

Library Report

Dates included: April 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Circulation Statistics: 3,571 Checkouts

Cards issued: 101 new cards (19 digitally through the website)

Materials Added: 262 Items Value: \$4,672.80

Materials Weeded: 404 Items Value: \$5,042.67

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,308 eBooks, 3,632 eAudiobooks, and 196 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 42 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,509

Total number of computer users: 133

Total number of reference questions: 923

Community Room reservations: 13 Regular **note that we are using the room almost daily for library/ community events, GED/ESL, and for Fire/EMT classes**

Program totals: 16 Total Programs: Family – 3 | Preschool – 10 | School Age – 1 | Teen – 1 | Adult – 1 |

Total Activity Participation: 472 Total: 234 Children | 16 School Age | 7 Teens | 215 adults

*Distributed 850 Solar Eclipse glasses for the April eclipse.

February Beanstack overview: 8 New Registrations | 1,016 books | 5,080 minutes read | 32 Active Readers

Volunteer Hours: 56.55 hours

National Library Week was April 7 – April 13, 2024, and we were gifted with many sweet treats and thank you cards from patrons and community partners. National Library Week has been observed since 1958 and is celebrated each year to help highlight the valuable role that libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year the theme was “Ready, Set, Library!” and focused on discovering all the possibilities at your library such as learning new skills and connecting with others in your community. As part of our mission, we will always strive to serve and assist all our residents as they grow and learn throughout life by providing resources and services that meet their informational and recreational needs. In Wolfforth, we are fortunate to have two degreed Librarians and a dedicated staff who believe in our mission and truly love serving our community.

This month we made over 100 new cards, which is incredible, considering that five years ago we made 50 new cards in April and ten years ago we made 18 cards. Historically the only times of year we make more than 100 cards in a month is either in the summer or during Library Card Sign-Up month in September. That being said, our average for the past six months has been 79 new cards per month, with April being our highest since September of last year. We are seeing this trend across the board, with increases in visitors, circulation, program attendance, and reference questions. As I prepare the budget proposal for both the City and County, I will be putting together data that shows the tremendous growth the Library has seen in the past 10 years.

I attended TLA, the Texas Library Association, annual conference for a week in April. I attended sessions on Leadership, collection development, best practices for creating policies, long-range planning, community outreach, and so much more. Librarians are required by the state to complete at minimum 10 hours of continuing education, and being able to get those hours at in-person events is very helpful as it creates a more meaningful learning experience. I have been attending the TLA conference since 2013 and this one was one of the best and came at a perfect time. We have been extremely busy with customers, programs, and administrative duties, and the conference reignited my passion for the Library and my career, which is sometimes needed after many years in the same career.

Summer reading preparation is, for the most part, and it is looking like this will be our busiest summer ever based on the number of programs and current participation in our regular season programs. There are over 70 programs planned for June and July, followed by an amazing end-of-summer reading party at Patterson Park on August 1st. We have programs for all ages, attached below, including many Saturday programs to allow our working families the opportunity to participate in the events.