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### Outreach, Projects & Visits

- ◆ Last month's rained-out classes from Post Road School finally were able to come for their visits.
- ◆ Laura Kapland from WIHD People With Disabilities came with a team to interview us and find out how we can be more open to children with special needs. They will return with ideas for staff training.
- ◆ N Y Presbyterian came to talk informally to parents about participating in a learning study for young children.

### Programs

- ◆ We highlighted the month's holidays with Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas programs. Many of our holiday books were borrowed from our decorated displays.
- ◆ Terry Rabideau and Raquel Cavalcanti ran another successful Stuffed Animal Sleepover, where children drop off their teddy bears on Friday after a special storytime. The toys spend the night in The Trove getting into mischief, and the children come back on Saturday to pick them up at a second storytime. Thanks to Systems staff for helping with the fabulous slide show!
- ◆ Deb Gaffey organized another successful three session Parent / Child Connection which we run about every other month.
- ◆ Bonnie Grant emceed another Holiday Jeopardy during the school vacation.
- ◆ Every Wednesday night we have family night. Well attended were the Bilingual Storytime and a Christmas storytime both given by Tata Cañuelas.
- ◆ The Library Foundation funded a very popular performance by the Spring Valley Puppet Theater during the vacation.
- ◆ Uno Chicago Grill once again hosted two book discussion groups for the older children.
- ◆ Terry called in our Trove Squad summer volunteers for a special craft party. The teens made superhero capes out of tshirts, they decorated them with eye-catching stencils and markers. The 2015 summer reading game theme is super heroes, so the volunteers will be ready to help kids make capes over the summer.

### Staff

- ◆ Rosemary Rasmussen attended the YWCA Children's Center party at the County courthouse.
- ◆ The Trove gave our annual holiday cookie party for the Library.
- ◆ The Trove staff were all trained in Hoopla and we have been letting parents know about the new service.
- ◆ Baker and Taylor reps came to check in with us and Christiane Deschamps, and they left gifts of book bags, calendars and mouse pads.