

Ashe County Librarian Report: November & December 2022

Strategic Plan 2022-2026

- We completed all of our 2022 objectives and are ready to begin those for 2023.

Programs/Partnerships

- We served over 1200 people through traditional programs, self-directed programs, and program kits. (Nov & Dec)
- We gave away nearly 300 books to all ages. (Nov & Dec)
- Our Light in Winter event series served 625 (still waiting on stats for two programs) patrons. From fort building to furoshiki, Santa to solstice, our staff offered programs and kits for all ages to enjoy. (Dec-early January)
- In partnership with Legal Aid of NC, we began offering health insurance enrollment info sessions in November and are offering health insurance enrollment events through early January. (Nov-early January)

Advocacy/Outreach

- Reminiscing with Reta brought the magic of Christmas past to Forest Ridge Assisted Living with demonstrations of classic toys, carol singing, and special treats for the attendees. (Nov)
- Author Doug Munroe regaled a packed house of nearly 65 people with stories from his books about Ashe County painters and trees at Old Orchard Creek General Store. In 2022, this author series attracted nearly 300 attendees.
- We installed temporary Storywalks of *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree* in downtown West Jefferson businesses and Lansing's Creeper Trail Park.

Collections

- We will soon complete the first year of our 2-year adult collection weeding schedule and are working to relabel titles affected by a defective batch of label savers.

Building/Equipment

- Hart-T Tree Farms donated three beautiful fraser fir trees to the library.

Finances

- We received several generous donations totaling \$11,640. (Nov and Dec)

Personnel

- We are fully staffed for the first time since July 2021!
- We distributed a staff satisfaction survey. Responses have been reviewed, and the CL is requesting additional information about some comments so that results and action items can be shared with staff by the end of January.

Looking ahead

- January: 2023 Reading Challenges for adults and kids; beginning inventory; staff evaluations for 2022 and work and development plans for 2023 completed
- February: FOL speaker meetings resume; partnership with Partnership of Ashe to promote National Children's Dental Health Month