

## Director's Report – January 2014

1. Second Grade Visits to AADL: Each year AADL invites every second grade classroom in our service area to visit the Library. The children are given a tour of the Downtown Children's room, treated to a storytime, and issued cards. Below are 2013 numbers:

43 Visits

48 AAPS Classes (out of 59 classes) - 4 teachers have indicated that they plan to set up spring visits

1 non-AAPS Class (Central Academy)

1208 Students

564 L-Cards issued

2012 Comparison:

48 Visits

52 AAPS Classes (out of 59 Classes)

4 non-AAPS Classes

1306 Students

2. The week of January 6<sup>th</sup> was a difficult week for so many people, but in the midst of it all, we received this email in response to a notice that a hold was available for pick-up:

Sent: Wed, 08 Jan 2014 09:49:05 -0500 (EST)

Subject: Re: Library hold is ready for pickup

Thank you! and, ... thank you to all the staff who were able to keep the library operating during the weather that kills.

I am so grateful of how the library manages both excellence in its professional mission and compassionate human decency. I know this seems overwrought, but a library is one of those everyday, humble marks of civilization that's easy to take for granted. AADL models advanced civilization! In your own quiet, excellent way, your efforts inspire me.

In your honor, I'll dance a mid-Michigan winter hula to the Lilo & Stitch soundtrack. :-) Joy! R.L.