

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Summer Library Program Update

- The Summer Library Program kicked off on June 9 and is off to a fantastic start! So far, **571 people have signed up**, already surpassing last year's final total.

Outreach Events

- On June 14, the Library participated in **Pride in the Park**, offering several crafts for families to enjoy. Helen and Catherine were joined by volunteer Laura Weichert for the day.
- On July 1, we took part in **Family Night for the 4th of July**. Amanda and Kristen hosted a booth featuring a variety of patriotic crafts for families to make and take home.

Upcoming Event

- National Night Out:** On August 5, the Library will close early at 5:00 p.m. so staff can participate in this community event. Catherine, Helen, Amanda, and Kristen will be there with crafts, giveaways, and information about library services.

Youth Programs

- Storytime at the Farm**-Storytime at Royal Guernsey Dairy was a big success, with nearly **100 people** visiting the farm to enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and cows!
- Guest Readers**-This month, we were joined by several special guest readers:
 - City Treasurer **Krystal Larson**
 - City Clerk **Susan Caine**
 - Matt Ehrke** and **Steve Wagner** from the Department of Public Works
- Summer Library Program Performers**-Our summer performers included:
 - Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals**
 - Musical performances by **David Landau** and **Little Miss Ann**



The afternoon performances drew larger crowds than the evening shows, and we were excited to see some families attend who don't typically participate in library events.

Adult Programs

- We had a great turnout on **June 27** for **Robert Goodland's book talk** on *Beneath the Surface*. Attendees enjoyed hearing about his writing process and insights into the book.
- Adult Craft Night with Kristen** continues to be a favorite! On **July 23**, the room was full as participants created beautiful **paper flowers**.

We currently offer **four adult book clubs**:

- Romantasy Book Club** monthly
- After Hours Book Club** monthly
- Third Thursday Book Club** monthly
- Nonfiction Book Club** quarterly



Upcoming Programs

- Guest Readers**-We're excited to welcome several special guests for Storytime in the coming weeks:
 - Chief Weiner** and **Chief Hazeltine** on **July 22**
 - Jake Boness** from Columbus Utilities on **July 23**
 - City Administrator Matt Amundson** on **July 29**
 - Officer Julia Knoll** on **August 5**
 - Library Board** on **August 12**
 - Amy Jo Meyers** on **August 13**
- Summer Library Program Events**
 - Angela Puerta** – *July 21*
 - The Wonders of Physics** – *July 28*
 - J & R Aquatic Animal Rescue** – *August 4*
 - End of the Summer Party** – *August 11*












Meetings

- On **July 17**, the **All Directors Meeting** will take place in **Wisconsin Dells**. Directors will be voting on fees for the upcoming year.
- On **July 18**, the **Columbia County meetings** will be held at the **Columbus Public Library**.

Buildings and Grounds

- Duane from the Department of Public Works came to inspect the **west side windows** of the building. He will be removing the storm window to assess what repairs are needed. Additionally, he plans to check the other windows to determine whether recaulking is necessary.

Library Statistics		2025 Month	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2024 Total	% Change from 2024 to 2025
	Visits (# door counts)	6,633	34,639	33,275	67,146	4.1%
	Items Borrowed (total)	5,718	31,141	29,364	58,538	6.1%
	% Columbus residents		47%		50%	
	% Fall River residents		12%		13%	
	% Other Columbia County		24%		21%	
	% Dodge County		11%		10%	
	% Other		6%		6%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,066	7,126	7,606	14,759	-6.3%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	12	82	113	259	-27%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	5,370	29,565	32,143	56,084	-8%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	214	1,353	1,551	3,077	-13%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	88	494	366	967	35%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	88	572	569	1,171	.5%
	Patrons Added (# added)	41	170	216	368	-21%

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	6	245	4
Children	5	180	63
Teen	2	18	0
Adult	8	119	0
General Interest	16	800	147