TONY EDMUNDSON, COLUMBIA FALLS BRANCH MANAGER

- I met with Cat Bauer from Job Service to discuss revitalizing our Path Finder job board in Columbia Falls. We will now have weekly job postings for the Columbia Falls area from the National Labor Exchange listings, along with information on career opportunities and trainings available from Job Service. I am especially excited to gather and share the training opportunities, and to connect our public with the professionals at Job Service, who remain available for one-on-one sessions with our patrons.

- The new year brought in-door programs to Kalispell and Bigfork, which saw Columbia Falls move from two program days a week to one. As we had anticipated, this saw a dramatic rise in attendance on a single day, though we have added a second program for our local daycares in hopes of meeting a need but spreading folks out. Still, between the two programs we are seeing upwards of 75 attendees over the course of the classes on Thursdays. Youth Services staff, led by Librarian Becca Johnson, are looking at our options to meet the rising demand.