The big news (as you know) is that we are completely caught up with crate check ins! After getting through the backlog (aka “The Wall of Crates”), we have been able to check in all the crates that are delivered within 24 hours. Chris has done an incredible job on the daily task scheduling for materials handlers. He used his amazing math skills to figure out how much time is needed to keep up with each task and it is definitely working. All the materials handlers are doing a fantastic job keeping up with everything. This is also great for our patrons (and Partner members) because materials that have been requested are arriving in a much timelier manner and materials that have been returned are getting shelved much more quickly. It is such a relief for staff to be caught up and we can now start thinking about the extra projects that have been on hold for quite some time.

We are still waiting for rollover to happen, so a lot of aspects of what my job will be are on hold until that happens. I have been picking Sean’s brain about things, but a lot of what I need to learn has to wait until I can actually do the task. I am hoping rollover happens very soon! In the meantime, I have been working hard to get B&T carts ready to go for when we can start ordering, as well as trying to get through the backlog of items that need original cataloging (this is very slow going!). Julie and Natasha have been walking me through the ILL process since they are still able to make requests and send out requests to other libraries. Jennifer has been keeping up with the repair truck and we will start working through the magazine ordering process soon. We are all trying hard to get through the backlog of discarded items and finish up any loose ends before the influx of boxes arrive once we start ordering!