

Library Float Wins First Place

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November 20th the teens in our Teen Night group voted to participate in making a Christmas float with the Boone County Library. The theme for the parade this year was "The Music and Magic of Christmas", so the theme for our float was "Boone County Library Goes Whoville!". The kids were all jazzed about getting to fix their hair goofy like the Who's from the *Grinch Who Stole Christmas*.

We worked throughout the rest of November and the beginning of December getting costume pieces and decorations for the float and the kiddos. Several area thrift shops held a lot of bargains for us for our float decor.

Friends of the Library helped out by finding an inverter and a car battery to be the power supply for our Christmas lights.

December 6th at 8:00 am we got our float trailer and began assembling the float components. A lopsided "Whoville" Christmas tree, a giant pop-up book of the *Night Before Christmas* (with reindeer flying out of the pages), and several giant peppermint candy sticks were just a few of the items that drew the judges' attention. There were also peppermint candies on the trailer wheels that spun as the wheels turned. It was almost hypnotic.

The inverter arrived around mid-morning on the 6th, and with it, all the lights and stuff checked out. We had the lights, an amplifier cube with lots of Christmas music on an iPod, and a battery-operated Grinch.



The Friends of the Library have also helped us out by getting us wonderful quality art paper and poster board to use for our story times and special occasions such as this. We certainly appreciate them all, and who would have guessed that between us all and our hard work, the Boone County Library float won first place in the Visions of Christmas division, and the Best Over All traveling trophy! (Imagine that, I didn't even know we had overalls on our float, let alone the best!)

THANKS AGAIN!

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