

Report of the Library Director for Sept/Oct 2025 Activities

Collection updates:

We continue our constant weeding process to make room for new materials.

We received another 6 boxes from Senator Wyden and the Library of Congress. These boxes are all kid and teen materials.

Building issues:

We are needing to replace the light fixtures in the staff area and will take this opportunity to upgrade to LED. We are also getting estimates for replacing the front porch window (the one behind the bench).

In building updates:

New bean bags are on the way for the teen area.

Our newly updated hours started on October 4th. We shifted our hours to 10am-3pm on Saturdays. We had more people in that first hour than we typically did from 3-4pm and Harvest Festival is typically a very low use day.

In-person Programming:

We saw well over 200 + kids at Harvest Festival. We gave out over 60 pounds of candy and prizes and watched kids decorate 150 trick or treat bags.

We had over 70 teens attend our clothing giveaway and gave away 80% of our donations. The leftovers were passed along to another group. We will be doing a Kid's clothing drive after Thanksgiving, with a giveaway in January, TBD.

We have a DnD group that formed over the summer that is playing together once a month. Sunshine Industries visits once a month and alternates craft time and movie time each month.

New Building:

Work session at 3pm before our meeting in November. There are a few more pieces of property for sale currently off of Main, just past City Hall.

Other updates:

We are waiting for deposits from several of our recent grants before spending money on the necessary items.

We are still waiting for parts for our Handicap access door for that grant funded work to move forward.

We will be receiving a grant for STEM kits. I am just waiting for the final paperwork to announce.

Conference wrap up-

I attended the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Annual conference in Albuquerque September 17-21. I co- presented a session on: Reducing Substance Abuse through Community Learning and Bibliotherapy. We had a packed room and lots of good questions.

I attended sessions on :

Building up our communities: leveraging community partnerships to enhance library services
Emergency Management in Libraries

Directors, Managers and Administrators group discussion

Navigating New building projects

From Anxiety to Action how the sustainable libraries certification program builds stronger communities (we will be receiving a 1 year membership to the Sustainable Library program)

There's always something happening at the library: becoming a daily destination for your community

Speaking with Legislators: making your voice heard

Empowering communities through partnerships

Film Screening of "The Librarians" (during lunch)

Community Webs Workshop (attendance paid for my airfare and hotel and will give us access to several of their products for digital collections)

Plus keynote speakers and networking activities.