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Kirkland Town Library in the Winter

Acrylic Paint

I picked the library because to me, the library is special. It is a really pretty building, and I love books. The hardest thing was to paint the sky, because it took so long. I had to make each color, and mix them just right or it would look wrong. It took forever, and I ended up coming in a little extra to work so the colors wouldn't dry out, because I wouldn't be able to make them again. It was also hard to make it look like winter, adding the right things, learning where to put snow. I put icicles on the door, and a snowman out front.

The reason we were painting is that the chorus was singing "December in Our Town" and we were making pictures of Clinton in winter. Mrs. Hall showed us pictures by Thomas Kinkade. I loved them. They seemed real and warm. I wish they *were* real because they were places I would like to go. We looked at pictures by the Hudson River Painters last year to learn depth. I also liked the details in those. Maybe I wanted my picture peaceful. That's how it looks to me and how I sometimes feel reading. I like the way it seems like the library, but it's different too. My favorite part is the sky.