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### Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ Lucy Roman from the school district came to inform us about innovations in the school computer resources. We have students accessing their school work from the Library computers, so we need to keep informed.
- ◆ Man-ching Tom from Manhattanville College came to meet with us to evaluate the college students placed here for homework help. We are very appreciative of these student workers.
- ◆ Raquel attended the early childhood network meeting at FSW, and I attended the Children's Center meeting at the County Courthouse.

### Programs

- ◆ Program attendance was down this month, with everyone busy with holiday preparations. One big exception was Who Let The Dogs In, with seven visits, all fully booked.
- ◆ We tried to capitalize on the popular reader's theater program Act It Out with a puppet making workshop, and then the puppets would read poems or jokes. We'll try it again over the winter.
- ◆ The Wednesday night family programs have been well attended. Raquel Cavalcanti gave a winter storytime, Tata Cañuelas presented a bilingual storytime, and Bonnie Grant showed the film The Polar Express.
- ◆ Our Sunday programs on Hanukkah and Christmas picture books had a nice turnout.
- ◆ For the vacation week, Debra Gaffey planned Book Bunch, with the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders reading Chocolate Fever, and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders reading Searching for Bapu. The book discussions happen over pizza at Uno Chicago Grill.
- ◆ Lionheart Puppets will present The Reluctant Dragon on Sunday, Dec 30.

### Staff

- ◆ Four of us were able to squeeze some time to visit the Hudson River Museum to see local illustrator Jerry Pinkney's exhibit.
- ◆ Terry Rabideau and Rosemary Rasmussen visited hotels in the county to research where to hold the YSS spring conference in April of 2014. We presented the findings to the conference planning committee.