a Best Mask contest. Tickets: \$75 at the door. Information: www.cinnamondanceworks.com.

• 8 p.m. – **McHenry B&B Square Dance Club dance**, McHenry Township Complex, 3703 N. Richmond Road, Johnsburg. Square and round dancing. Plus 50. Holiday dance party theme. Cost: \$6 members, \$7 visitors. Information: 815-344-2975 or www.mchenrybnbsquaredance.com.

Have an event to share? Submit your information online at PlanItNorthwest.com. Photos may be emailed to neighbors@nwherald.com.

This is a fiction, action war story. I have always loved to write, and I am a war veteran, so naturally this type of story is something I am passionate about.

Who is the intended audience?

Anyone who loves to read for entertainment!

Why is this story important to you?

I am a West Point graduate, war veteran and graduate from Ranger school, Airborne school, Air Assault school; as well as the recipient of the Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman Badge. The military has been a large part of my life, and

I am a West Point graduate with a geography and environmental engineering degree. As stated above, I served five years in the active duty as an infantry officer.

How/why did you decide to write a book?

I decided to write this book after years of journaling. It has always been a goal of mine to become an author.

Who are your favorite authors?

James Patterson

Pick one: Ebooks or hard/paperbacks?

Paperback

Have you written anything else?

This is my first book

What's next for you?

I am working on two other books and plan to self-publish my second book in the spring of 2017.

LITERARY EVENTS

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"A BLIZZARD OF BOOKS!" TEEN AND

ADULT READING CHALLENGE, 9 a.m. Dec. 12, Fox River Grove Memorial Library, 407 Lincoln Ave., Fox River Grove. Register at the library, then read at least four books by Feb. 11 to qualify to win prizes. Record your progress as you go and let us know which books blew you away. Free. Information: 847-639-2274, jgehin@frgml.org or www.frgml.org

POTTY PALOOZA, 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 12, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Get your little one excited to use the potty with this potty party. We will have songs, stories and fun. For ages 2-5 with an adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or

mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

DOWNLOADING HELP DROP-IN SESSIONS, 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 13, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. A how-to-download lesson. Information: 815-338-0542 or <https://il.evanced.info/woodstock/lib/events/signup.asp?ID=4728>.

JINGLE BELL ROCK 'N READ, 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 15, Crystal Lake Public Library, 126 W. Paddock St., Crystal Lake. Preschoolers will move and groove to the jingle bell beat. Sing songs, listen to stories and enjoy treats. CLPL cardholders only. Registration required. Free. Information: www.clpl.org or 815-459-1687.

ONCE UPON A STORYTIME, 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 15, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. We will read stories and sing

songs featuring your favorite fairy tale characters. For ages 3-6 with adult. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

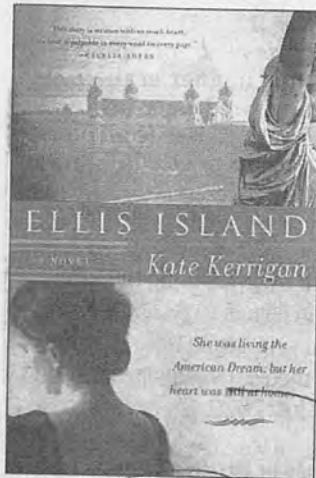
PIZZA & PAGES TEEN BOOK GROUP, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 15, Jimano's Pizza, 366 Bank Drive, McHenry. For 12- to 18-year-old book lovers. Meets the third Thursday of the month to discuss books, eat pizza and hang out. The first 15 to sign up will get a free copy of the book to keep. December's selection: "Wintergirls" by Laurie Halse Anderson. Free. Information: 815-385-0036 or mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org.

BARK FOR BOOKS, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 17, Woodstock Public Library, 414 W. Judd St., Woodstock. Dogs are great listeners and they can listen in any language. Held

in the Story Room desk starting at 9 il.evanced.info/wc.asp?ID=4538.

PASSPORT TO A noon Dec. 17, Algo District - Harnish I Drive, Algonquin. Travel through stories, cr passport stamped all the countries yc must be between t Registration requir 3139, aparme@al.org/do.

Crystal Lake
COST & INFO: Lunch will be followed by a book review of "Ellis Island" (below) by Kate Kerrigan to be presented by Megan Wells. Cost: \$25 members, \$35 guests. Information: Joyce Fernekes, 847-462-1993.



HERZOG'S MARIONETTES

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14
WHERE: McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry
COST & INFO: A children's holiday program featuring Dave Herzog's Marionettes presenting "Frosty's Winter Wonderland." For ages 3 and older. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.



HOLIDAY DRIVE - Members of the McHenry County College Student Peace Action Sexual Assault to be used in local hospitals by victims of sexual assault. Pictured (from Crystal Lake, Briana Salgado of Lake in the Hills, Vicky Ly of Lake in the Hills and Mad of Crystal Lake, Luis Garcia-Olcot of McHenry and Sarah Castle of Crystal Lake.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 14

• 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Habitat restoration work day**, Tryon Creek Conservation Area, Oak Hill Drive, Richmond. The Land Conservancy of McHenry County seeks volunteers to help restore a natural area. Information: 815-337-9502 or www.conservemc.org.

• 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**, McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Sixth- through 12th-graders are invited to help make the library a better place for their generation while earning community service hours for school. Free. Information: mplyps@mchenrylibrary.org or 815-385-0036.

• 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. - **Low-cost rabies vaccination and microchip clinic**, McHenry County Animal Control & Adoption Center, 100 N. Virginia St., Crystal Lake. Also 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 15. Appointment required. All pets must be leashed or in carriers. Rabies: \$10 one year, \$25 three years; \$15 microchip. Information: 815-459-6222 or www.mcdh.info. Pet adoptions (\$80) also will be available. All adoptions include age-appropriate vaccinations, spay/neuter, FELV & FIV testing, microchip, heartworm and free first visit at participating veterinarians. To view available pets, visit www.petfinder.com.

Cary



SENIOR LUNCHEON - Janice P. popular songs during a luncheon. Cary Park District's Kraus Senior served by Cary Park District staff a Christian faith-based non-profit. For information, call 847-

Ringwood

Conservation district

"My, What Big Antlers You Have!" a McHenry County Conservation District program, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Lost Valley Nature Center in Glacial Park, Route 140, Harts Road.

Children ages 6 to 9 according to program.

Plan!

THINGS TO DO
IN & AROUND
McHENRY COUNTY

HOLIDAY HOUSE TALK FOR CLARITY

DATE: 2 to 6 p.m. Dec. 8
LOCATION: Sun City, Huntley
T & INFO: Tour five
houses in Sun City. Hosted by
Sunflower Garden Club.
Proceeds to be donated
to homeowners' choice of
charity. Tickets: \$10 a person
available at Fountain View
Center in Prairie Lodge,
10 Del Webb Blvd. Tickets
information: 224-858-
3333 or www.sccah.com/
tickets.

OPENING RECEPTION FOR "HIS MUST BE THE PLACE" PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

DATE: 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 8
LOCATION: Satellite Gallery
of the Old Courthouse
Center, 101 N. Johnson
St., Woodstock
T & INFO: The show will
feature recent photographic
work from McHenry County
college student artists sur-
rounding the theme of home.
The exhibit will be on display
through Jan. 19. Gallery hours:
11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday
through Saturday, noon to 5
p.m. Sundays, closed Mon-
day through Wednesday.
For information: Matt Irie,
224-455-8552 or at mirie@mcHenry.edu.

Woodstock



FIRE SAFETY – The Woodstock Fire/Rescue District gave a presentation on fire safety and prevention to the members of McHenry Community Education Nov. 7 at the University of Illinois Extension office. After the presentation, they gave a tour of the fire truck and the equipment and how it is used. Pictured (from left) are Joe Flores, Tyler Webster and Lt. Mike Brickman.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 8

- 7:30 a.m. – **Crystal Clear Toastmasters**, Panera Bread, 6000 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Guests welcome. Free. Information: www.crystalcleartoastmasters.org.
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Defenders' used book sale**, Woodstock Square Mall building lobby, 110 S. Johnson St., Woodstock. Continues through Dec. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Annual holiday sale sponsored by the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County. Books priced at \$1 for hardcovers, 50 cents for paperbacks and 25 cents for children's books. Bag sale Dec. 8-10 with all books \$5 a paper grocery bag. Information: 815-338-0393 or www.mcdef.org.
- 2 to 3 p.m. – **Illinois Department of Human Services information session**, Algonquin Area Public Library, 2600 Harnish Drive, Algonquin. Learn about DHS Vocational Rehabilitation Services for those with disabilities who want to work and Home Services for those in danger of going to nursing homes or institutions. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3144 or www.aapld.org.
- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – **Smart Meter Program information session**, Harvard

Diggins Library, 900 E. McKinley St., Harvard. Learn how smart meters installed in homes and businesses can help control energy usage and save money. Free. Information: 815-479-7765 or sustainability@mchenry.edu.

- 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – **Holiday Bunco**, Algonquin Area Public Library District Eastgate Branch, 115 Eastgate Drive, Algonquin. Play the dice game for small prizes. Open to ages 18 and older. Free. Registration required. Information: 847-458-3144 or virginia.donahue@aapld.org.

- 7 p.m. – **Sun City Concert Band performance**, Drendel Ballroom of Prairie Lodge, 12880 Del Webb Blvd., Huntley. Also presented at 1 p.m. Dec. 10. Program includes Broadway music and holiday songs. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$3 students, available at the door. Information: 847-961-5905 or wmcroter@comcast.net.

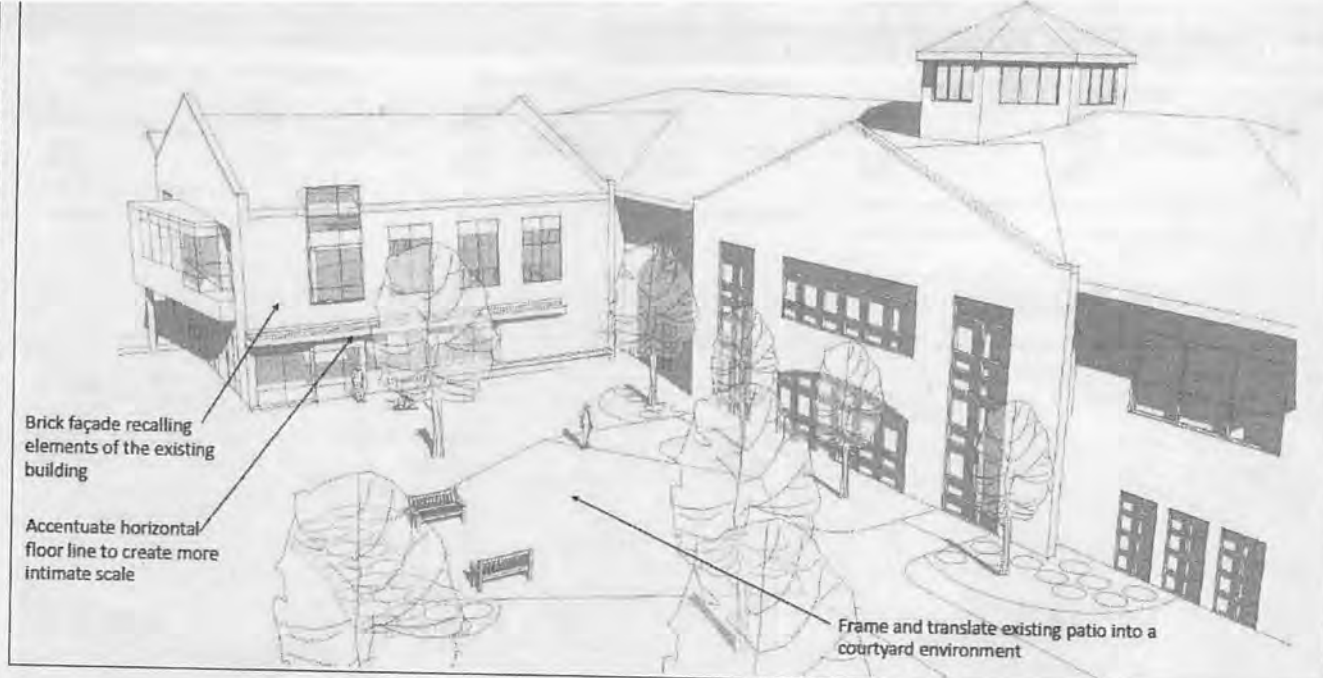
- 7 to 8 p.m. – **"Chicago's Sweet Candy History,"** McHenry Public Library, 809 Front St., McHenry. Leslie Goddard will present a program on Chicago's history as a location for candy-makers. Free. Registration required. Information: 815-385-0036 or www.mchenrylibrary.org.

- 7 to 9 p.m. – **Viewing party for "Years of Living Dangerously,"** McHenry County College, 8900 Route 14, Crystal Lake. Citizens' Climate Lobby will be the focus of the National Geographic series, which helped focus national attention on climate change and the organizations working to address it. Free. Information: 815-728-7002 or loisjohnson74@comcast.net.

West Dundee



BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE – Joseph (left) and Jessica Yc be part of "A Bethlehem Ex to 8 p.m. Friday and Satur Lutheran Church, 401 W. 30-minute walking tours o feature members of the costume on sets with sc lighting throughout the While the event is free canned goods for the FIST welcome. Refreshments, e optional building tours wi information, visit www.b.org or call 847-426-7311.



Schematic designs for renovations to the Algonquin Area Public Library District's facilities were approved on Dec. 15. An 8,000-square-foot addition is planned for the main library. Illustration provided

Algonquin Area Public Library District OKs plans for renovations, addition

By HANNAH PROKOP

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ALGONQUIN – Schematic plans for a multimillion-dollar renovation and addition to facilities at the Algonquin Area Public Library District have been approved, marking a major milestone in the project, Executive Director Stephen Bero said.

Plans include an 8,000-square-foot addition to the northeast side of the main library, 2600 Harnish Drive, and renovations to the branch at 115 Eastgate Drive.

The changes are geared toward adding space for services patrons have requested, including meeting spaces, computer classrooms, teenager areas, play areas for children and maker spaces, Bero said.

"If we have these spaces that are

permanently dedicated to particular programs, we can offer more of them more often, and it will be more efficient for everyone involved," Bero said.

The library's board of trustees unanimously approved the plans, designed by Dewberry architecture firm, at its meeting Dec. 15, Bero said.

Construction is expected to start in August, Bero said, and will take about 12 to 14 months to complete. Services will continue through construction, he said.

The estimated cost for the project is \$7.4 million, Bero said. Most of the funds will come from the library's reserves, with the rest of the debt being covered by the normal operation fund, he said.

Trustees had considered several options for the project to decide which

upgrades were needed. At one point, having less space for the library's 260,000 copy book collection was discussed, Bero said.

"Yes, we still are a book collection; however, we have been for some time something more than that," Bero said.

While the library has been shrinking its book collection over the last five years, there are no immediate plans to cut space for the collection during renovations, Bero said.

Library Board of Trustee President Erin Van Der Bosch said the board picked a plan that could be adaptable for future needs.

"The library's just become so much more of a public meeting space, and a space to learn things," Van Der Bosch said. "... We're looking at how we can go forward and meet those needs as best as possible."

LOCAL BRIEF

Crystal Lake police snag impaired, distracted drivers

CRYSTAL LAKE – Police snagged one impaired driver and about three dozen distracted ones during a holiday safety crackdown.

The Crystal Lake Police Department, like many others statewide, regularly increases enforcement of traffic laws during holidays. The most recent enforcement

period, which started Dec. 16 and ended Monday, was funded through federal traffic safety funds disbursed by the Illinois Department of Transportation as part of the statewide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Click It or Ticket" campaigns.

Thirty-four of the 66 additional citations written during the enforcement period were for unlawful use of an electronic communications device, which typically

means texting while driving or talking on a hand-held phone.

Besides the one DUI arrest, police wrote 13 tickets for speeding, nine for failing to wear a seat belt, seven for driving without insurance and two for other moving violations. Three of the speeding citations involved driving more than 35 mph over the posted limit.

– Kevin P. Craver

CRYSTAL LAKE

City Council nixes request for library referendum do-over

By KEVIN P. CRAVER

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CRYSTAL LAKE – The Crystal Lake Public Library District will not get a do-over April 4 of its failed Nov. 8 advisory building referendum.

Without discussion, the City Council on Tuesday indefinitely tabled the library board's request to again ask voters whether the city should borrow \$30.1 million to build a new library. Member Ellen Brady Mueller added the motion to table to the council's routine consent agenda, which passed on a 7-0 vote, as part of a meeting that's regular session lasted only 14 minutes.

In doing so, the three council members up for re-election April 4 dodged a potential political bullet. While few candidates would desire to put a tax increase referendum on a ballot on which they appear, the two newcomer candidates for City Council opposed the library referendum.

Voters on Nov. 8 rejected the advisory question by a 56-44 margin in a presidential election in which two-thirds of registered voters in McHenry County cast ballots. Had the City Council acqui-

esced to the library board, the question would have appeared again, not even five months later, in an election in which only a fraction of eligible voters participate – turnout in the last odd-year election in 2015 was less than 11 percent.

The library referendum was advisory – the appointed library board does not have the power to borrow money, and the City Council would not need voter approval to do so. But the library board had hoped that its passage would generate support on the council to replace a 50-year-old library they allege is crumbling.

The library board and its supporters have long argued that the problems with the 126 W. Paddock St. library are so acute that the only financially sensible solution is to build a new one. Besides space issues, supporters state that parking is limited, steps and other infrastructure are crumbling, and the building cannot accommodate modern heating, venting, air conditioning, lighting and technology.

Voters rejected the ballot proposal to build a 75,000-square-foot library, about double the size of the existing

40,000-square-foot facility, which would increase property taxes an average of \$132 a year for the owner of a \$200,000 home that qualifies for the homestead exemption.

Library Board President Teresa Reece argued in a Dec. 22 letter to the city that "numerous residents" said they were confused by the question's wording because it referred to a home's "market value" rather than the phrase "fair cash value" that is found on property tax bills. Reece also wrote that some residents claimed that the question did not appear on their ballots – headers for referendum questions on the Nov. 8 ballot only included the name of the government asking it.

While last year the City Council voted, 7-0, to put the advisory question on the Nov. 8 ballot, the request for an April 4 referendum would have been politically awkward, and not just from the perception issues arising from a taxing body that was told no by voters requesting a do-over. Incumbents Ralph Dawson Cameron Hubbard and Haig Haleblian are facing challenges from candidates Sally Munn and Stefano Liparoto, both of whom opposed the library referendum.

WOODSTOCK

Police arrest 2 in car burglary investigation

NORTHWEST HERALD



Michael V. Samuelson



WOODSTOCK – Two men were charged Tuesday with allegedly burglarizing motor vehicles in Woodstock.

Woodstock police said they responded to numerous incidents involving motor vehicle burglaries in October and November. The vehicle burglaries took place in multiple regions of the city and occurred mostly during overnight hours, police

Michael V. Samuelson, 25, and Colin M. Surma, 19, both of Woodstock.

On Tuesday, warrants were issued for their arrest. Samuelson was charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of possession of stolen property, and Surma was charged with one count of burglary, police said.

Both men are being held at the McHenry County Jail. Samuelson's bond is set at \$100,000.

LOCAL BRIEF

Cary Travel Express holding free travel show Sunday

CARY – Local residents are invited to attend the 19th annual McHenry County cruise, tour and honeymoon travel show Sunday.

Presented by Cary Travel Express, this free event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Crystal Lake, 800 S. Route 31.

Destination seminars will be about Alaska, Tahiti and Hawaii, among other popular vacation spots. Featured vendors at the travel show will include Aruba Tourism Beach House, Celtic Tours, Disney Destinations, Elegant Hotels of Barbados and Outrigger Resorts.

Additionally, there will be a drawing during the event to determine the grand prize winner of a customized adventure to Costa Rica.

Founded in 1989, Cary Travel Express is a family-owned business run by Cary resident Alaska Kruze that helps people plan their ideal

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Confirmation hearings usually are rituals featuring perfunctory performances and showboating. There will be plenty of both as Senate hearings begin on President-elect Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees.

But there will also be compelling combat. A handful of senators will come prepared with challenging questions on substantive issues. To find the most interesting battles, do what smart sports fans do before the National Football League playoffs: Watch the matchups.

• Elizabeth Warren versus Andrew Puzder. Warren has proven she's a tough interrogator; the Massachusetts Democrat devastated Wells Fargo chief executive John Stumpf last year when he was summoned to explain why customers had been signed up for accounts they didn't ask for. She is a member of the Health, Education and Labor Committee, where colleagues say her focus will be on Puzder, the designated labor secretary.

Puzder, a fast-food CEO, provides plenty of possibilities. He has opposed increasing the minimum wage, the Obama administration's rule expanding eligibility for overtime pay, and paid sick leave. In a speech last year,



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he praised automation, noting that machines were "always polite," that they "never take a vacation" or show up late, and that they are never responsible for "a slip-and-fall, or an age-, sex- or race-discrimination case." Afterward, he wrote that humans are important "to assure smooth experience for customers."

Warren, who presents herself as a champion of the working class, will challenge him on these issues. Later, look for her to stand out in Banking Committee sessions grilling the new Securities and Exchange Commission chair, Jay Clayton, a Wall Street lawyer.

• Lindsey Graham versus Rex Tillerson. Tillerson, the ExxonMobil CEO, will probably be confirmed as secretary of state, but will face tough scrutiny over his relationship with Russia and President Vladimir Putin.

The questions most likely to draw blood will come from Republicans led by Graham, who, along with his

colleague John McCain, has already criticized Russian aggression in Ukraine and Syria along with email accounts aimed at the presidential election. A Foreign Relations Committee member, Marco Rubio, also has been Tillerson's relations with Russia. He's more likely to soften up

• Dianne Feinstein versus Sessions. Sessions, the Alabama lawyer who has been tapped to be Attorney General, will go before the Judiciary Committee, where he'll have lots of friends.

But watch Feinstein, the California lawmaker and senator, who is a Democrat on the committee. She has her steel in the last Congress took on the Central Intelligence Agency to try to force it to release details of a clandestine torture program after Sessions for his hard-line stance on race, immigration, gender and sexual orientation may make for a good comparison.

• Corey Booker versus Scott Pruitt. Pruitt, the Oklahoma attorney general, is an arch critic of the Environmental Protection Agency he has been asked to run. He's a climate-change skeptic whose nomination has been

IT'S YOUR WRITE

Unethical library campaign

To the Editor:

I objected to the Crystal Lake Library referendum on the facts. But I objected even more to the grossly unethical campaign waged by its board and employees designed to deceive the voters.

Government officials have an ethical obligation to provide voters with complete, accurate and objective information. The Crystal Lake Library Board and staff purposely provided information that was misleading, omitted key facts, and was sometimes blatantly false. Here are just three examples:

Misleading: One of the newsletters noted circulation grew dramatically over the last 20 years. True, but since 2011, daily usage of the library declined 24 percent and since 2013 circulation dropped 21.6 percent.

Omissions: The newsletters never mentioned the tax increase would be 33 percent, nor that the Crystal Lake Library already costs more than twice as much, per family, as either the Cary or Woodstock libraries.

Falsehoods: A letter from a library employee stated that the cost of circulating a book was eight cents; the cost of the book

divided by the number of times circulated. This is flatly false; the cost of circulation includes labor and overhead, and the real number is over \$6.

These and other actions of the Crystal Lake Library Board and their employees were grossly unethical. "Good intentions" are no excuse; the end does not justify the means. The City Council should remove those responsible. Failure to act is to be complicit in the campaign to deceive the public.

Steve Willson

Chairman, McHenry County Good Government Association, Lakewood

Man's inhumanity to man

To the Editor:

I was appalled and sickened by what I read about the torture of a Crystal Lake teenager. I am not racist. There is a difference between Americans of African descent and cruel people. There are Caucasian cruel people, too.

The torturers in this case should be tortured as the tortured teen was. And then lock them up and throw away the key. No second chances should be given. That would be a fitting punishment in my

HOW TO SOUND

We welcome original letters on local issues. Letters must include author's full name, home address and evening telephone number.

We limit letters to 250 words. One published letter every two weeks. Letters are subject to editing for clarity and brevity at the sole discretion of the editor.

opinion. Society has no place for people like you. I pray for them since they are going to Hell. Man's inhumanity to man is astonishing.

Robert C. Van Ness, Jr.
Algonquin

Poor treatment

To the Editor:

I am writing objecting to the treatment received by a highly qualified person who was unfairly targeted by partisan motives.

On Dec. 12, 2016, Dr. Paula Patterson was unanimously approved to be on the Public Health and Community Services Committee. Yensen has