Adult Services Report of the Librarian

Programs:

We had better attendance at our Limberlost programs than usual. Patrons are enjoying our book club and more people attend each time. The feedback has been positive that Barre and Yoga are every week. We also worked with the Orange Township Fire Department to host a First Aid Training for the staff and the public.

Kendallville’s most popular program continues to be Bingo. In addition, we had success with our Homeschool Bread Baking Class as well as Families in Motion. We are really trying to grow our family programs. In that way, Mary and I are able to share resources.

We had a very productive meeting with Jared from the USPS and we are going to work with him on programs for April, including our display case, the letter carrier food drive, preschool story time, and an all ages coloring contest.

Mary, Katie, and Leah also met with Julia Tipton and LouAnne Pillers to finalize our programs for May for the Indiana Humanities Grant.

In addition, we have been hard at work planning Summer Reading. The theme will be Lake and Land since both Rome City and Kendallville are near lakes. We have several large family programs set up and we are working on deciding on grand prizes and prizes for completing the program.

Collections:

Puzzle checkouts see an increase during winter months. The majority of our puzzles have been donated, but due to the high demand, we are starting to purchase more new puzzles. Anita printed out some of
our highest circulating collections and for adults; puzzles were one of the highest circulating collections. We have also been working to replace some of the yard games that have wear and tear from outdoor use before the summer season kicks off. Grace has been hard at work making lists of replacement Lego pieces to order to make sure patrons have a good experience when they check out Legos.

I was able to spend more time working at Limberlost this month and it is very helpful to get to know the community to improve our collections and programs even more.