

Children's Report
January 2018

2017 ended with a bang. We had a great turnout of our winter/holiday party. We're grateful to Ruth and Ed Guthrie from Avilla for taking the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

2018 is off to a crazy start. Beth will be spending a number of Saturdays working with Deaneen Pashea and a team of 2nd grade teachers to rewrite curriculum and get our Design to Climb project up and going. In conjunction with this, Jenna has set up a webinar and demo for us to test an app that might meet our needs. We hope to have a number of our personal growth treks up and going for summer reading and trials of the 2nd grade treks will be tested in March. Full classroom application won't take place until next school year.

Beth attended her first ILF Board meeting and learned a bit about her ALA Councilor position. As the information rolls in, it's a bit daunting, but will be a new experience and hopefully put the great things Kendallville is doing out there for the library world to see and hear about. The ALA Councilor is one of 168 librarians who sit on the governing board of the American Library Association.

Staffing continues to be an issue as we just aren't getting applicants with experiences and skills needed to conduct the types of programs we offer, but hopeful that 2018 will bring a new batch of applicants to the table.

New STEAM kits are processed and heading out to classrooms this week. We excited to see how the schools will use them and what impact they will have. 24 Kits to encourage the maker mentality have been in and out of various classrooms at Wayne Center since the beginning of the school year, with their principal thanking us for getting the maker movement going and now thriving at Wayne Center.