

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Youth Programs

- Overall, regular programs are going great at the Library. We are pausing our Babies on Blankets program and adding in another Storytime day. For three months we've had one or zero participants.
- Helen and Susan visit 9 different classrooms each month between the two of them at Fall River School, Zion Lutheran School, Redbud Daycare in Fall River, Cardinal Country Daycare, St. Jerome's, Little Adventures, and Kids and Company.
- The Tween Writing Workshop program with Valerie Biel wrapped up in April. It was well attended and the jr. authors seemed to really enjoy it.

Adult Programs

- We completed Tech Tuesday after 4 sessions. They were all well attended and seemed to be beneficial. Farmers and Merchants Union Bank joined us for the March 25 session to talk about scams.
- The first monthly craft night with Kristen Hart was held and had 17 people attend. The next one will be on April 23.
- Library After Hours Book Club had 24 people attend in April. Unfortunately, this was too many for the Annex so we are moving this program to the 161 Building moving forward.
- Chad Lewis joined us for a presentation on Wisconsin's Gangster Past with a great turnout.
- Russ Horton joined the genealogy group with a presentation about finding military ancestors.

Upcoming Programs

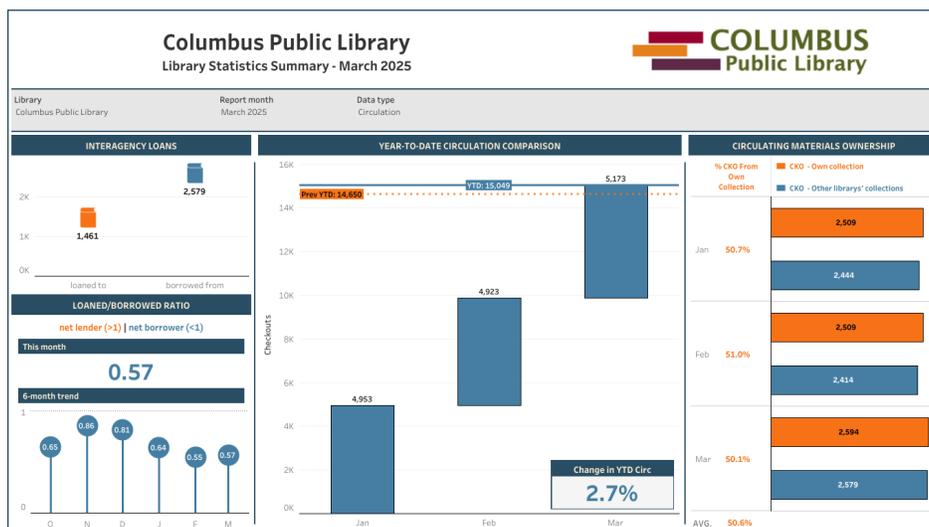
- In June we are starting a new Romantasy Book Club one Monday night a month. There has been a lot of interest in this genre and a lot of people are planning on attending this book club. The first meeting is June 9 at 6:00 in the Annex.
- George Hesselberg will be joining us on April 22 to discuss his book, Dead Lines.
- May 10 will be a dog blanket crochet workshop for people to make blankets that will be donated to the Columbia County Humane Society.

Meetings

- The Employee Engagement Team for the City provided a free Subway lunch for Library staff on April 9 to celebrate National Library Week.

Buildings and Grounds

- DPW replaced the tiles in the entryway that were stained due to a leak. It has rained a few times since the roof was repaired, and it appears that the problem was fixed.
- The toilet in the annex was leaking into the basement. Wright Plumbing came and took care of the problem.
- DPW has repaired the ramp going in to the annex by removing all of the rotten boards and replaced them with new. This is covered by a grant from Enbridge that the Friends of the Library received



Library Statistics		2025 Month	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	2024 Total	% Change from 2024 to 2025	
	Visits (# door counts)	5,448	15,857	15,613	67,146	+1.6%	
	Items Borrowed (total)	5,173	15,049	14,650	58,538	+2.7%	
	% Columbus residents		49%				50%
	% Fall River residents		12%				13%
	% Other Columbia County		24%				21%
	% Dodge County		11%				10%
	% Other		4%				6%
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,251	3,737	3,852	14,759	-3%	
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	19	46	77	259	-40%	
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	5,181	13,057	15,210	56,084	-14%	
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	235	698	706	3,077	-1%	
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	116	240	166	967	+45%	
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	82	284	248	1,171	+15%	
	Patrons Added (# added)	31	78	96	368	-18%	

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities (# participated)
Future Readers	21	343	3
Children	9	120	10
Teen	4	31	0
Adult	9	116	19
General Interest	3	101	21