

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**February 2022 Monthly Report**  
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**I. Building and Grounds**

Aschor Technologies installed updated data ports at all of the staff desks and circulation desk. In addition to upgrading the ports, since we switched over to VOIP, the voice lines were no longer needed, so they were switched over to additional data ports. The flat screen television for presentations was also installed in the small meeting room.

DRS Landscaping, our snow removal contractor was here three times last month.

**II. Operations**

We are very excited that Hoopla is scheduled to go live beginning this month. It has been heavily publicized it through our monthly newsletter, webpage and social media. We anticipate that it will be well used and I will include monthly statistics included in the board packet, once it is up and running.

WTPL has been chosen to participate in NJHealthConnect@Your Library, a partnership with the East Brunswick Public Library to “promote health equity to individuals who lack technology.” This grant provided the library with 3 iPads that can be either loaned out to patrons or used in-house to conduct low-cost telemedicine appointments, consult with a doctor, interview for a job, or obtain authoritative health information needed to make informed decisions about their health. Each device is CIPA compliant and comes preconfigured with apps and links to the above information.

The first month of take-home crafts for adults was an overwhelming success! The slots filled up on the first day the newsletter went out, as did the waiting list. All adult patrons came into the library and picked up their materials within the allotted week and positive feedback was received through email. Recurring and stand-alone Zoom programs continue to be well attended. Several programs are recorded so that attendees can view them at their leisure and these are often viewed multiple times. Highlights in programming this month include *Cash In on Decluttering*, a virtual presentation for which over 40 people are registered. Also scheduled is a presentation and Q&A session with Tom McAndrew of the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority and *A Deep Dive Into Fairytales*, presented by a CCM professor.

The final shift of books and reorganization in the Youth Services Department is complete. Thanks to the weeding of the J Non-Fic section, we were able to expand the J Fiction section and incorporate the J Fiction Series books. The J Graphic Novels have been re-located which will allow the graphic novel collection to expand even more as it grows in popularity. Janice Kildea has joined the MAIN Diversity committee. She is holding a Lunar New Year celebration this month for grades K-5, in addition to this *Lunar New Year: Traditions & History* will be offered for adults. Both programs were planned with the help of local patrons who celebrate the Lunar New Year. We plan on holding a diverse program regularly, with book displays to highlight diversity. Patrons have been pleased with the amount of children's programming in comparison to other local libraries.