

It's hard to believe that I've been here a month already!

I know I need to get better about keeping track of reference question statistics, because I don't have a solid number. I know I had at least 5, but there were likely more that I didn't track. If you volunteer information before it's asked, does it count as a question? If that's the case, I could likely add another 10 to that number.

Program Stats:

Storytime:

12/06/23	10
12/12/23	12
12/20/23	16
12/27/23	17
Birds of Prey w/ Sweetbriar Nature Preserve (12/28)	16

The Birds of Prey program was really cool. We got to meet three owls and a kestrel. We also got to touch Nebula, the barn owl. Her feathers are incredibly soft.

I've been busy reorganizing various spaces - cleaning out closets and refreshing niches. We have two brand new character based rugs that are awesome! We also have new storytime props (scarves and rhythm sticks) and a new flannel board that also acts as a white board.

I've also started reorganizing the collection. I've started to separate out the Spanish to make it browsable. I've relocated the graphic novels to give that area room to expand and have started interfiling the series fiction with the regular fiction. I've been checking circulation statistics as I've been making difficult decisions in deselection.

I've also added new items to the collection. Some are items we already had, but needed to be replaced and some are brand new. We now have a lot more Dog Man titles than we had and more graphic fiction to come.

I had two department head meetings on the same day at SCLS (12/12) - Children and Youth Services - so I have a better idea of how different Suffolk County Libraries are from each other

and what services are offered. And I really enjoyed having the SLED come out for the visit. It's very different from other library vehicles I've been on in the past.