

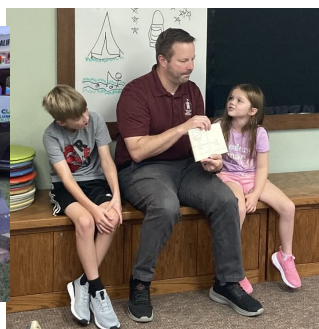
DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library News

- The Summer Library Program wrapped up with a party on August 11. We had a great turnout at the Columbus Area Aquatic Center.
- In August and September we are encouraging our patrons to visit other Carnegie Libraries. If they visit three WI Carnegie Libraries and mark them in a their Carnegie Passport, they will be entered to win a gift basket featuring local businesses.

Community Partnerships

- The Library assisted the Police Department in creating graphics for their Culvers event and sharing it out on Facebook.
- The Library attended National Night out with 6 staff. We had crafts, giveaways, and we assisted the Department of Public Works with putting handprints on their new snowplow.
- The Kiwanis Club of Columbus has generously provided hot dogs and helped serve them for our end of summer party on August 11 at the Columbus Area Aquatic Center. Jack and his team at the CAAC were great to work with and very helpful. Janet H. from the Friends of the Library also came and helped serve.



Youth Services

- Harry Potter Birthday Party-We hosted a Harry Potter Birthday Party on the lawn on July 29. There were games, crafts, and snacks for everyone!
- Library Director Storytime- Amanda read for Storytime and Catherine brought her brand new puppy, Pippa to join us on July 28
- Utilities and DPW Storytime- Utilities Director Randy Myrum joined us with a very busy Storytime on July 29. First we were joined by snowplows and then we had a special guest, Scuba Steve one of the goats from Fireman's Park.
- City Administrator Storytime- Matt Amundson was joined by Irie and JJ for storytime on August 4 featuring adventure stories.

Adult Services

- We hosted a luncheon for the Libby Reads event for I See You Called in Dead.
- Stay Crafty- Our new morning Stay Crafty group started with a great turnout! This group will meet monthly on a Friday morning going forward.

Upcoming Events

- The Library Book Clubs all continue to thrive. Our upcoming meetings:
 - August 20- 3rd Thursday Book Club: The Emperor of Gladness
 - August 27- Books & Beer with Margaret Mizushima
 - September 3- After Hours Book Club: This Book Made Me Think of You
- August 19- Trivia Night
- August 25- Cookbook Club and Tasting: Summer Snacks
- August 26- Adult Craft Night
- August 28- Stay Crafty Morning Craft Group
- September 7- Library Closed for Labor Day
- September 10- Teen and Adult Puzzle Competition
- September 12- Let's Get Green and Growing! at the Community Center



Meetings

- Our Annual SCLS visit took place on August 3 with Tracie Miller where we got to share with her everything we've been working on and what are goals are for the next year, and identify how SCLS can help with that.
- Amanda will be gone September 15-20 to the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Montgomery, AL.

Library Statistics		2026 Month	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 Total	% Change from 2025 to 2026
	Visits (# door counts)	4,514	33,383	42,022	67,988	*
	Items Borrowed (total)	4,794	31,860	37,132	59,674	*
	% Columbus residents		*		46%	
	% Fall River residents		*		12%	
	% Other Columbia County		*		23%	
	% Dodge County		*		11%	
	% Other		*		8%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,440	9,245	8,378	14,551	10%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	6	88	91	135	-3%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	7,535	40,270	35,402	39,324	14%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	232	1,693	1,581	2,592	7%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	95	626	564	993	11%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	114	800	680	1,135	18%
	Patrons Added (# added)	*	*	197	346	*

Notes about the Statistics*

- We purchased a new door counter that is less sensitive than our old. While our numbers are down, they are more accurate.
- Our circulation numbers are down significantly,. It seems to not be capturing check-outs from our self-check. This would be missing about 1,000 checkouts a month from our data.
- Patrons added data is still not available.

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	9	326	3
Children	3	28	0
Teen	3	18	0
Adult	18	189	6
General Interest	5	206	118