



- We rearranged the reading area of the Coldwater Branch to place the administrative assistant's desk outside the director's office. This entailed some carpentry, electrical, and telephone wiring work to complete. The end result really opens up the room and makes the whole place more inviting.
- The Director's Office/Coldwater Branch Chair project is completed. We ended up being able to replace 11 staff task chairs, and the total project came in \$23 under budget.
- Hoekstra Roofing came on 8/24 to continue to address the leaking issues at the Coldwater Branch stemming from the winter 2008-2009 roofing job by Chenoweth Roofing. Hoekstra found yet further examples of shoddy work, including one entire section where the shingles were installed the exact opposite way they should have been, which was contributing to leaking on the south side of the top floor. Hoekstra completed this round of repairs on 9/6. We've not had a hard rain sense to verify, but there's no way the situation could have been made worse by their work.
- The fax line to the Coldwater Branch Service desk that was installed during the fire alarm wiring was activated by the telephone company. All six Branches will now be able to offer fax service to the public!
- Bronson Branch's new A/V cart is put together and all the components are hooked up.
- Our ISP for Alganssee Branch, DMCI Broadband, has conducted a site survey and we will have the results next week.
- On 9/1 Ludwick Electric removed the old wood light poles at the Coldwater Branch and installed our new outside LED lights (no more changing light bulbs!) mounted on the building. The job should be finished the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> when they return to fill in the holes with concrete.
- The monthly statistical report has been modified to show the Holbrook Heritage Room stats on their own (HHR has always been included in the Coldwater Branch totals). We also added stats for ABCMouse, a "premium" online service that



libraries get for free, so I didn't think to include it in my first revision last month. Finally, we added some graphs of trends the current year and the two previous. Staff are able to login to the web interface to see graphs for any category, or branch-by-branch, generated dynamically.

- The IT position interviews will be conducted on 9/23.
- Finally, I encourage everyone to read this latest report from the Pew Research Center on the state of America's adult readers: <http://www.pewinternet.org/2016/09/01/book-reading-2016/>: "A growing share of Americans are reading e-books on tablets and smartphones rather than dedicated e-readers, but print books remain much more popular than books in digital formats." We see both of those data points reflected in our stats here at BDL.

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