

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library News

- Our new self-checkout was delivered and installed in early May. It was paid for by the grant from the Carnegie Corporation. A small plaque has been ordered to acknowledge them.
- Flooring for the program room and stairs has been ordered. We will probably be looking at installing in August when the Summer Library Program is over.

Community Outreach

- We made bird feeders and windchimes with several families at the Columbus Arbor Day event at the Pavilion.
- The Library was also invited and will be participating in Pride in the Park on June 20 and Family Night for the 4th of July on June 30.

Youth Services

- The Homeschool Group has between 5 and 15 participants each Monday, depending on the activity. This past month the highlight was dissecting owl pellets.
- The Teens gathered together for a Cinco de Mayo party on May 4.
- The program room continues to be busy every Tuesday and Wednesday morning With Storytime or Music & Motion.
- April 23 the after school activity was an open Art Studio which welcomed 23 young people to get creative.



Adult Services

- For the month of May, there is the Wisconsin Historical Society's traveling exhibit on John Muir on display upstairs at the Library.
- Adult Craft Night met and painted their own sprayed edges on books. This is a popular trend in many romance and romantasy books.
- The Soft Pants Society will continue to meet monthly in the Annex. This is a peer-to-peer discussion group for stay-at-home caregivers that meets monthly.
- Author Andrea Thalasinis joined us on April 30 to discuss her book The Loneliness of Horses.
- We put out an interest survey about having a Mahjong group at the library. It came back with an overwhelming response of yes. We will be starting out with a group meeting on Friday mornings.

Upcoming Events

- The Library Book Clubs all continue to thrive. Our upcoming meetings are:
 - May 21– 3rd Thursday Book Club: Wild Dark Shore
 - May 28– Books & Beer: Author Peggy Jocque Williams
 - June 4– After Hours Books Club: We Are All Guilty Here
 - June 15– Romantasy Book Club: Wild Reverence
- May 22– Making Mocktails
- May 26– Safari Author Talk: Images of South Africa with Jeanee Sacken
- May 30– Antique Appraisals with Mark Moran
- June 3– A Celebration for Peter Kaland: Advocate of the Year
- June 11– Introduction to AI and American National Security
- June 17– Storytime at the Farm at Royal Guernsey Creamery



Meetings










- Columbia County Board and Directors meeting on May 15 at Kilbourn Public Library in Wisconsin Dells
- SCLS All Directors meeting on May 21 at Kilbourn Public Library in Wisconsin Dells

Building and Grounds

- Flooring has been ordered for the program room and the stairs. It will be installed in late June/early July. Each part will take about one day. We will figure out logistics when we get there.

Notes about the Statistics

- We installed a new door counter at the main entrance. This unit is less sensitive than the previous one, so while our traffic numbers may appear slightly lower, they will be more accurate. Please note that our April totals are also affected by a few days when no door counter was in place.
- With the new ILS, we were not able to get the reports for circulation and patrons added for April, yet.

Library Statistics		2026 Month	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 Total	% Change from 2025 to 2026
	Visits (# door counts)	4,390	19,672	22,190	67,988	-11%
	Items Borrowed (total)	*	*	20,761	59,674	
	% Columbus residents		43%		46%	
	% Fall River residents		12%		12%	
	% Other Columbia County		21%		23%	
	% Dodge County		13%		11%	
	% Other		11%		8%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,333	5,199	4,918	14,551	6%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	23	57	46	135	24%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	5,205	21,468	18,030	39,324	19%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	250	994	914	2,592	9%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	95	357	332	993	8%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	108	478	385	1,135	24%
	Patrons Added (# added)	*	*	102	346	

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	19	325	2
Children	9	98	0
Teen	5	22	20
Adult	15	135	0
General Interest	6	55	0