

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Summer Library Program started on June 9. We currently have over 500 people signed up this year!

Youth Programs

- Chess Club is meeting weekly on Wednesdays. One of our regular teenagers pitched the idea and runs the club. We've had 15-25 people every week of all ages. A special thank-you to Shirley Berkley who had several chess kits to donate.
- Stitching Stars continues to have a great turnout with 23 crocheters coming to the May meet-up.
- To celebrate Dairy Month, the library hosted an ice cream social. We had 82 people show up and enjoy ice cream from Sassy Cow Creamery. Special thank you to the Astico Perseverance 4H Club for running the event.
- The first guest reader of the summer was Bill Breunig. We had an overflowing program room for his Storytime. On June 11 Story time moved to Home Again assisted Living.

Adult Programs

- Cherry and Jerry joined us once again for another ragtime performance on May 23.
- On May 24 the library smelled delicious as Huma Siddiqui made fish tacos for the crowd.
- Adult Craft Night continues to be a hit with 15 people attending the May 28 event where they made bookmarks out of old books.
- Catherine hosted a workshop on June 3 where she taught attendees how to convert recipes to an air fryer.
- After Hours Book Club had another strong showing with 23 people in attendance on June 5.
- The new Romantasy Book Club had its first meeting on June 9 with 21 people coming.

Upcoming Programs

- Dairy Month will continue with a special Storytime at Royal Guernsey Dairy on June 24.
- June 25 we will welcome Krystal Larson as our guest reader for Storytime. This will be her last week with the City before her retirement.
- We have several Summer Library Program events coming up including-
 - Ms. Kim's Amazing Animals on June 16
 - David Landau on June 24
 - Little Miss Ann on July 7
 - Mark Warner Yo-yo Master on July 14
- June 27 the Library will welcome author Robert Goodland with a talk about his book Beneath the Surface.
- With the sale of Cercis, the Books & Beer Book Club with Valerie Biel will now make its home in the Annex. The next author will be on June 19.










Meetings

- The Library closed for 2 hours on June 5 so all staff could attend the City of Columbus Picnic at Fireman's Park.
- The July 18 Columbia County Meetings will be taking place at Columbus Public Library.

Buildings and Grounds

- The light fixture in the elevator kept going completely out on us. S&S Electric came and found the ballast was overheating and fixed it for us.



| Library Statistics | | 2025 Month | 2025 YTD | 2024 YTD | 2024 Total | % Change from 2024 to 2025 |
|---|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
|  | Visits (# door counts) | 5,816 | 28,006 | 26,497 | 67,146 | +5.7% |
|  | Items Borrowed (total) | 4,662 | 25,423 | 23,896 | 58,538 | +6.4% |
| | % Columbus residents | | 49% | | 50% | |
| | % Fall River residents | | 11% | | 13% | |
| | % Other Columbia County | | 25% | | 21% | |
| | % Dodge County | | 11% | | 10% | |
| | % Other | | 5% | | 6% | |
|  | Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts) | 1,142 | 6,060 | 6,235 | 14,759 | -2.8% |
|  | Books by Mail (# items sent) | 9 | 70 | 103 | 259 | -32% |
|  | Public Wi-Fi (# sessions) | 6,165 | 24,195 | 26,381 | 56,084 | -8.3% |
|  | Public Computer Use (# sessions) | 225 | 1,139 | 1,277 | 3,077 | -11% |
|  | Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs) | 74 | 406 | 395 | 967 | +2.8% |
|  | Community Use of Rooms (# attended) | 99 | 484 | 454 | 1,171 | +6.6% |
|  | Patrons Added (# added) | 27 | 129 | 149 | 368 | -13% |

| Program Statistics | In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs) | In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended) | Self-Directed Activities (# participated) |
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| Future Readers | 18 | 267 | 5 |
| Children | 21 | 685 | 283 |
| Teen | 2 | 11 | 0 |
| Adult | 8 | 72 | 16 |
| General Interest | 1 | 30 | 64 |