

Library Report

Dates included: March 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024

Circulation Statistics: 3,111 Checkouts

Cards issued: 90 new cards (24 digitally through the website)

Materials Added: 335 Items Value: \$5,208.56

Materials Weeded: 20 Items Value: \$166.80

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,493 eBooks, 3,801 eAudiobooks, and 445 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 45 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,465

Total number of computer users: 133

Total number of reference questions: 822

Community Room reservations: 20 Regular ****note that we are using the room almost daily for library/ community events, GED/ESL, and for Fire/EMT classes****

Program totals: 15 Total Programs: Family – 2 | Preschool – 9 | School Age – 2 | Teen – 1 | Adult – 176 |

Total Activity Participation: 401 Total: 195 Children | 18 School Age | 12 Teens | 176 adults

February Beanstack overview: 1 New Registrations | 1,195 books | 5,975 minutes read | 39 Active Readers

Volunteer Hours: 27:44 hours

Effective March 1st the Library adjusted our operating hours to accommodate more open hours on Saturdays for our working families that are unable to come much during the work week. We reduced our hours on Fridays, now closing at 6 pm instead of 8 pm, and added hours on Saturday, opening at 10 am instead of 1 pm. This has been a welcome change for our users, and we are already seeing increased traffic on Saturday mornings. We will be adding additional programs to our Saturday calendar beginning in June. This will allow many of our working families, many of whom regularly tell us they wish they could come to storytime, to attend programs that better fit their busy schedules.

We recently distributed our annual summer reading donation letters to local businesses and Library supporters. To be more physically present in the community, both Taylor and I went around to many of our local businesses and hand-delivered donation letters along with 4 pairs of solar eclipse glasses. We allocated 2 hours one morning and were able to meet many of our community business owners and visit about ways we can work together in the future. We unfortunately did not make it to everyone, but we were able to mail out the rest and we are already seeing donations come in. These funds will be used to support our summer outreach programs and any remaining funds will be placed into our building fund for future development plans. Currently, our Library Advisory Board is working on additional fundraising projects to work towards developing the land adjacent to the Library. The board has set a three-year goal to have the funds and begin developing that space for the community, followed by plans to expand the building to allow the Library to continue to meet the needs of our growing community.