

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT****Library News**

- Columbus Public Library has been selected to receive a grant from the Public Library Association for Digital Literacy. This grant is for \$5,000 to use toward programs for adults to safely use the internet and their phones.
- The Library participated in Trunk-or-Treat with the Columbus P.T.O and Safe Trick-or-Treat at the Columbus Fire Station, as well as handed out candy in the Library for Halloween Storytime.
- Royal Guernsey Creamery joined us for a STEAM program on the States of Matter with Butter which was well attended.
- Trivia Night for Adults took place on November 5 with a full house in attendance. Many people have requested that this program happen again!
- Youth Services continue to have great attendance for Storytime and Music & Motion programs. They are also visiting local schools and daycares monthly. One Storytime every other month will be held at Home Again Assisted Living. This is a big hit with families and the residents.
- We have added a few adult/family board games and a disc golf set to our collection. We cut back on the amount of magazines we subscribe to, which gave us more space to add some requested items.

**Upcoming Programs**

- December 8 the Library will participate in the warm-up to the Holiday Train at the Community Center.
- December 14 the Library will be part of the Downtown Holiday Hop sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Families will stop at the Library for several different crafts they can make.
- In January we will start our Adult Book Subscription Service.
- Our Winter reading program will take place in January. The theme this year is "Once Upon a Snowy Day."
- Helen is meeting with Homeschool families to come up with a homeschool program at the Library that works for them.










**Meetings**

- November 10– Amanda attended the Celebration of Philanthropy held by the Columbus Area Endowment to accept the grant we received for our circulation desk.
- November 14– The first of monthly Community Services meetings for the City of Columbus.
- November 15– Columbia County Library Board and Directors at Lodi Public Library

\*\* January Board Meeting will be held in the Library Annex as the program room is in use.

**Buildings**

- The circulation desk project has started. The end has been taken out, lowered, and reinstalled. We are now waiting for the top to be built.
- The Annex art studio has officially been rented out and we are now full. There is no waiting list at this time. Michelle Martin has taken over the responsibility of liaison between the artists and the library.

Library Statistics		2024 Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	2023 Total
	Visits (# door counts)	5,740	57,253	53,586	62,944
	Items Borrowed (total)	4,989	50,455	45,320	53,981
	% Columbus residents		50%		52%
	% Fall River residents		13%		13%
	% Other Columbia County		21%		20%
	% Dodge County		10%		10%
	% Other		6%		5%
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,235	12,507	11,377	13,620
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	19	229	301	351
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	3,858	48,833	54,779	67,612
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	296	2,639	2,474	2,929
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	90	802	890	1,013
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	88	953	852	1,033
	Patrons Added (# added)	19	327	318	365

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	23	390	34
Children	5	48	10
Teen	4	101	0
Adult	5	32	n/a
General Interest	4	922	36