

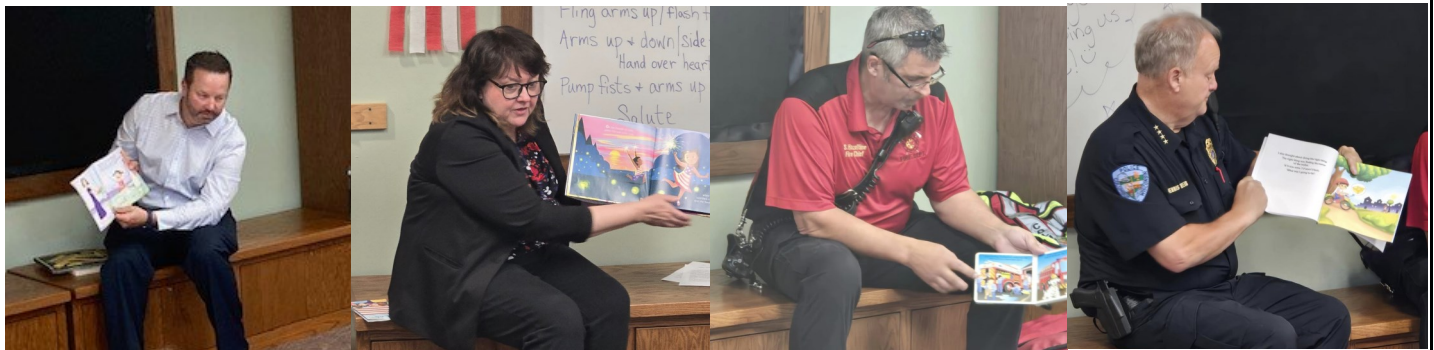
## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Library News

With the addition of Kristen Hart and Kristi Higgins to our staff, we are now at a full 12 employees. The Summer Library Program now has 550 participants and is keeping us busy everyday! Kids are coming in to pick up vouchers to local businesses, spin the prize wheel, and get their raffle tickets for the bigger prizes. We have had several adults get a "book bingo" and pick up their official Columbus Public Library water tumbler.

On July 2 we welcomed Dinosaur Dimensions as part of the SLP and we had a great turnout! We had on display for 3 weeks "Great Lakes, Small Streams" from the Wisconsin Historical Society.

City Administrator Matt Amundson, City Clerk Susan Caine, Fire Chief Scott Hazeltine, and Police Chief Dennis Weiner all joined us for story times this summer.



### Upcoming Special Events at the Library










- July 17– The Remember Project– In the Garden play in coordination with the ADRC of Columbia County.
- July 20– Antiques Roadshow Appraiser Mark Moran sponsored by the Friends of Columbus Public Library
- August 6– Library will be closing at 5:00 for National Night Out
- August 15– Summer Wrap-Up party on the Library Lawn
- August 17– Cooking Demo with Huma Siddiqui
- August 29– Authors Jenny Kalvaitis and Kristen Whitson

### Buildings

- We had some minor flooding in the basement due to an eaves trough not being installed correctly after the roofing project. DPW fixed it and we haven't had any trouble since.

### Meetings and Trainings

- June 25 Amanda, Catherine, and Helen all attended a staff Strategic Planning Meeting for the City of Columbus.
- July 18 is SCLS All Directors Meeting in Fitchburg
- July 19 is Columbia County Board and Directors in Wisconsin Dells
- June 27 and July 11– Amanda attended training for Civic Plus Agenda Manager, the new agenda software the City of Columbus will be using for all monthly meetings

Library Statistics		2024 Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	2023 Total
	Visits (# door counts)	6,778	33,275	31,599	62,944
	Items Borrowed (total)	5,468	29,364	26,317	53,981
	% Columbus residents		51%		52%
	% Fall River residents		12%		13%
	% Other Columbia County		20%		20%
	% Dodge County		10%		10%
	% Other		6%		5%
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,371	7,606	6,713	13,620
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	10	113	185	351
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	5,762	32,143	32,988	67,612
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	274	1,551	1,359	2,929
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	84	479	503	1,013
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	115	569	500	1,033
	Patrons Added (# added)	67	216	169	365
Program Statistics		In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities	
Future Readers		9	282	5	
Children		6	128	132	
Teen		1	6	n/a	
Adult		7	53	n/a	
General Interest		1	18	n/a	