

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- The Summer Library program starts on June 9 and runs through August 10. We have incentives for kids, teens, and adults! This summer we are partnering with the Columbus Recreation Department to have 9 different family performers. The Friends of the Library have graciously funded 6 of the performers that will be at the Library. We will also be hosting the Summer Camp participants on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.
- Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez visited the Library on May 14. She spent about an hour touring our facility and talking to staff, Board members, Friends of the Library, patrons, and Shannon Schultz, SCLS Director. The State Representative for our district, Maureen McCarville also attended.
- All Library staff attended Dementia Live on April 29 which was put on the ADRCs of Columbia and Dodge County. It was a hands on program that taught staff how to work with people we may encounter with Dementia. They also gave some great tips on how we can make our Library a more dementia friendly place.

Youth Programs

- The Book Dragons Writing Lab continues to meet monthly with a good turnout.
- We welcomed Kane Browkowski from the Recreation Department as a special Arbor Day guest reader for the April 29-30 story times.
- Family Pizza and Board game night is more popular than ever! In May 30 people attended.
- School and daycare visits are wrapping up this month and will be off for the Summer.

Adult Programs

- On April 22 we welcomed George Hesselberg who spoke about his book Dead Lines.
- Adult Craft Night with Kristen was well attended again in April. The sign up for the May event is already full with a waiting list started.
- The After Hours Book Club met in May at the 161 Building. With 25 people in attendance, it gave us space to spread out.
- Catherine hosted a Crochet Dog Blanket workshop on May 10.
- ON May 13 we hosted a program on Unlocking the Secrets of Antarctic Meteorology.
- We collaborated with Valerie Biel to host her Books & Beer author talk on May 15. While she is hoping that the Cercis building will reopen and they can go back, many of the participants really liked the quieter atmosphere of the Annex. They are planning on having it in the Annex for sure in June, and maybe moving forward.

Upcoming Programs










- In June we are starting a new Romantasy Book Club one Monday night a month. There has been a lot of interest in this genre and a lot of people are planning on attending this book club. The first meeting is June 9 at 6:00 in the Annex.
- This summer we are welcoming several guest readers from the City of Columbus for story time including:
 - City Clerk Susan Caine
 - City Treasurer Krystal Larson
 - Emergency Management Director Bill Breunig
 - Lineman Jake Boness from Columbus Utilities
 - Recreation Director Amy Jo Meyers
 - Police Chief Dennis Weiner
 - Fire Chief Scott Hazeltine

Meetings

- Amanda attended the Wisconsin Association of Public Libraries (WAPL) conference in Oshkosh from April 30-May 2. She also presented on panel about how to form a Friends group and become a 501(c)(3).
- The All Directors Meeting took place on May 15 at Oregon Public Library. The Directors voted to move from Bibliovation to SirsiDynix Symphony. The goal is to be switched over by May 1, 2026.
- Columbia County Directors and Board met on May 16. The bulk of the meeting was discussing the new strategic plan for the County Libraries.

Buildings and Grounds

- A new solar powered flashing crosswalk has been installed across James street between the Library and City Hall. Vehicles have been stopping very quickly when it is flashing.

Library Statistics		2025 Month	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2024 Total	% Change from 2024 to 2025
	Visits (# door counts)	6,333	22,190	21,229	67,146	+4.5%
	Items Borrowed (total)	5,712	20,761	19,427	58,538	+6.9%
	% Columbus residents		49%		50%	
	% Fall River residents		11%		13%	
	% Other Columbia County		25%		21%	
	% Dodge County		11%		10%	
	% Other		4%		6%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,181	4,918	5,031	14,759	-2.2%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	15	61	92	259	-34%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	4,973	18,030	20,435	56,084	-12%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	216	914	1,008	3,077	-9.3%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	92	332	285	967	+16%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	101	385	347	1,171	+11%
	Patrons Added (# added)	24	102	128	368	-20%

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	21	407	5
Children	9	113	0
Teen	4	27	0
Adult	8	128	20
General Interest	3	137	12