

Report of the Librarian for April 2022 Activities

Unfinished Business:

1000 Books Before Kindergarten kicked off on April 1. 4 Children's have completed their first 100 books by the end of April.

Continuing to work on setting up Summer Reading, setting up partnerships for the Art in the Park events.

Waiting for the System of Care grant check for teen outreach programming to come in. Should be here by the end of the month

New Business:

Consortium library Director's met at Lebanon Public Library. Had a tour of the building.

Our circulation continues to go up. 4/26 was the highest circulation day I have seen here, with over 300 items checking out that day.

Spoke with the Albany Democrat Herald about Albany going fine free.

Spoke with the New Era about changes in the library since last Summer.

Collection updates:

All the collections in the building have been reviewed since August. We are now looking at some additional minor moves of collections for better access for patrons. We are now better positioned to be able to stay on top of damage and age issues with items as they come up individually.

Building issues:

An exterminator came by (third visit) to try rid us of an ant issue.

In building updates:

Added No Pets signs to the doors for staff to better be able to respond to pets brought into the building.

Ordered new toys for the children's area. The Fire Station toy was broken and could no longer be repaired.

Passive Programming:

The craft table is going well. This month we have a craft for Mother's Day.

We gave away sunflower seeds, pots and dirt pods for Earth Day week.

We had activity and coloring sheets for Easter, Earth Day and Mother's Day.

In-person Programming:

The Community reads discussions for Braiding Sweetgrass was on April 19th and 20th. About 15 people participated in the discussion groups. Most readers are now waiting for the next book.

We are looking at the end of August possibly for the next book.

New Building:

Meeting set with Community and Economic Development Director to initially identify possible property. Looking into potential flood plain issues on potential sites.

Had a conversation with the State Library about funding opportunities via grants, foundations and a possibility of federal funds.