

# Adult Services Librarian Report August 2025

## Programming

### Make and Mingle

In August Jenny instructed patrons in an extra special two-part make and mingle! Patrons learned how to decorate a rock via mandala rock dotting. This has historically been our most popular Make and Mingle craft, and the turnout did not disappoint!



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*An intricate dot pattern being painted on a rock.*

### Mario Kart World

In June the new video game console Nintendo Switch 2 came out, along with a new Mario Kart game. I held a tournament for the kids on June 24<sup>th</sup>. They had a blast competing against one another while Kim prepared some Nintendo themed crafts for them to do as part of her ATLAS program. The competition was fierce and many of the kids said they were happy they got to try out the new game.



*Kids competing for first place playing Mario Kart World.*

## Antique Appraisal Event

On July 12th Mark Moran stopped by the library to appraise our patrons' antiques. Mark is from Iowa and has written many books on appraising antiques. He was also on Antiques Roadshow for 9 seasons. The event was full, with 40 people showing up to find out how much their items were worth, and 20 more coming just to watch. Some of the items appraised included pottery, day bed, secretary's desk, a wrestling belt trophy, dolls, wagons, chests, and much more! I was told by multiple attendees that they enjoyed the event immensely and would like us to have it again.



*Mark (left) appraising an antique folding day bed.*

## Library Games

John's board game night has recently started picking up traction. Six people came to August's board game night and played a variety of games for hours. Hopefully this trend continues! Sheephead also continues to be a success. We regularly have about 8 people playing and they enjoy staying and playing far past the scheduled end of the program since they are having so much fun!

## Workforce Development

Via a temporary work placement made possible by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and Valley Packaging Industries Joseph has been helping us dust and straighten our shelves this summer. He comes twice a week for an hour at a time. We are very appreciative of his help!

## Media

On June 19<sup>th</sup> a patron informed us that a snapping turtle was in the road next to the canal in front of the library. I volunteered to help it on its way. We posted a picture to Facebook, thinking that it might be mildly entertaining, but two local news stations picked up the story and came to interview me about it. They also interviewed Brad at 1000 Islands. More exposure for the library!



*Me ready to grab the turtle (left). Me recounting the tale (right).*