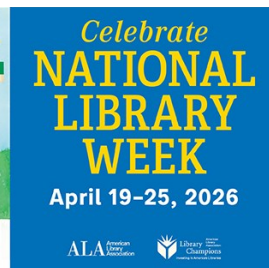


DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library News

- Happy National Library Week!
- The changeover to SirsiDynix went very well!

On April 12-15, we were able to check out patrons via offline circulation. On April 16 the new system was up and running in the morning. Susan, Deb, Amy, and Angelic were able to get everything checked-in and put away before noon!



- The Columbia County Library Board has chosen Peter Kaland as the 2026 Library Advocate of the Year. To celebrate this accomplishment, we will have a part on the library lawn Wednesday, June 3. Mark Croft will be performing as we invite the community for a pie social.
- The Seed Library is back up and running! Thank you to Harvey Hoon who got all the seeds donated and took the time to divide them up. This has been a popular offering for our patrons.

Community Outreach

- The Library will once again be participating in Arbor Day on April 25 at the Pavilion. At our booth children can make a bird feeder or a wind chime.
- The Library was also invited and will be participating in Pride in the Park on June 20 and Family Night for the 4th of July on June 30.

Youth Services

- The Book Dragons continue to meet each month to work on their writing pieces. In April they are joined each week by Valerie Biel for a Creative Writing Workshop.
- The week of April 5 was Spring Break in Columbus, so each day was a fun program including movies, games, crafts, and bingo!

Adult Services

- Huma Siddiqui demonstrated a delicious recipe for a crowd on March 21. This time her dishes featured okra along with her Pakistani spices.
- Valerie Biel worked with small group of aspiring authors on March 24.
- On April 9 we hosted a luncheon and virtual author visit for a Libby Reads event.

Meetings










- Amanda did not attend the PLA Conference in Minneapolis as planned due to illness. She was able to switch the registration to virtual and attend sessions that way.

Building and Grounds

- A window pane fell out of the attic window at the Annex. Devon from DPW was able to fix it using plexiglass.
- The roof was leaking after the large snowstorm in March. Great Lakes Roofing came and discovered it was a leaking turbine vent. They reinstalled the vent and it hasn't leaked since, even with heavy rain and wind.

Coming Up at the Library

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 20– Romantasy Book Club: Assistant to the Villain • April 20– Art From the Heart Club • April 22– Adult Craft Night • April 22– Soft Pants Society Meeting • April 23– Tween Creative Writing Workshop • April 23– Books & Beer with Donna Rewolinski • April 23– Adult Trivia Night • April 30– Author Talk: Andrea Thalasinis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 4– Teen Afternoon: Cinco de Mayo Party • May 7– Library After Hours Books Club: My Friends • May 9– Adult Read-In • May 11– Art from the Heart Club • May 14– Teen and Adult Puzzle Competition <p>Ongoing Programs-</p> <p>Every Monday– Homeschool Program</p> <p>Tuesdays/Wednesdays– Preschool Storytime and Music and Motion</p> |
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| Library Statistics | | 2026 Month | 2026 YTD | 2025 YTD | 2025 Total | % Change from 2025 to 2026 |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------------------------|
|  | Visits (# door counts) | 5,244 | 15,282 | 15,857 | 67,988 | -3% |
|  | Items Borrowed (total) | 4,436 | 13,831 | 15,049 | 59,674 | -8% |
| | % Columbus residents | | 43% | | 46% | |
| | % Fall River residents | | 12% | | 12% | |
| | % Other Columbia County | | 21% | | 23% | |
| | % Dodge County | | 13% | | 11% | |
| | % Other | | 11% | | 8% | |
|  | Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts) | 1,331 | 3,866 | 3,737 | 14,551 | 3% |
|  | Books by Mail (# items sent) | 11 | 34 | 46 | 135 | -26% |
|  | Public Wi-Fi (# sessions) | 4,480 | 16,263 | 13,057 | 39,324 | 25% |
|  | Public Computer Use (# sessions) | 248 | 744 | 698 | 2,592 | 7% |
|  | Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs) | 118 | 262 | 240 | 993 | 9% |
|  | Community Use of Rooms (# attended) | 137 | 370 | 284 | 1,135 | 30% |
|  | Patrons Added (# added) | 32 | 70 | 78 | 346 | -10% |

| Program Statistics | In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs) | In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended) | Self-Directed Activities (# participated) |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Future Readers | 18 | 250 | 2 |
| Children | 9 | 132 | 0 |
| Teen | 4 | 27 | 0 |
| Adult | 16 | 165 | 0 |
| General Interest | 1 | 19 | 0 |