

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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CATEGORY	OCT. 2023	NOV. 2023	DEC. 2023	2024 TOTAL	2023 TOTAL	ANNUAL % CHANGE
Circulation						
Total Circulation	3,465	3,139	2,793	42,526	39,898	+6.6%
Holds Placed	791	783	820	9,639	8,386	+14.9%
Visits						
Main Library	3,317	2,833	2,498	37,090	33,439	+10.9%
Annex	119	124	110	1,707	1,161	+47.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,436</i>	<i>2,957</i>	<i>2,608</i>	<i>38,797</i>	<i>34,600</i>	<i>+12.1%</i>
Collection Development						
Items Added	540	287	346	2,759	1,604	+72.0%
Items Removed	117	73	23	4,829	11,549	-58.2%
Patrons						
Cards Added	53	15	16	480	444	+8.1%
Cards Removed	88	224	156	495	634	-21.9%
Technology Use						
Library Computers	206	200	153	2,436	N/A	N/A
Annex Computers	8	3	6	99	N/A	N/A
Wireless Internet	299	241	219	3,460	3,184	+8.7%
<i>Total</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>444</i>	<i>378</i>	<i>5,995</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Other Items						
Meeting Room Use	22	32	26	326	N/A	N/A
Website Visits	570	606	618	8,044	N/A	N/A
Facebook Reach	5,386	3,567	4,254	66,5226	N/A	N/A
Facebook Page Visits	511	614	966	7,907	N/A	N/A
Facebook New Likes	3	11	4	128	N/A	N/A

Programming Data

Age Group	November		December		Year-to-Date Totals	
	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees	Programs	Attendees
0-5	4	102	2	45	37	1,140
6-11	3	70	3	74	52	1,726
12-18	0	0	0	0	5	49
19+	2	19	0	0	68	1,483
General (All Ages)	4	56	4	108	63	1,624
TOTALS	13	247	9	227	225	6,022

In 2022, the library reported a total of 211 programs with a total of 3,683 participants. Number of programs increased by 7.6%%, and attendance increased by 63.5%.

WIFI NUMBERS: It was recently brought to our attention that our Wi-Fi usage numbers are quite low compared to other, smaller libraries in the system. We are working with SWLS and Prairie Lakes Library System (they provide our technology support) to see if we can identify why this may be. Numbers have been around the 3,000 mark annually for at least the last five years.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: A bill has been introduced in Madison that would charge school and public librarians, staff, and potentially board members, with a felony if they are found to have exposed a child to “obscene” materials. Assembly Bill 308 was introduced by Representatives Allen (R – Waukesha), Bodden (R – Hibbert), Brandtjen (R – Menomonee Falls), Maxey (R – New Berlin), Murphy (R – Greenville), and Wichgers (R Muskego) and has been cosponsored by Senators Jacque (R- DePere) and Nass (R – Whitewater). It has been referred to the Committee on Education. Current law protects public and school library staff and trustees from prosecution. This law reads similarly to those that have been floated in Texas and other states. More on this may come to light at Library Legislative Day on February 6. If it does, I’ll send an update. **WLA now has a [“Bills We Are Watching”](#) page on their website.**

FACILITIES UPDATES

Bathroom Project: The bathroom project is now complete! Please note that our new changing table was installed at the recommended ADA height, so it may feel low to taller patrons. This way, we can ensure we have a table that works for someone in a wheelchair. The bathroom closest to the outside door has the “taller” (original) table.

New Tables and Chairs in Children’s Area. New tables and chairs in the children’s area arrived right before Christmas. We’ve already had some nice complements about them and they are being used!

STAFFING: Additional Library Assistant position was posted on December 20, with first round of consideration starting on Thursday, January 11. Will try to get someone identified prior to the end of the month to help with coverage as soon as possible once Angela is gone.