



Administrative Report Mayor Eddie Moran

TO: City Council
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LIBRARY:

- The Reading Public Library received great feedback from many patrons regarding the Library's programming, such as Saturday's virtual yoga class and Senior Outreach Services.
- RPL was visited by all of Lauer's Park Elementary's 2nd-grade classes in December. The Library welcomed over 80 children and teachers during their week of visits.
- In November, 15,280 ebooks/audiobooks were checked out via the Libby platform.
- The RPL Northeast Branch has begun construction on the new Jerome Marcus Meeting room. The project has an expected completion date of February 2023.
- The RPL Southeast Branch is adding a new bi-lingual element to their weekly storytime in Cub Corner. Stories will include Spanish language stories, songs, and nursery rhymes.
- RPL is seeking a full-time Systems Administrator/Assistant Director position and a Librarian II position. Anyone interested can visit the Library's website at:

<https://www.readingpl.org/about-2/volunteer-job-opportunities/>

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Public Works staff has also completed:
 - 35 sites, primarily illegal dumping sites, were cleaned up, resulting in 189 bags of trash and litter, 34 bulk items, 10 tires, and 24 televisions.
 - 10 dead animals were picked up

- Cleared and salted sidewalks and walkways during snow event on December 21 and December 22nd.
- Public Works Clean City Coordinator reports:
 - 3 cleanup events on Linden Street, Walnut Street (4th to 6th Street), and South Street along the stone wall.
 - Numerous Adopt-A-Block cleanup events were held, which resulted in 38 bags of trash and litter and 4-yard waste bags and bulk items.
- Public Works Solid Waste Division Manager will supervise Downtown Ambassadors on an interim basis beginning on January 3.
- Public Works Waste Water Treatment Plant Laboratory had its accreditation renewed by the PA DEP Bureau of Laboratories after a triennial PA DEP Laboratory Audit was conducted in November 2022. The accreditation will last through January 31, 2024.