

*Board of Trustees of the Upper Sandusky Community Library
Minutes
January 11, 2018*

The Upper Sandusky Community Library Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, January 11, at 12:15 p.m. in the Library Board Room with the following members present: Ms. Jenny Romich, Ms. Amy Aldridge-Ritchey, Ms. Dianne Grafmiller, Ms. Laurie Scheck, Mr. Todd Leightey, Ms. Jill Logsdon and Ms. Ann Kemerley. Director and Fiscal Officer Kathleen Whitt and Deputy Fiscal Officer Paris Robertson were also present.

Organizational Meeting:

Ms. Romich called the meeting to order at 12:15 and requested nominations for Board officers. Nominations were moved and seconded to retain for President: Ms. Romich; Vice President: Ms. Grafmiller; Secretary: Ms. Kemerley. All moved to accept the motion.

It was agreed that committee memberships would stand. Thus, the committees are as follows:

Building and Grounds Committee:	Ann Kemerley, Todd Leightey and Amy Aldridge-Ritchey
Finance Committee:	Laurie Scheck, Jenny Romich and Jill Logsdon
Friends Liaison:	Dianne Grafmiller

Ms. Scheck administered the oath of office as Board Member to Ms. Kemerley, who is beginning a new term. She then administered the oath of office to the Director as Fiscal Officer and to the Deputy Fiscal Officer.

It was moved and seconded that the Fiscal Officers be given the authority to pay the bills with the understanding that they would be ratified at the monthly meetings. In a roll call vote, all approved the motion.

It was agreed to retain the current calendar for monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 12:15 p.m.

The Board then reviewed the Annual Report for 2017 as presented by Ms. Whitt. It was moved and seconded to approve the Annual Report as presented. All present voted in favor of accepting the report. The full report is attached to the official minutes.

At 12:25, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

Regular Meeting:

At 12:25, the Regular Meeting convened. President Jenny Romich asked for public comments. Hearing none, she asked if there were corrections or additions to the distributed minutes of the December meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Romich declared the minutes approved as distributed.

Next on the agenda was a motion to ratify the payment of the bills. Ms. Romich asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, the motion was moved and seconded to ratify the payment of bills. In a roll call vote, all present approved the bills.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

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In the Director's Report, Ms. Whitt reported that:

1. The Board of the Upper Sandusky EVS has approved the reappointment of Ann Kemerley to the Upper Sandusky Community Library Board of Trustees, with a term to expire on December 31, 2024.
2. After several snowfalls left uncleared and several attempts to contact Bookie's Lawn Service, who did snow removal for us last winter, I have made an agreement with David and Lynn Shuman to shovel our walks this winter, at a rate of \$30 per event. Last winter, we paid Bookie's for ice melt only, and ended up paying \$528. In 2015-2016 we paid Levering Excavation \$2,070, and we provided the ice melt.
3. On December 15, we gave a pajama party and showed the movie "Elf." This after-hours family event featured a movie and snacks. About 25 children and parents attended this event.
4. On December 18, the What's Cookin' cookbook discussion program had a "potluck" theme, with many delicious contributions from about 30 participants. Also on the program were a gift exchange, a Christmas cookie exchange, and a cookie contest with 15 entries. Contest winners were: 1st place – Wilma McClain's Soft Sugar Cookies, 2nd place – Jeannie Wolf's Coconut Cranberry Bars, and 3rd place – Marty Denney's White Chocolate, Cranberry and Macadamia Nut Cookies.
5. Eighty-four children left letters to Santa in the library's special mailbox. Each child received a personal response. We are grateful to the Friends of the Library for donating the postage to mail Santa's replies.
6. The mitten tree in our front lobby collected 135 pairs of mittens and 125 hats for children in our community.
7. Based upon information received by the Wyandot County Budget Commission from the Ohio Department of Taxation, the projections for the 2017 Public Library Fund distributions have been slightly decreased. The current estimate for the Upper Sandusky Community Library is \$254,839.72, down from the earlier estimate of \$254,839.78.
8. Memorial/Honor/Donations December 2017:

<u>Date Rec'd:</u>	<u>In Honor/Memory of:</u>	<u>Donor:</u>
12/12/17	Donation	Charles and Jean Gottfried
12/15/17	Jo Ann Moore	Vicki Orians & Friends

There were no Items Not on the Agenda.

Ms. Romich asked if there were any other items for discussion. Hearing none, it was moved and seconded at 12:35 to adjourn.

President

Secretary

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

UPPER SANDUSKY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Jennifer A. Romich	President	December 31, 2023
Dianne Grafmiller	Vice-President	December 31, 2021
Ann Kemerley	Secretary	December 31, 2017
Todd Leightey		December 31, 2018
Laurie A. Scheck		December 31, 2019
Jill A. Logsdon		December 31, 2020
Amy Aldridge-Ritchey		December 31, 2022

STAFF

Kathleen Whitt (Director/Fiscal Officer)
Jill Stansbery, Youth Services Coordinator/Assistant Director
Paris Robertson, Deputy Fiscal Officer/Technology Coordinator
Lisa Andres, Youth Services Specialist
Katherine Bardon, As Needed Library Assistant/Cataloging Assistant
Aimee Boes, Outreach/Adult Programming Specialist
Annette Cheney, Library Assistant/Catalog Specialist
Lauren Richey, Library Assistant/Catalog Specialist (January-April)
Holly Higgins, As Needed Library Assistant (September-December)
Cheryl Lyon, Library Assistant/Catalog Specialist
Jennifer McKee, As Needed Library Assistant
Karen Shuman, Library Assistant/Marketing Specialist
Lynn Gottfried, Custodian/Maintenance Assistant
Gus Corfman, Substitute Custodian/Groundskeeper

HOURS

9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday

The library was closed for the following holidays in 2017:
January 2 (New Year's Day falling on Sunday); Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday; President's Day; Memorial Day; July 4th; Labor Day; Columbus Day; November 10 (Veterans' Day falling on Saturday); Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day.

There were no closings due to weather.

The library was open for business 301 days.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

OVERVIEW

The Library circulated 159,265 items in 2017, an increase of 4.52% from the preceding year. Average daily circulation was 529 items. Circulation for the SEO Consortium as a whole was up 3.3%. Circulation of materials in the Juvenile collection (not including YA) was about 23% of total circulation. Movie circulation was 20% of the total. Circulation of e-books continues to rise, from 5,527 in 2016 to 6,582—an increase of 19%. E-book circulation represents over 4% of total circulation, and over 5% of circulation excluding movies. Resource sharing among SEO libraries also continues to increase.

Highlights for the year include:

- Our new outdoor sign with reader board, designed and installed by Toledo Sign, was completed in January, allowing us to promote library and Friends' events.
- The library interior also got a facelift this year, with painting of all public areas in warm, homey colors and re-carpeting of the children's area and large meeting room. New overhead lights were also installed in the circulation area.
- This year the monthly After School Action Hour transitioned to "That Thursday Thing." This weekly activity hour for school-aged children includes events such as board games, discussions about bullying, crafts, and kids' cooking. The Friends of the Library donated funds for the purchase of induction burners and cookware, a convection/microwave oven, and kitchen cart, to allow us to safely let kids get involved in food preparation.
- The Pop-up Library, made possible by a grant from the Wyandot County Community Foundation, made its debut on May 5 at the Leadercast event sponsored by the Wyandot Chamber of Commerce. Other appearances included Wyandot Memorial Hospital, the Business Showcase at the Wyandot County Fair, and visits to the Beca House coffee shop.
- On July 5, we began implementing automatic renewal of eligible materials. This is not an alternative to renewing one's own materials, as it will not be known until after the due date whether the renewal occurs. However, it is a good "save" in cases where a patron is unable to return or renew items by the due date. This service has been greatly appreciated.
- In August Karen Shuman began facilitating the Common Readers book discussion group. Karen is making it easier for members to obtain the books by preordering copies from other SEO libraries and making them available to the group. In October, we started a new BookTalk discussion group, which meets monthly to talk about whatever the participants are currently reading.
- On August 21, we hosted a party to view and celebrate the near-total eclipse. Between 200 and 300 attendees shared 100 pairs of eclipse glasses and enjoyed snacks, crafts and games on the library lawns.
- The Library was awarded a 2017 Wyandot County Community Foundation grant in the amount of \$1,000, for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator to be installed in the library to better ensure the health and safety of patrons and staff.

GENERAL

Staff size increased from 8.47 to 8.79 FTE in 2017; the additional hours were needed due mainly to increasing children's and adult programming and community outreach. Lauren Richey resigned her position in April, and Cheryl Lyon and Kathy Bardon stepped in to assist with Lauren's cataloging duties. Karen Shuman was promoted to marketing specialist and took on the task of completing the library's website redesign. In September, Lauren's as-needed position was replaced, with the addition of Holly Higgins to our staff.

SirsiDynix and SEO continue to enhance the Symphony online catalog and Enterprise public access portal. In July, it was made possible to implement automatic renewals of materials not renewed by staff or patrons by the due date, if there are no holds for the item and it has not yet reached the four-renewal limit. In June, Blue Cloud Analytics was released, a module which permits creation of numerous reports including circulation statistics, information on users, library materials holdings, etc.

The Library uses Unique Management Services for collection of unreturned materials and unpaid fees. In 2017, 66 accounts were submitted to them; 107 accounts had action on them (materials returned or fines paid), and we collected \$668.15 on placed accounts. Materials valued at \$4,616.70 were returned during the year.

In 2017, the Library received 174 memorial/honor donations, totaling \$8,910. Twenty-six individuals or groups either requested specific materials be purchased, or donated the materials themselves, for a total of 79 items donated. Gift donations were received from Charles and Jean Gottfried, the Pythian Sisters of Ohio, the USANDO Literary Club, and the Upper Sandusky Emblem Club No. 536.

ADULT PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Our Homebound Program currently reaches 24 patrons. Deliveries are made to individuals at Essex Place, the Inn at Westbrook, Fairhaven, and Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and to Council on Aging participants. Dedicated volunteers make the deliveries and are often retired seniors themselves. Current volunteers are Cindy Bishop, Lois Dillon, Betty Martin and Charles and Lucille Steward.

The Adult Summer Reading Program ran through the month of June, simultaneously with the children's and teens' programs. In 2017, 148 people participated in the program, with the theme of "Build a Better World." Opportunities and suggestions for community service involvement were provided, including the community garden. The seven-week summer movie series (June-July) was attended by a total of 74 people.

BOOK CLUBS

The book club at Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center continues to meet monthly, with an average participation of 10 per month. Outreach and Adult Programming Specialist Aimee Boes works especially to make programming aimed at stimulating the memories of participants.

In August 2017, Karen Shuman began facilitating the Common Reader's book discussion group. Karen preorders copies of each month's selected title in various formats from other SEO libraries for anyone wishing to participate. She has also taken on the roles of record-keeping and communication for the group. Since this program has come under the library's sponsorship, attendance has increased, with a high of 15 attendees in October.

In October, Karen started the new BookTalk discussion group in response to patron requests. This informal book club meets on the first Thursday of the month to talk about whatever the participants are currently reading. The group is lively and well-read and often comes up with challenging questions for Karen to research for the next meeting.

Other adult programming events included:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Coupon Class	Aimee Boes	10
March Clothing Swap	Aimee Boes	100
Knotty Hookers Crochet Club	Aimee Boes	60
		(avg. 5 per month)
DIY Jewelry Holder	Aimee Boes/Lisa Andres	12
Bullet Journals	Aimee Boes	10
Magnetic Memo Board	Aimee Boes	28
Fabric Wreaths	Aimee Boes	20
Topiary Craft	Aimee Boes	15
Yarn Bowls	Aimee Boes	24
Music in the Stacks	Bill Purk/Reed Jones	37
Sisters in Shelter	Sister Mary Kuhlman	35
Searching for Bigfoot	Doug Waller	40
What's Cookin' BBQ	Cheryl Lyon/Aimee Boes	44
Author Linda Castillo	Linda Castillo	35
Adult Coloring Night	Aimee Boes	15
Painting with Lisa	Lisa Andres	25
September Clothing Swap	Aimee Boes	75
WCSN&RC Book Club	Aimee Boes	120
		(avg. 10 per month)
What's Cookin' Cookbook	Cheryl Lyon	386
Discussion Group		(avg. 32 per month)
Common Readers	Karen Shuman	47
		(avg. 12 per month)
BookTalk	Karen Shuman	10
		(avg. 3 per month)
Haunted Walking Tours	Ashlie Payton/Mike Webb	74
Elf PJ Party	Aimee Boes/Lisa Andres	25

A total of 1,469 people took advantage of the variety of adult programs sponsored by the Library, down slightly from 1,485 in 2016.

POP-UP LIBRARY

New this year was the Pop-Up Library, which began traveling in May, with the aim of raising community awareness of USCL and its services by making a presence at various events and venues throughout the community. In the eight months that this service has been active, we have “popped up” twelve times in various spots in the community. Patrons and community members have been surprised and pleased to find the library present outside of our own walls, making comments such as: “How nice it is to see the library out,” and “This is so cool that you can do this now!” Materials brought out for loan are tailored to the specific event: for example, crafting books for the craft bazaar and Christmas materials for Home for the Holiday events.

Pop-up appearances in 2017:

May 5	Leadercast Conference @ Trinity Church
May 25	Safety Council Expo @ Trinity Church
July 24	Wyandot Memorial Hospital
August 8	Baby Fair @ Harrison Smith Park
August 22	Storytime with Miss Jill @ Harrison Smith Park
September 15	Business Showcase @ Wyandot County Fair
September 30	Upper Sandusky Autumn Cruise
October 19	Haunted Walking Tours @ Bud's Bicycle Shop
October 26	Council on Aging's Senior Expo @ Trinity Church
November 18	Beca House
November 25	USHS Craft Bazaar
December 9	Home for the Holidays @ Beca House

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library currently has approximately 70 members. The Friends sponsored a Pork BBQ Fundraiser in April, the Annual Book Sale in August and the Santa's Secret Store during Home for the Holidays in December.

The Friends donated \$3,000 to towards the purchase of the library's new outdoor sign, and \$500 for cooking equipment intended primarily for the Kids' Cooking programs, but also available for other library programs. They also donated funds to support a number of library programming events, including postage for letters from Santa for children in the community and \$475 for a magic show during the summer reading program. They often donate refreshments for programs, including homemade cookies.

YOUTH SERVICES

The Tiny Tots Story Time has three sessions each week for children birth through age 3 and their adult caregivers. Age-appropriate stories, learning activities and games are some of the activities done during a Tiny Tots session. This program continues to grow: a total of 2,230 participants attended this program during 2017, up from 1,918 in 2016 (an average of 18 over 118 events). We even had to move this into the large meeting room this year!

Preschool Story Time, for children ages 3 to 6, is held on Monday mornings. Children sit and listen to stories, sing, laugh and learn a little science. In 2017, we had 263 participants, or an average of 7 attendees over 35 meetings.

Six first grade classes visit the library once a month as a part of a library skills program. The students listen to stories, learn about library resources, browse the collection and check out books.

Each Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. is family Lego Night. The goal for this is to have parents and kids work together to create whatever they want. Attendance has been increasing, due in part to marketing specialist Karen Shuman’s Facebook posts. Lego creations are often kept on display at the circulation desk until the next week.

“That Thursday Thing” is our new weekly program for elementary and middle school students. It replaces After School Action Hour, which met once a month. Our goal for this program is to get to know the kids better and to get them off electronic devices and show them other ways to have fun, interact with one another and to learn. Each week of the month features a different type of activity, including playing games (board games, cards, etc.), learning about bullying, crafts, cooking, etc. Average attendance is 21.

The Summer Reading Club’s theme for 2017 was “Build a Better World.” Seven hundred and twenty-four children age 3 through grade six participated in the program, which ran through the month of June. Weekly activities included crafts, scavenger hunts, and movie afternoons. The Pythian Sisters of Ohio donated four bicycles as prizes – two for elementary school-aged children, and two for middle/high school students. Each time a student checked out materials during the summer reading program, they were able to make an entry for the drawing to win a bike. “Read to Me” was the summer reading program for children from birth to age 3. About 45 little ones participated in this program.

The Library also has a “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program to encourage parents to read to young children from birth through preschool. Three children completed this program in 2017.

Other children’s programs included:

Events at the Library

<u>Program</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Story Time for 3 kindergarten classes	60
Story Time and Christmas tree decoration - 4 second grades	90
Illustrator David Catrow	100
Home for the Holidays – Story Time and crafts	290
Summer Reading events	1,335 (38 events)
Summer Reading Presentation to Union and Story Time	400
First Grade visits	1,056 (48 times)
TTT – Games	398

TTT – Stop Bullies	71
TTT – Freestylin’	273
Santa Letters	84
Total	7,335

Events outside the Library

<u>Program</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Preschool Story Time	2,385 (169 times)
South School – Right to Read	126
REACH	20
Family Fun Fair	200
South, East, St. Peter’s Summer Reading Presentation	353
Clover Bud Camp Story Time	60
Baby Fair	30
MOPS Story Time/Pop-Up Library	20
Visit Kindergarten Classes	119
Total	3,313

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) was renamed STEAMPunks in September. This reflects our goal of providing youth development opportunities through programs and activities that cultivate community growth and appreciation that include elements of science, technology, engineering, art and math. Members also advise Youth Services Specialist Lisa Andres on library materials and activities for tweens and teens. This program for students in grades 6-12 provides opportunities to fulfill community service obligations by assisting at library programs (especially the Summer Reading Club and That Thursday Thing) and helping the staff in a variety of ways. Average attendance at TAB/STEAMPunks meetings was 14, with a total attendance of 115 for the year. Approximately 43 students took advantage of community service opportunities on Tuesday evenings in January through August.

"Build a Better World" was also the theme for the middle/high school reading program. We visited Union Middle School and Upper Sandusky High School to promote the summer reading program, connecting with 378 students; 144 registered. The tweens and teens enjoyed a variety of crafts, an escape room, and experimenting with the Playdoh Touch technology, as well as a movie series, with about 72 attending the various events.

Tweens/teens also helped clean up after the September clothing swap, using leftovers to create costumes and then walking with Miss Lisa in the Halloween parade.

Total number of children’s/youth activities held at the library: 338 (285 in 2016)
 Total number of people participating in the activities held at the library: 7,763 (5,487 in 2016)

Total number of children’s/youth activities held outside the library: 191 (188 in 2016)
 Total number of people participating in the activities held outside the library: 3,711 (3,609 in 2016)

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING

The goal of social media for USCL is to inform, entertain, and engage our patrons and others about USCL and the activities and programming that we provide. We currently use three platforms to reach out to our community and beyond: Facebook, Pinterest, and Instagram.

The library's presence on Facebook continues to be a work in progress, as social media also continues to evolve. We have been experimenting with the timing and frequency of posts, so as to catch the eye of as many as possible. The addition of posts containing pictures of activities at the library (with permission, of course) has gained us new likes, followers, comments and tags, which translates to greater exposure to a broader group of people within and outside our community (think relatives and friends of those in the pictures).

Karen Shuman and Aimee Boes are responsible for content on the Facebook page. We have also boosted posts occasionally throughout the year to help promote key events for the Library, including the solar eclipse party, the clothing swap, and the author visit by Linda Castillo. The downside of boosting posts, as we have learned, is that boosted posts change the algorithm that Facebook uses in its own analytics. Therefore, the analysis that we receive on a monthly basis may not be entirely accurate due to Facebook's own process. But our Likes and Followers have grown steadily over the past year and we have seen more engagement with our posts (comments, shares, and tags). Our Likes have grown from 1,005 in May to 1,122 as of December 15, 2017. We have also seen our Followers grow from 989 to 1,113 during the same period.

The USCL Pinterest page has been a work in progress, as well. We began with separate boards for each member of the staff to share their favorite "pins," but we have reworked the page so that it is not so time-intensive for the staff, yet we can still share our favorites. We currently have 15 Pinterest followers. Marketing Specialist Karen Shuman is currently doing research into how to better use our Pinterest account in 2018, so as to reach more followers.

Even though we were posting on Instagram in May, it was difficult to keep up with the need to post on a regular basis due to time constraints. Youth Services Specialist Lisa Andres became the administrator for the Instagram account in October as it fits in better with the age range of the young people who attend the programs and events that she plans and coordinates. We currently have 177 followers on Instagram and we hope that number will grow in 2018.

2017 saw the creation of the architecture for the library's new website, but due to the large amount of content to be reviewed and input, and a large learning curve for library staff, this remains to be published. Launch is now planned for the first quarter of 2018.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

There were 17 requests for materials not owned by any SEO library. Of these, 100% were filled, due to a change in SEO's handling of requests, which give us more control in following up on unfilled requests. In addition, the Library received requests to research 92 obituaries from the local paper.

COMPUTER USAGE

The Library has 13 public-use Internet computers. Patrons can check e-mail accounts, surf the web, play games, create documents in Word or Excel and make use of the Cypress resume-writing aid and NUWAV Legal Documents software, as well as access numerous research databases supported by the State Library, as well as printing out any of these types of materials. Average use of the Library's public computers was 930 per month – down from 1,056 per month in 2016. Wi-Fi access to the Internet, although still popular, was down to about 189 logins per month vs. 219 logins in 2016.

The Library's website was accessed 14,820 times, up about 1.2% from 14,647 in 2016. It is to be hoped that website activity will increase once the redesigned website is online in 2018.

MEETING ROOMS

In addition to use by the Library for its programming needs, the library's meeting rooms were used 289 times by outside groups. The meeting rooms were used routinely by local groups such as the Wyandot Tracers, the Friends of the Library, the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center, the Archeology Society, the USANDO Literary Club, and the Lions Club. They were also used by the Board of Elections as a polling station, and by the Red Cross as a blood donation center. Other users included congressmen, the Wyandot Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts, sports associations, a bridge learners group, and various other local organizations. Numerous individuals used them for studying or tutoring when not in use by groups.

ELLISON ROOM

The Ellison die collection for making cutouts for signs, scrapbooking, classroom materials, etc., was used 163 times by the public, as well as for creating library programming materials and signs. In addition to USCL's own collection of dies, patrons can request dies from SEO for use at our library.

SHOWCASES AND DISPLAYS:

Displays spaces throughout the library are used to promote the library's many and varied program offerings. This spring we anticipated the summer reading program theme of "Build a Better World" by erecting "Construction Zones" to encourage participation in the program and to arouse curiosity about what was to come. Thematic displays for all ages followed, including Habitat for Humanity, Veterans, Community Helpers, Rescue & Service Dogs, Museum and Art explorations, and the Community Garden. A display on Bees and Underground Animals as "Better World Builders," including items from local honey makers Steve & Sue Seitz, rounded out the summer.

Other displays throughout the year highlighted programming events such as author Linda Castillo's visit to USCL, the semi-annual Clothing Swap (designed around the versatility of the Pop-Up library display unit), and the enormously popular Eclipse Party.

The Schoenberger family's generous donation to USCL of nearly two dozen "Great Courses" DVD sets in 2017 were put on display in July and August.

"What Do You Want to be When You Grow Up?" was featured in August to promote a drawing contest for elementary school-aged students, envisioned by Tristan Joy of Edward Jones. The students' work was then displayed around the circulation desk. Edward Jones generously supplied backpack prizes for contest winners in each grade.

Other displays this year featured:

- The 100th anniversary of the United States' involvement in WWI
- Black History Month
- The historical travels of the Liberty Bell by train and its stop in Wyandot County
- Traveling to the beach with a good book
- A comparative "Illustrated by..." of Robert Louis Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verse*, including copy work illustrated by patron Elizabeth Shuman
- An interactive Star Wars vs. Star Trek display in November, allowing patrons to "vote" for their favorite series, characters, etc.
- A winter themed "Chillin' with the Classics"

The following organizations used the large display case to highlight their groups or cause: MOPS, the Lion's Club, the Wyandot County Farm Bureau, and the Wyandot County Health Department.

In November we created a "coffee house" effect in the front entryway, and equipped the large display case with speakers to play carefully selected music playlists to enhance the effect.

Community members who shared their collections in 2017 include:

- Marilyn Olson: Thomas Kinkade's Christmas/Winter Village (December 2016 through January 2017)
- Cheryl Lyon: Pacific Northwest travel display with travel books
- Dawn Yeater: Autumn Apple Collection (and other items generously shared whenever items are needed to round out a display)
- Charlotte Leeth: Christmas Nativities from Around the World

