

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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CATEGORY	FEB 2024	MAR 2024	APR 2024	Monthly Change	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	
Circulation						
Total Circulation	3300	3553	3460	-2.6%	13797	
Holds Placed	1113	731	632	-13.5%	3434	
Visits						
Main Library	2944	3353	3704	+10.4%	12822	
Annex	143	136	123	-9.5%	518	
Total	3087	3489	3827	+18.9%	13340	
Collection Development						
Items Added	199	276	203	-26.4%	890	
Items Removed	412	88	26	-70.5%	553	
Patrons						
Cards Added	44	37	81	+11.9%	200	
Cards Removed	0	6	3	-5.0%	1151	
Technology Use						
Library Computers	200	220	217	-1.4%	789	
Annex Computers	6	8	6	-25%	28	
Wireless Internet	227	264	256	-3.03%	983	
Total	433	492	479	-2.64%	1800	
Other Items						
Meeting Room Use	35	36	35	+2.8%	140	
Website Visits	819	678	739	+9%	2975	
Facebook Reach	3132	3604	3145	-12.07%	12924	
Facebook Page Visits	583	772	764	-1.03%	3182	
Facebook New Likes	8	8	12	+25%	33	

Programming Data

Age Group	March		April		Year-to-Date Totals	
	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees
0-5	4	114	6	239	14	447
6-11	3	90	4	88	11	279
12-18	0	0	0	0	0	0
19+	3	25	3	27	12	110
General (All Ages)	3	96	0	0	5	164
TOTALS	13	325	16	412	42	1000

Programming: We had three St. Joe's visits, Crafty Saturdays on the second Saturday of the month and Storytime every Monday morning. We will not have Storytime in the month of May due to Carol G. preparing for Summer Programming.

The Summer Reading Program begins on June 1st. Staff has been busy aiding Carol G. in preparing promotions. The new bookmark handout looks super.

Carol Gleichauf participated in the DES Family Literacy and Math Night. The event was very well attended. Carol did not have actual attendance numbers but she estimated around 200+ people attended.

Nancy Ashmore held a Composting 101 program on April 23. We have part two of the Henry Dodge series on May 16 and a Climate Reality program on May 20.

Three book clubs met in April – the Mystery and Faithful Readers books clubs meet at the Annex. The Adult Book Club meets at the main library. We continue to add new members to the Adult book club with another new Dodgeville resident / patron starting in May.

Tables and Chairs for the main Library and the Annex have been ordered and are due to ship around June 5th to coincide with the delivery of the new book/magazine cases. A patron was kind enough to take our old wood magazine rack home to be used for his vinyl collection.

Carol Murphy attended the PLAC directors meeting in Fennimore. There was a super turnout of all but two directors attending. This was the first in-person meeting in many months.

Carol Murphy attended the Technology Committee meeting in Fennimore. The focus was on revamping all committees and inclusion of all libraries. We hope some of the ideas will draw some of the smaller libraries into joining the conversations.

Tom Broman, the Iowa County Democrat Chair, held their Caucus/meeting at the Annex on Sunday, April 28th.

The Postcard group continues to meet in the library every Wednesday, but are looking forward to switching back to the Annex after the Presidential election.

The Ridgeway Volunteer Library numbers continue to be strong. We did not have Storytime in the month of April. We held a volunteer open house on April 18. The volunteers were able to drop in to meet one another, library staff, and enjoy refreshments. The feedback was positive, we are planning another one on May 14.

I would like to find a home for the wood computer carrels and start moving them out. We have two high school pages who might take two. The rest? If no one takes them, we will deliver them to the city dumpsters to be discarded.

Three patron computers are ready to be discontinued. This will be done in the next couple of weeks coinciding with the furniture moves.

Two library pages will be graduating in May – Nik and Ren. We will begin advertising to fill the positions soon. We will involve our new Library Director, Carrie in the process.

Show and tell: Mt. Horeb Library's welcome packet for new patrons. Great ideas for a new packet for Dodgeville?