

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Prepared September 7, 2023

| CATEGORY | JUNE 2023 | JULY 2023 | AUGUST 2023 | MONTHLY CHANGE | YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Circulation | | | | | |
| Total Circulation | 4,524 | 4,142 | 4,111 | - 0.7% | 29,986 |
| Holds Placed | 761 | 721 | 1,038 | + 44.0% | 6,444 |
| Visits | | | | | |
| Main Library | 3,766 | 3,476 | 3,492 | + 0.5% | 25,413 |
| Annex | 154 | 151 | 184 | + 21.9% | 1,216 |
| Total | 3,920 | 3,627 | 3,676 | + 1.4% | 26,629 |
| Collection Development | | | | | |
| Items Added | 222 | 168 | 204 | + 21.4% | 1,432 |
| Items Removed | 189 | 497 | 2,105 | + 323.5% | 4,588 |
| Patrons | | | | | |
| Cards Added | 59 | 44 | 36 | - 18.2% | 364 |
| Cards Removed | 3 | 4 | 1 | - 75.0% | 22 |
| Technology Use | | | | | |
| Library Computers | 234 | 209 | 200 | - 4.3% | 1,691 |
| Annex Computers | 10 | 8 | 12 | + 50.0% | 78 |
| Wireless Internet | 390 | 328 | 297 | - 9.5% | 2,437 |
| Total | 634 | 545 | 509 | - 6.6% | 4,206 |
| Other Items | | | | | |
| Meeting Room Use | 21 | 22 | 19 | - 13.6% | 214 |
| Website Visits | 766 | 610 | 642 | + 5.3% | 5,744 |
| Facebook Reach | 11,445 | 5,797 | 3,507 | - 39.5% | 50,132 |
| Facebook Page Visits | 1,724 | 1,237 | 668 | - 46.0% | 5,279 |
| Facebook New Likes | 13 | 13 | 11 | - 15.4% | 94 |

Collection Development

- Weeding of the YA and Adult sections for 2023 is complete. Significantly fewer items were removed this year compared to last year. Ensuring we weed the entire collection annual will help prevent extremely large weeds in the future.
- Carol G. continues to weed in the Children's area as she has time.
- As we start to approach the end of the fiscal year, more emphasis will be put on spending down our materials budget, so you may see more books than usual added as we target some collections for replacement.

Programming Data

| Age Group | July | | August | | Year-to-Date Totals | |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | Programs | Attendees | Programs | Attendees | Programs | Attendees |
| 0-5 | 4 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 695 |
| 6-11 | 9 | 435 | 3 | 146 | 40 | 1,430 |
| 12-18 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 49 |
| 19+ | 5 | 245 | 3 | 130 | 40 | 1,378 |
| General (All Ages) | 4 | 90 | * | * | 42 | 1,260 |
| TOTALS | 24 | 870 | 6 | 276 | 150 | 4,812 |

* Ridgeway outreach number for August had not been reported by the time of this report.

Ridgeway Update: Starting September 11, 2023, our weekly service day is moving to Mondays!

Upcoming Programs:

- **Story Time** returns on Monday, September 18 at 10:15 a.m.
- **LEGO at the Library** will move to the second Monday of each month (no school day for Dodgeville School District), with our next session on Monday, September 11 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Crafty Kids** will be offered the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Remaining projects will be made available the following Monday. The September craft is an apple tree banner and October is a 3D fall harvest scene.
- **Book Clubs** continue to meet monthly
- Nancy A. is working on scheduling a historical presentation on the life of Henry Dodge in mid-October.

Other Items

- Nearly all of our staff attended the August 11 training day held at the Iowa County Human Service building. The morning session included training on customer service and working as a team from Jamie Matczak from the Wisconsin Valley Library System. A lunch was provided by the Southwest Wisconsin Library System, and the afternoon included a presentation on services provided by Iowa County Public Health and time for Dodgeville staff to have a debrief and create an action plan from the meeting. Overall, the training included about 30 people, with half from Dodgeville Public Library and half from other libraries around SWLS.
- SWAL (Southwest Wisconsin Association of Libraries) Annual Conference will be Friday, November 3, 2023 at the Iowa County Human Services building and we will plan to close for the day so that all staff who would like to, can attend. Traditionally we have closed to attend and this was scheduled as part of our staff meetings/training schedule approved for the year.
- Carol Murphy will take a WordPress course offered through Gale Courses this fall in preparation for a website redesign in the future.
- The Wisconsin Library Association Conference is October 24–27, 2023 in Middleton. Angela will be presenting one session.
- Staff evaluations will be completed in October.