

Shana Kegley- AmeriCorps Fall 2002 Carnegie Stout Public Library

During my 900 hour placement at the Carnegie Stout Public Library my main objective was to conduct story time programs for children. The library had a temporary outreach program in the past and surrounding schools had known of its subsequent extinction. It was my job to spread the word about the new program and let schools know it was available again.



I crafted a rock collection exhibit to help pull people's attention into the non-fiction section of the children's section.

I called local schools and spoke to teachers, principals, and school librarians. Right from the beginning the program received rave reviews. After I visited a few schools, the word about the outreach program grew.

During the Open House and Rededication at the library, I greeted patrons as Cat in the Hat.



I had many other regular and occasional duties, as well. It was an occasional duty of mine to represent the library at community functions. I maintained a booth at Career Day at Jefferson Junior High School, the North End Neighborhood Association at Audubon, and Lights on After School Committee at the CyCare Building. I was to explain my volunteer position at the Library along with all of the events the Library has to offer.



During the summer, I attended local schools during their summer school to present literature sessions. We read a book then did an activity that went along with the theme of the book.