

## Library Director's Report

January 30, 2017

- Total circulation for the library district from November 28, 2016 to January 30, 2017 was 8,359 items. This total includes both physical and digital items.
- Tech Day with Thomas remain extremely popular with patrons and community members attending on a regular basis. He also continues to take appointments to fill patron needs.
- The ninth book club meeting was held January 12, 2017. Four members attended to discuss *The Engagements* by J. Courtney Sullivan. The book chosen for the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting is *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware. We will meet at 6:00 PM in the library auditorium.
- Estimate needed for repairing shelving upstairs in the main library.
- Ms. Beth starts her spring storytime season on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Beth will begin programming for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students beginning in March with two programs planned before gearing up for the Summer Reading Program. We are also working on programming for babies and toddlers in the fall. Young adult programs are being discussed as well, but we will be working on updating the young adult room and library collection prior to implementing programs.
- The Illinois State Library Per Capita Grant was filed and accepted. Discussion at the Southern Illinois Library Director's meeting held on January 18<sup>th</sup> included discussion from Ellen Poppit from the Illinois Heartland Library System that there is a possibility of state funding for libraries returning to the 2015 level, which was higher than we have seen in the past two years. This will increase our Per Capita Grant and provide some small grants for area libraries.