

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Library News**

Sign-up has started for the Winter Reading Program, "Once Upon a Snowy Day..."

This program will run through January with several raffle prizes available.

**Youth Programs**

- NaNoWriMo with Valerie Biel wrapped up in December. We had 18 young authors participate this year.
- The new Homeschool Program is taking off with several families participating every Monday afternoon.
- The Holiday Train warm-up event reached about 100 people. The Friends of the Library were amazing help with this program!
- The regular programs including storytime, music & motion, crafternoon, Pokémon, Lego club, and babies on blankets all continue to be well attended.

**Adult Programs**

- A Holiday Recipe swap took place on December 3 with a good turnout.
- We are continuing to adjust times of book clubs to see what works best for people. We have moved the Book and a Movie club to the evening to see if that improves attendance.
- The After Hours Book Club continues to grow with 17 people attending the December meeting. This group is bringing in people from Columbus, as well as several people from Beaver Dam.

**Upcoming Programs**










- Beginning Piano for Adults begins in January on Tuesday evenings.
- January 30 we will host a program with Laura Wessel from Rainbow Community Care on navigating grief.
- February 1 the monthly Genealogy Workshop will have a presentation by Rebecca Hopman, the Genealogy Services Librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society.
- February 6 we will host a Badger Talk with Professor Sissel Schroeder about Uncovering Ancient Aztalan.
- Our new Book Subscription Service will start in January.

**Meetings**

- The Library was closed on Wednesday, December 11 so the entire staff could attend the City of Columbus Christmas Party. We also had a brief staff meeting that day prior to the meal. Everyone had a great time and it was nice to be able to step away from the Library together for awhile.
- November 21 in lieu of an All Directors meeting, SCLS hosted the directors to help create a strategic plan for the system.
- The Community Services Departments for the City continue to meet monthly to go over what events we are doing and how we can support each other.

\*\* January Board Meeting will be held in the Library Annex as the program room is in use.



Library Statistics		2024 Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	2023 Total
	Visits (# door counts)	6,339	63,592	58,554	62,944
	Items Borrowed (total)	4,291	54,746	49,670	53,981
	% Columbus residents		50%		52%
	% Fall River residents		13%		13%
	% Other Columbia County		21%		20%
	% Dodge County		10%		10%
	% Other		6%		5%
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,128	13,635	12,483	13,620
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	13	242	339	351
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	4,066	2,867	61,265	67,612
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	228	2,867	2,728	2,929
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	98	900	939	1,013
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	126	1,079	951	1,033
	Patrons Added (# added)	25	352	333	365

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	20	350	10
Children	6	62	50
Teen	3	18	60
Adult	7	57	n/a
General Interest	2	31	0