

### *From the Director*

In December, the Library shared the holiday spirit with programs and activities for all ages. A library-wide scavenger hunt entertained families as they searched throughout the Library for clues to the holiday riddle. For the puzzle lovers, a paint-by-sticker poster gradually revealed a snowman. Take and Make Kits included crafts and treats for kids, teens, and adults, and were claimed in short order.

In youth programs, Family Storytime featured our Youth Services staff's one-of-a-kind puppet version of *The Nutcracker*, an ever-popular performance. Teens enjoyed hot cocoa, games, and holiday movies at the Teen Drop-In Activities. During the winter break, library youth services staff held special programs for wintry crafts, playing with STEAM toys, and watching vintage and current holiday classic movies.

Adult programs featured an online presentation about Charles Dickens and his multiple Christmas story creations, and a Space Talk about the Apollo 17 mission in celebration of its 50th anniversary. Genealogy Club, Walking Book Club, and English (ESL) class met despite the winter wonderland weather.

Online services expanded in December. HeritageHub was added to the library's genealogy database resources. The digital media service Hoopla added always available Hallmark holiday movies to its collection with no holds queues.

Kindergarten classes from Boones Ferry Primary School visited the Library. Youth Services staff performed a special Storytime for them and introduced the students to the children's collection of books and the popular play area focused on literacy.

Progress continues with the wayfinding/signage project. Library staff met with the designers to discuss the library's community, needs and unique culture. We expect to have new signage throughout the building by the end of June.

*-Shasta Sasser, Library Director*

