

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 4, 2022

Mission Statement

To enrich the lives of our diverse community members by providing equal access to a wealth of information.

Vision

To provide essential community connections that inspire life-long learning for everyone.

Strategic Plan Implementation

Promote Literacy & Lifelong Learning Opportunities

Literacy building programs like Baby Bookworms and Toddler Time are offered weekly at the Willis L. Miller Library.

Provide Equal Access to Information

GALILEO upgraded search features to help users access content easier.

Create a Customer Oriented Staff

We welcomed Andi Morgante and Sam Acevedo to our team. They are undergoing new hire training.

Provide Quality Physical & Virtual Spaces

SGRL now has a TikTok account to help promote library events and services to teens and young adults.

Highlights

Traveling Library Ribbon Cutting



The Traveling Library ribbon cutting was held December 10. SGRL Board of Trustees Chair Gary Wisenbaker and former SGRL bookmobile employee Laverne Richardson cut the ribbon. Attendees had an opportunity to tour the vehicle and learn about library services.

Greater Valdosta Community Christmas Parade



Festive SGRL employees and a decorated Traveling Library participated in the Valdosta Christmas parade on December 4.

Financial Budgeting



John Harris of Colony Bank spoke to teenagers and their parents about managing finances with effective budgets on December 8 at the Willis L. Miller Library.

Gingerbread House STEM Kits



These gingerbread house STEM take home kits at the Willis L. Miller Library provided children with a fun, educational holiday themed activity pack in December.

Success Story

A holiday card we received from a patron read:

"One thing about you and your staff is you're always helping people and inspiring them." -Rory