

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library News

- Sue Mathwich was given an award at the South Central Library System Foundation Cornerstone event at the Waunakee Public Library on October 3. Peter Kaland, Merry Anderson, Shirley Berkley, Sue Salter, and Amanda Wakeman attended from the Library.
- Columbus Public Library was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Columbus Area Endowment to remodel our circulation desk to make it more accessible and replace the top.
- To celebrate Fire Prevention Week the Library welcomed Nathan Barnes of the Columbus Fire Department to do storytime.
- The Library is participating in the Columbus Beautification Committee's fundraiser "Spruce Up the Cans!" Heather did a magnificent job painting our can which will be displayed in a Columbus park.

Upcoming Programs

- October 23– STEAM: States of Matter with Butter– With Royal Guernsey Creamery
- October 24– Creepy Classic Movie: The Ghost and Mrs. Muir
- October 20– The Library will be taking part in the Columbus PTO Trunk or Treat
- October 27– The Library will be taking part in the Fire Station Trick-or-Treat event.
- November 5– Trivia Night for Adults
- Our Winter reading program will take place in January. The theme this year is "Once Upon a Snowy Day."

Meetings

- September 20 the Columbia County Library Board and Directors met in Pardeeville.
- September 25– Amanda, along with the directors from Rio and Portage presented the 2025 County Library budget to the Columbia County Finance Committee. The budget was approved unanimously.
- October 24– SCLS Foundation Board of Directors meeting at SCLS Headquarters.

Buildings

- The ballast was burned out of one of the lights in the downstairs office. S & S Electric came in and installed a new LED fixture.



Storytime with Fireman Nathan Barnes of the Columbus Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week



Sue Mathwich with members of the Columbus Public Library Board at the SCLS Foundation Cornerstone



One of the designs Heather painted on our garbage can for the "Spruce Up the Cans" fundraiser for the Beautification Committee

Library Statistics		2024 Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	2023 Total
	Visits (# door counts)	5,139	51,513	48,159	62,944
	Items Borrowed (total)	4,780	45,466	40,539	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)	1,170	11,272	10,220	13,620
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	40	210	275	351
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	3,834	44,975	49,889	67,612
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	266	2,343	2,172	2,929
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	77	712	810	1,013
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	95	865	778	1,033
	Patrons Added (# added)	30	308	292	365

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities
Future Readers	8	130	40
Children	4	37	n/a
Teen	1	4	10
Adult	68	474	n/a
General Interest	2	57	30