

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Youth Programs

- The youth department has created a strong partnership with Home Again Assisted Living with the Homeschool group and Storytime each visiting once a month.
- Book Dragons Writing Lab has been meeting monthly with a great group of authors.
- The Homeschool Program continues to be popular with several families participating every Monday afternoon.
- The regular programs including storytime, music & motion, crafternoon, Pokémon, Lego club, and babies on blankets all continue to be well attended.

Adult Programs

- Tech Tuesdays started in February with an information gathering session the first week and a one-on-one smartphone program the 2nd week. Both weeks lunch was provided.
- The Joys of Seed Tapes was presented at the Library on Tuesday, March 4 with Ardyce Piehl and Kate Rietmann of the Columbia County Master Gardeners.

Upcoming Programs

- Author Robert Root will be joining us on March 20. He will be talking about his book Walking Home Ground: In the Footsteps of Muir, Leopold, and Derleth.
- Tech Tuesdays will resume on March 25. We will be joined by employees of Farmers & Merchants Union Bank who will be going over scams and how to protect yourself.
- In March we will once again be welcoming Valerie Biel to the Library to do a tween creative writing workshop.
- The City of Columbus has declared March 20 at Fred Dartt Day, to coincide with National Frog Day. The Library will be doing frog themed youth programs that week to celebrate the day.
- March 19 will officially be the first day of Stitching Stars Crochet Club at the Library.
- Kristen Hart will be hosting monthly adult craft nights starting in March. The first will be on March 26.
- April 1 Chad Lewis will be giving a presentation on Wisconsin's Gangster Past










Meetings

- 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. This summer we will be doing several events together and will advertise it together.
- For April the Columbia County Libraries will be hosting a "Library Tour." Patrons are encouraged to visit at least 6 Columbia County Libraries and then they can be entered to win a prize basket.
- At the SCLS meeting on March 20 the Directors will get a report from the ILS committee about the option of switching away from Biblioovation to a new ILS system.

Buildings and Grounds

- There was a small leak in the entryway. Great Lakes Roofing came and discovered a nail was popping out of the step flashing. The roof is still under warranty so it was taken care of.
- The bathroom remodel is underway! The former men's room has had all fixtures removed and drywall put up.



Library Statistics		2025 Month	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2024 Total	% Change from 2024 to 2025
	Visits (# door counts)	5,498	10,409	10,081	67,146	+3.25%
	Items Borrowed (total)	4,923	9,876	9,663	58,538	+2.2%
	% Columbus residents		52%		50%	
	% Fall River residents		11%		13%	
	% Other Columbia County		21%		21%	
	% Dodge County		12%		10%	
	% Other		5%		6%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,115	2,496	2,512	14,759	-.63%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	13	27	60	259	-55%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	3,990	7,876	10,282	56,084	-23%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	213	463	459	3,077	+.87%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	52	124	155	967	-20%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	97	202	155	1,171	+30%
	Patrons Added (# added)	22	47	56	368	-16%

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	19	257	3
Children	8	119	0
Teen	2	17	0
Adult	9	169	0
General Interest	3	74	30