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Adult Services Report

Programming:

Cooking classes and bingo continue to be two of our most popular classes. Meal prep and bingo are huge hits with the public. We also tried a new walking program called Fall Walk and it is my favorite program we have ever done. We meet at the adult desk and then walk around the lake. We had a pretty decent turnout for the first one and the feedback was great. It is also a program that costs zero dollars and promotes socialization. We also finished up the Farmer's Markets for the season. I'm not sure what the library role will be next year.



Collection:

The adult department is working to make things look a little less cluttered. I can't count the number of times people tell us how much they love our unique collections, but storage of them is an ongoing challenge. For example, our board games are very popular but have quickly overtaken their original space. We have added an extra storage container and an overflow area as well.

We are changing our binge boxes from large containers to a DVD holder which will also save space. We are going to take out the video games from dummy cases and just keep the game out in circulation. This will save circulation a step during check out and open up the line of sight. The adult department is now in charge of shelving the art prints. We used to just be responsible for curating the collection and making displays but this will make the art prints look a little neater and organized.

Projects:

I am going to work with Amanda and Phyllis at Limberlost to decide how to move forward with some of their furniture. We are trying to utilize the space to the best advantage for patrons and staff. We will also work on a display case for the lobby of the Kendallville Library. This will be used to showcase some of the neat things from our local history collection or special collections people may not always see. We are looking for a case that won't shatter, is lockable, and doesn't take up too much space. Apparently, a display case at Mary's previous library shattered so we need to make sure to find a safe and suitable option for here.

Trainings:

We will start focusing more on making sure the adult department get more training opportunities for LEU's. Matt, Amanda, Heidi, Johanna and I were able to participate in First Aid/CPR training and it was such a valuable experience.

