

Library Report

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

Circulation Statistics: 4,166 Checkouts (up 743 from September 2023)

Cards issued: 261 total new cards | 90 in-person cards | 24 website sign-ups | 147 FISS outreach with FMS

(up from Sept 2023 = 207 total new cards | 60 in-person cards | 9 website sign-ups | 138 FISS outreach)

Materials Added: 8 Items Value: \$167.93

Materials Weeded: 195 Items Value: \$2,735.80

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,411 eBooks, 3,858 eAudiobooks, and 562 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 36 new users (up 10 from September 2023)

Total number of visitors: 2,688 (up 785 from September 2023)

Total number of computer users: 173 (up 28 from September 2023)

Total number of reference questions: 1,007 (up 242 from September 2023)

Meeting Room reservations: 16

- We use the large room almost daily for Library/ community events, GED/ESL, and Fire/EMT classes.

Program totals: 21 Total Programs: (10 more programs than September 2023)

Family – 5 | Preschool – 11 | School Age – 2 | Teen – 1 | Adult – 2 | Outreach – 0 |

Total Participation: 639 Total (374 more than September 2023)

297 Babies/Toddlers (0-5) | 76 Children (6-11) | 10 Teens (12-18) | 256 adults

September Beanstack overview: 2 New Registrations | 1,224 Books | 425 Minutes Read | 40 Active Readers

*Current active Beanstack program: 1,000 Books before Kindergarten

*Some programs track minutes read and some track the books read.

Volunteer Hours: 11:46 hours

In addition to Libby and all the other amazing digital resources available through the Library, we now have one more. E-Read Texas has upgraded their e-book platform to Boundless, by Baker & Taylor and it is expanding the digital collection available to our community. I have been a part of the E-Read Texas program since it began in 2019, including being part of the working group to create the collection development policies for the program. E-Read Texas is an online program offered by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, that makes electronic books and audiobooks freely available through the Boundless app, which is available for Apple, Android and Kindle Fire devices. The program was created in 2019 to support digital content for libraries serving small to medium sized communities in Texas. There are currently more than 190 public libraries from all over the state participating in the program. This program is completely

FREE to the City of Wolfforth Library because we are an accredited library. The E-Read Texas collection has approximately 20,000 e-books and downloadable audiobooks and primarily includes fiction and popular nonfiction for adults and young adult audiences.

The Library is working on expanding our reach outside the walls of the Library. For October we are participating in National Night Out, the Wolfforth Harvest Festival, and doing in person programs onsite at Three Peas Academy. We are also hosting our annual Pumpkin decorating contest for our community. We will begin accepting pumpkins October 16th – October 23rd. We will be recruiting community partners and leaders to vote for the winning pumpkins. We have partnered with ABC Bank to provide prizes to the winning pumpkins. We are adding a new program this month for adults in the community called Coffee and Connections. This program will be offered monthly on the 4th Friday of the month at 10:30 am. We will utilize our small meeting room and provide coffee/ tea and puzzles, giving our adults in the community an opportunity to socialize and connect with others. Our future goal for the program will be to also offer resources and connections to local organizations that meet specific needs of the community.