

Adult Services Librarian Report September 2025

Programming

Bill Jamerson

Bill Jamerson stopped by to tell stories and sing songs about the Civilian Conservation Corps, an initiative started by FDR in 1933. The CCC planted trees, built roads, cleared forest brush, built state parks, and much more in the nearly 10 years they were operational. Bill collected stories from CCC members over the years and wrote a book and a music CD about their experiences. He shared them with us on 9/16. The turnout was modest, but attendees were very invested and enjoyed the history!



Bill Jamerson singing about life as a CCC member.

Listening Lounge

On September 2nd Amber started her first program here at the library! The listening lounge is like a book club for music. The first album the group listened to was Born in the USA by Bruce Springsteen. Prior to the program, Amber repurposed our Summer Learning Program Prize Drawing Board to provide patrons an opportunity to let her know which music genres they might be interested in discussing. The first program was a great success, with 7 people attending. Conversation continued flowing as people left the program and walked to their vehicles. We are hopeful that we can continue the program with such a positive attendance.

Make and Mingle

On September 10th Jenny returned to her regularly held Make and Mingle craft event on the second Wednesday evening of the month. This month was a cute forest diorama called a “Wood Slice Forest”. Jenny cut acorns in half and provided twigs and grass for patrons to create a miniature forest diorama that can be used as a display piece or an ornament.



Acorns, twigs, and grass being glued to wooden circles (left). The finished product (right).

Meeting Rooms

Our new offices and meeting rooms were completed in August 2025. I've received lot of positive feedback after opening the new room for public booking at the beginning of the month. It is much easier for patrons to find meeting space that meets the needs of their groups. There have been far less instances of being forced to book a larger group in the boardroom if conference room ABC is already in use. For bookings ranging from September to December 2025, I've so far not had to make a single concession, which was commonplace previously.

ILS Committee

Things are beginning to move quickly in the search for a new Integrated Library System (ILS). This would replace CARL and potentially Infosoup as well. The month of September is full of reference interviews and demos for various ILS systems and discovery layers (a new coat of paint for Infosoup). The ILS committee is still collecting everything we are learning from these demos and reference interviews into a single spreadsheet to help us make the most informed decision on which software system will best serve our library system. A formal proposal will be made later this year.