#### Library Director's Report 01/19

## End of Year 2018

#### November-

- Circulation 6%
- Youth Program Attendance 2%
- Adult Program Attendance 110%
- Library visits \$\frac{1}{2}5\%\$

#### December-

- Digital Circulation 42%
- Public Computer Usage 7%
- Meeting Room Rentals 116%
- Total Program Attendance 6%



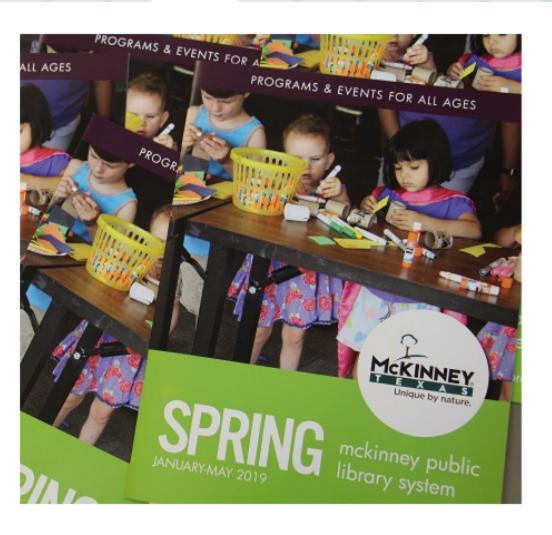
Adult Programming saw a 110% increase in November, led by new programs such as the Meditative Mandala

Growing programs such as Noon Year's Eve Countdown helped us return to increases in Family program attendance as well!



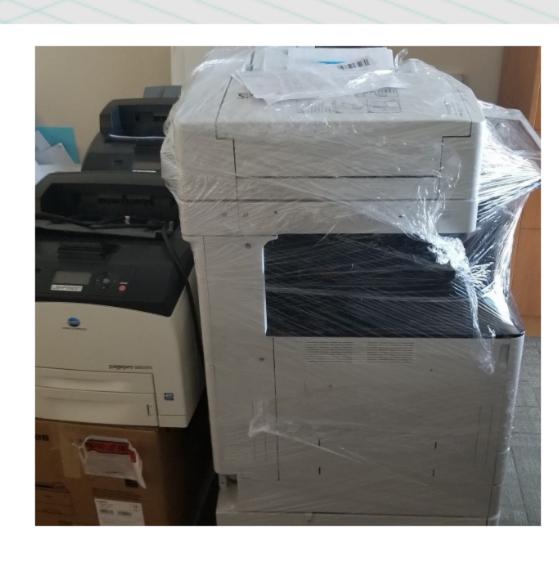
### Hello 2019!

- Stephanie Harrison has filled the position of Librarian 2 in charge of genealogy and interlibrary loan.
- Kaci Falcon has filled an open Librarian 1 position in the program department.
- Revathi Vaidyanathan and Megan Farve have filled 2 library technician positions based at JJGL.
- The Spring program lineup includes programs on Chinese New Year, Black History Month, and Irish music and culture in Texas.
- Reservations for library programs are now integrated into the new library website!



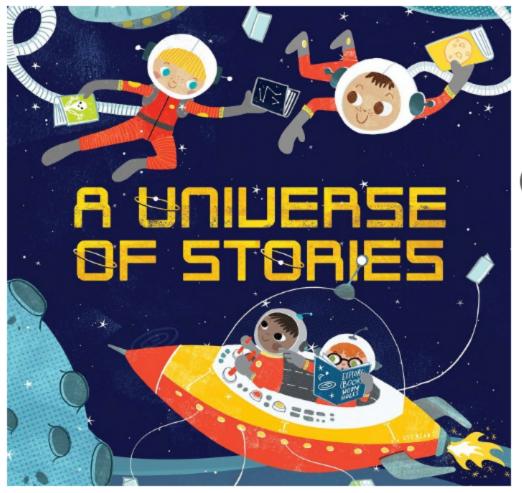
The Spring Calendar of events includes over 1,000 individual programs, classes, and meetings. All of these are included in the digital library calendar on the revamped website.

Color printers have arrived and will soon be integrated, offering color printing to the public for the first time in McKPLS history.



## In the coming Months

- We will continue to back fill newly vacated positions.
- New furniture will be delivered to Roy and Helen Hall.
- Policies guiding the collection and display of works by local authors will be adopted.



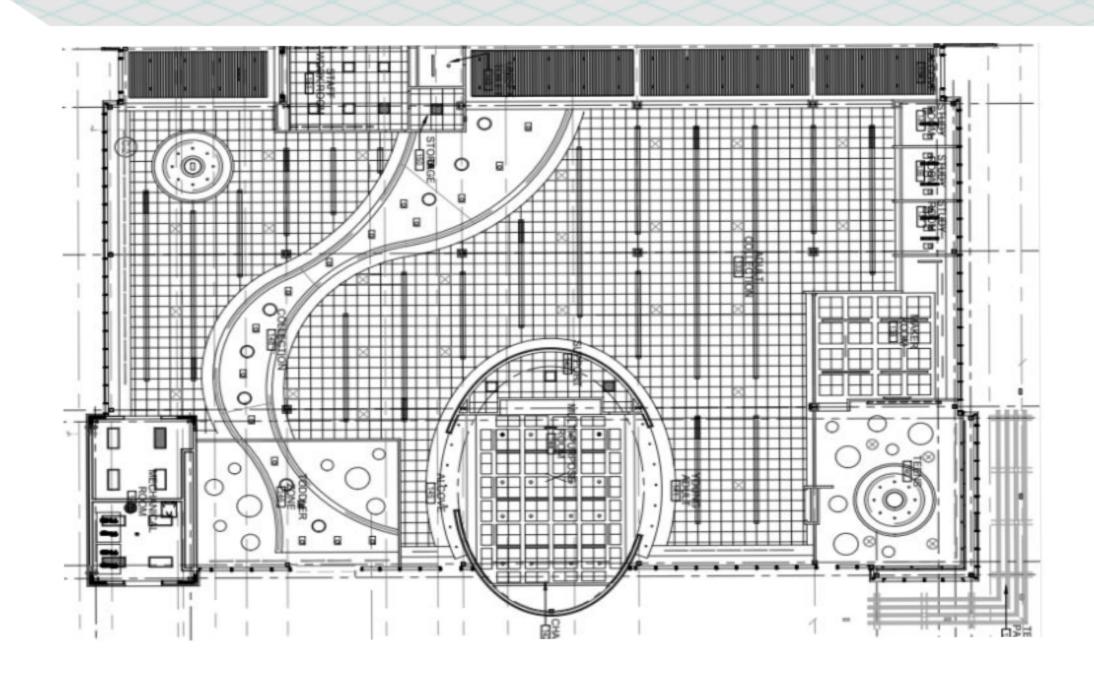
The Summer Reading
Program Calendar will be
complete and sent to the
Communications
Department by Jan, 31.
(Will include a program for
Adults!)

Vacant Librarian 1 position at JJGL will be tasked with growing our volunteer opportunities.



# John and Judy Gay Update!

- 100 % construction drawings are almost complete
- Plans to council at 3/5 council meeting.
- Ceremonial Groundbreaking in second half of March.
- Library staff is planning required shifts and workflow changes to accommodate construction.
- 12 month proposed construction timeline.



## **Book Challenge**



The library received a challenge to the inclusion of the manga title "Assassination Classroom" in our collection.

The manga series is shelved in our young adult collection. It follows the daily lives of an extremely powerful octopus-like teacher and his students dedicated to the task of assassinating him to prevent Earth from being destroyed.

The complaint is that the title is inappropriate for any age as it teaches people how to murder, is vulgar, and that such materials should not be included in our publicly funded libraries.

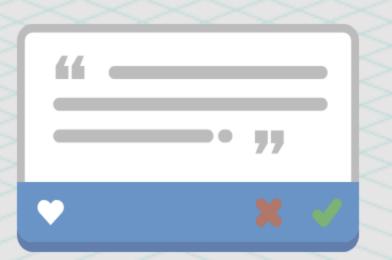
Library staff feels the artistic merit and its extreme popularity, approximately 25 checkouts each per year, of the series warrant its continues inclusion in our collection.

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