

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Library News

- South Central Library System will be migrating our ILS to SirsiDynix. From March 31 to April 15, there will be a freeze on adding materials to the catalog. From April 12 to April 15 the system will be down. We will still be able to check out materials via offline circulation, but we will not be able to make any changes or check anything in. Patrons will not have access to their accounts. On April 16 we will go live with SirsiDynix Symphony.
- Our seed library will be back this spring! Harvey Hoon is once again volunteering their time to get donations and set up the Library.

### Community Outreach

- Helen participated in Literacy Night at the Columbus Elementary School on March 4.
- The Library will once again be participating in Arbor Day on April 25 at the Pavilion.

### Youth Services

- Family Pizza & Board Game Night had a crowd on February 20. Thanks to a generous donation to our youth programs, we were able to bring this very popular program back to being monthly.
- The teens had another Be Your Own Barista program with a fantastic turn-out and a lot of fun had by all.
- The Homeschool Group continues to grow and thrive. One day there was a Ball Python and a Golden Retriever both in the program room for show and tell!
- We hosted a special Dr. Seuss Storytime and STEAM program with Nathan Barnes of the Columbus Fire Department.

### Adult Services

- Murder mystery at the Annex had a great turn-out and a great time on February 24
- Quarterly Cookbook Club and Tasting continues to be popular and the food has been delicious!
- With the popularity of Hooked on Books & Yarn, we started having "Craft-In" nights twice a month. This is an opportunity for people who enjoy crafts to come hang out with other crafters. The first meeting had a great turn-out and the participants were excited for the group.
- We will also add a monthly "Read-In" one Saturday morning a month where patrons can get together, discuss books they've been reading, and then read.
- The March 12 Gaelic Harp player had to cancel due to some medical reasons, so Catherine led an Irish sing-along in the Annex.

### Coming Up at the Library

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 19-Third Thursday Book Club: How Does That Make You Feel, Magda Eklund?</li> <li>• March 19- Book Dragons Writing Lab</li> <li>• March 21- Huma Siddiqui Cooking Demo</li> <li>• March 23, April 6, and April 20- Craft-In</li> <li>• March 24- Elements of Storytelling with Valerie Biel</li> <li>• March 26- Teen and Adult Puzzle Competition</li> <li>• March 26- Books &amp; Beer with Author Sue Berg</li> <li>• April 7- Hooked on Books &amp; Yarn</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 8- Check It Out: Chess! Strategy program with Louis Pace</li> <li>• April 9- After Hours Book Club: The Perfect Divorce</li> <li>• April 9- Libby Reads Author Talk and Luncheon</li> <li>• April 10- Author Talk: A.M. Kay</li> <li>• April 11- Adult Read-In</li> <li>• April 15- Nonfiction Book Discussion: Beyond Anxiety</li> <li>• April 16- Third Thursday Book Club: The Mighty Red</li> <li>• April 20- Romantasy Book Club: Assistant to the Villain</li> </ul> |
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### Meetings

- Amanda will be gone March 31-April 3 to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Minneapolis.
- The Columbia County Board and Directors met on Friday, March 6. The Board voted once again to give each library \$500 to offset delivery expenses.

### Facilities

- Our representative from Otis Elevator Repair did an inspection on the elevator. The unit itself is working great. There was an area of flooring that was coming up right outside the elevator on the main floor, which would be a tripping hazard. DPW was able to come and fix that for us.

Library Statistics		2026 Month	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 Total	% Change from 2025 to 2026
	Visits (# door counts)	5,431	10,038	10,409	67,988	-3.5%
	Items Borrowed (total)	4,846	9,395	9,876	59,674	-5%
	% Columbus residents		42%		46%	
	% Fall River residents		12%		12%	
	% Other Columbia County		21%		23%	
	% Dodge County		14%		11%	
	% Other		10%		8%	
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,202	2,535	2,496	14,551	2%
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	8	23	27	135	-15%
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	6,217	11,783	7,876	39,324	50%
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	269	496	463	2,592	7%
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	85	144	124	993	16%
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	123	233	202	1,135	15%
	Patrons Added (# added)	17	38	47	346	-19%

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	18	314	3
Children	9	129	0
Teen	3	32	0
Adult	12	137	4
General Interest	2	23	0