

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library News

- The Summer Library Program is in full swing! We currently have 534 people signed up for the program.
- The Friends of the Columbus Public Library are generously sponsoring 6 children's programs and 6 adult programs for the rest of this year.
- On June 3 we celebrated Peter Kaland being named Advocate of the Year for Columbia County Libraries! Thank you who joined us for pie and music on the Library lawn, and to the Friends of the Library for Baking pies!
- We are celebrating June as Pride Month and Dairy Month at the Library! We are raffling off a set of beanbag boards and bean bags for Dairy Month that were donated by Mullins Short-Stop.



Community Outreach

- Pride in the Park- Catherine and Helen will be attending Pride in the Park on June 20 with crafts and library information.
- 4th of July Family Night- Amanda will be attending Family Night at the Pavilion on June 30 with crafts and handouts for kids.

Youth Services

- We have two teen interns joining us for the summer. Xandra Kauth and Emily Verhey are both students at Columbus High School and interested in working with libraries or with children. They bring a great energy to our summer program!
- Our first summer performer was Magician Zack Percell on the Library lawn on June 9. We had 143 people join!
- On June 10 Fire Chief Scott Hazeltine and Police Chief Dennis Weiner joined us for Storytime with the Chiefs.

Adult Services

- Making Mocktails was a hit with our adult crowd! We had a great group show up to enjoy some delicious drinks.
- The Antique Appraisals with Mark Moran had a full schedule with patrons with a variety of antiques as well as many on-lookers.
- The May 26 Author Talk with Jeannee Sacken has been moved to the fall due to some issues with the presenters computer.
- In July we will be starting a new program called Stay Crafty! This will be a craft class that will meet once a month in the morning. It will be lead by Amy and the first class will be on July 16 at 10:00.

Upcoming Events

- The Library Book Clubs all continue to thrive. Our upcoming meetings are:
 - June 18- 3rd Thursday Book Club: Atmosphere
 - June 25- Books & Beer: Author Sheila Lowe
 - July 2- After Hours Books Club: Every Summer After
 - July 15- Nonfiction Book Discussion: Midnight on the Potomac
 - July 16- 3rd Thursday Book Club: The Pretender
 - July 20- Romantasy Book Club: Bride
- June 17- Storytime at the Farm at Royal Guernsey Creamery
- June 18- Murder Mystery at the Annex: Time Travel Terror
- June 23- Frauds & Scam Presented by Associated Bank
- June 24- Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals
- June 24- Adult Craft Night: Painted Bricks
- June 26- Intro to Mah Jongg with Connie Schultz
- July 2- Prehistoric Pets with J & R Aquatic Animal Rescue



Meetings

- The Columbia County Library Board and Directors will be meeting on July 17 in Columbus.
- SCLS All Directors meeting on July 16 at Sun Prairie Public Library.

Building and Grounds

- A hole developed in the parking lot. DPW dug out the hole, back filled it and, are now monitoring it to see if it sinks any-more before the blacktop it.

Notes about the Statistics

- With the new ILS, SCLS is still not able to pull circulation or patrons added statistics yet. They will continue to work on it.

Library Statistics		2026 Month	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 Total	% Change from 2025 to 2026
	Visits (# door counts)	4,171	23,843	28,006	67,988	-15% Due to new door counter
	Items Borrowed (total)	*	*	25,423	59,674	
	% Columbus residents				46%	
	% Fall River residents				12%	
	% Other Columbia County				23%	
	% Dodge County				11%	
	% Other				8%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,314	6,513	6,060	14,551	7.4%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	11	68	70	135	-2.8%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	5,007	26,475	24,195	39,324	9.4%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	244	1,238	1,139	2,592	8.7%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	75	432	406	993	6.4%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	93	571	484	1,135	18%
	Patrons Added (# added)	*	*	129	346	

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	16	279	40
Children	24	852	50
Teen	4	26	0
Adult	12	177	0
General Interest	1	17	0