

**WATERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
For June 2025**

<b>Libby: Audio, Ebook &amp; Magazine Checkouts</b>		
	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2025</u></b>
January:	4,028	3,974
February:	3,630	3,671
March:	3,934	3,976
April:	3,832	3,986
May	3,890	3,937
June:	3,750	
July:	4,066	
August:	3,723	
Sept.	3,465	
October	3,569	
November	3,494	
December	3,572	
Totals	44,953	

Physical Circulation for June	26,262
June Libby:	4,065
June Libby Mags	604
June Hoopla	555
2025 Monthly Total	31,486
2024 June Total	26,202
New Cards	171

## **Library Director's Notes:**

Hannah Hirsch joined the Adult Services team. All is going well. She is currently working on her MLS.

DPW completed the painting of parking lines in the parking lot. It looks great and patrons will be happy too!

Summer has been quiet in the Teen Room. Teens have been filtering back and we are seeing new faces visiting the space. No Stay Out orders were issued.

Summer programs have been well attended. Our first Community Room program, Snakes Discovery! was a hit! Last year I suggested to Tina that we split this program into a morning show and an afternoon show due to crowding. One program was paid for by Bridges and the afternoon program was paid for by Friends. Both programs had attendance of about 250 people. Next up is a magician,

Digicorp was at the library to install fiber on July 1.

Tod and John spent a morning repairing the lift. Wires were pulled out, fuses blown but they were able to fix the issue.(s) They saved us a service call and repair visit.

Back in my years as the Children's Librarian I worked with a colleague, Shannon Barniskis, on several presentations at WLA. Shannon has gone on to earn her PhD and is now an Assistant Professor at UKY School of Information Science. She is studying Maker Spaces in libraries and would like to visit/study our location for 2 weeks in July. I'm intrigued and agreed to a visit so that she can study our space.

If you recall that hot weekend a few backs, power was going "in and out" and a panel on the unit that cools the Community Room as affected due to a power surge. Sure Fire came out and provided a repair estimate. I approved moving forward so that the panel could be ordered. The estimate is

David Yelk contacted a business in Waukesha, on the libraries behalf, about donating a metal detector to the library. Wolfgang Otto has graciously volunteered to donate this item to our "Library of Things".

The donated pictures I showed you last month have been hung in the Community Room.

I had an idea and Bill Bedford and John made it possible. I was looking at slides of the library and needed to bring my very old slide projector from home. In short, Bill donated a “vintage” Kodak Carousel projector to our “Library of Things” collection. It has a nice leather case, spare bulb, and directions. I’m hoping that patrons with slides will check this out! John donated extra carousels to the project.

### **Monthly Department Information**

#### **Adult:**

In June we welcomed Hannah to the Adult Services team. She has completed her two weeks of training, has caught on very quickly and is fitting right in! She will organize her first program at the end of July (showing *Jaws* for the movie's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary). I held another Puzzle Contest on June 17 that was popular, as well as having larger-than-usual attendance for Bookies Book Club on June 25. I was asked to help Angela and Mellanie from Bridges choose a new vendor for the Library Memory Project website revamp they are planning. I'll receive more info on that in the coming weeks, but I'm happy to be part of that project. I attended ALA in Philadelphia, which was certainly the highlight of my month! I met one of my favorite authors, lots of passionate librarians from around the country and got to hear the former Librarian of Congress speak. 15,000 people attended the conference, and I'm thrilled I got to be one of them!

~Jamie

#### **Children's:**

June has been a VERY busy month, as it usually is in the Children's Department this time of year! We kicked off our Summer Library Challenge with a Kickoff Party, enjoying mini-ice cream cookie sandwiches and some facepainting while getting registered for the SLC. The theme this summer is Color Our World so we're leaning into the arts/crafts/creativity themes for programs. For our school age kids, we've had weekly Camp Library programs with tie-dyeing, Space Camp, Painting Palooza and Outdoor Games (indoors due to weather!) so far. We had Club LEGO and our new Crafty Kids Club, as well as our first of two Mystery Lunches of the summer, both of which had full registration within the first week of June. We had our first Family Fun Nights of the summer with Life Size Candy Land and Picnic Bingo. Reading with Rover continues throughout the summer, and we love having

our furry friends here to read with year-round! We had our first performance of the summer with the return of Snake Discovery! Bridges sponsors three family performers and one teen performer in the summer, Snake Discovery being one of them. This year, we opted to have two shows since animals tend to bring large crowds, and Friends sponsored the second show for us. We had 520 people between the two shows, so it was a good idea to break that up so more people could attend and enjoy the reptiles! I'm excited to say that our registration for the Summer Library Challenge has already exceeded 2024 SLC registration participants! In 2024, we had 1020 kids, 301 teens and 352 adults. So far for 2025, we have 1057 kids, 307 teens and 418 adults with a month left to go! It's been a great summer so far and we're excited to get to the second half of our Summer Library Challenge!

~Tina

### **Circulation Department:**

Welcome, summertime with your nice long days and warm breezes!

We are so happy to have a full staff!

It has been thrilling to meet so many patrons from other libraries. They have been visiting us to read our part of the story and fill in a bit of the clues to solve The Journey of Dragons Library Challenge. What a great way to encourage patrons to visit all the libraries in the Bridges system! Kids have been very excited about it too which is so awesome to see!

This month's display has been quite popular! It is titled: "That's my story!" featuring memoirs, autobiographies and biographies! So many stories to be told! Sue in circulation does an outstanding job creating these displays every month!

We moved the videogames from the YA gaming room to the Library of Things area on the lower level. This has increased visibility of them and we also added some new titles.

We have had new faces coming in from the events across the street and those seeking relief from the heat and realizing what a wonderful library this is to spend time in.

See you at the library!

~ Cari