February was filled with storytimes, afterschool programs, teen programs, play areas and drop in crafts at both library locations. In February, the play area was baby themed. This theme always makes for a quieter play space for the month. Babies need their peace and quiet.

Our additional storytimes have seen an increase in attendance. We have had several families mention that they appreciate having storytime class sizes that are not as large. Registration has been going well and most sessions have a few spots left for drop-ins.

This month we collaborated with the adult services staff to host two cheesy bread-baking programs. One session was with our homeschool families in the afternoon and another class took place in the evening. Both sessions were well attended and the whole library smelled like fresh bread for a few hours.

We added a new monthly outreach to the kindergarten classes at Wayne Center Elementary. This month we read stories about birds and had some time to play with some bird activities. The kids were especially impressed with our sound book that had bird sounds included in the book.

The planning committees for the Fairy Festival and the Kid City events have started meeting. These are both events where the area programming librarians' team up and have booths with activities. I met with librarians from Ligonier and Noble County libraries this past week to brainstorm craft ideas for the Fairy Festival.

With help from the tech services department, we have been working on updating some shelf locations for a few areas of the youth collection. The spine labels of the Kid DVD collection have been updated to include whole title spellings, putting characters together, and all being shelved in alphabetical order. The binge boxes on the tops of the teen collection shelves were moved to the adult collection area. The Native American books have been moved to be located under the People category with a subcategory of Native American. The Newberry and Caldecott books have been relabeled and moved to be shelved with the respective authors of the books. The bottoms of the spine labels indicate the award and the year it won. With help from marketing, we have also updated some of the collection signage to better reflect where items are located. We are always looking for ways to engage readers and make our collections more accessible.

Sincerely,
Mary Graber