

Report of the Library Director for March-April 2026 Activities

This is a summary since the last meeting in February 2026.

Collection updates:

We continue to purchase books for our Harm Reduction grant. These books are checking out at a good rate and people are enthusiastic about the subject matter, We received another box of kid's books from the Library of Congress/Senator Wyden. We did our first weed of the puzzle/game collection. Less than 5 items haven't checked out in the last 2 years! These were mostly puzzles.

Building issues:

We purchased a commercial vacuum for the building. We hope this will allow our carpet to continue to hold up!

In building updates:

We continue to use every inch of space that we have! The Seed Library and Food Pantry in our Lobby area continue to be heavily used. We are giving out over 100 packets of seeds every day. Donations to our food Pantry come in and go out every day. Most items are only there for a few hours before someone takes it (except canned tomato products...still).

In-person Programming:

Our Summer Reading Programs are almost all set up! Kira has done amazing work lining up presenters for this summer.

We are shifting our Teen movie night to invite Tweens and Teens (ages 10-19). This change means that all movies shown will be rated PG. We already shifted out teen game night to include tweens and had 15 participants (up from our typical 8-10)

New Building:

Nothing new to report

Other updates:

Our System of Care grant that covers the needs of rural teens was renewed. This grant allows us to purchase hygiene supplies, food and a few other needed items that are used by teens.

We just received word of another grant being accepted that will cover technology geared towards work, education and health monitoring. More details to come (*I should know the amount by the time of this meeting*)

I will be at an ARSL Board Leadership in Birmingham retreat the first week of May.