

## Library Report

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

Circulation Statistics: 3,214 Checkouts

\*\* Almost 1,500 more than December

Cards issued: 129 new cards (35 digitally through the website)

\*\* Numbers doubled from December, with 63 new members.

Materials Added: 157 Items                      Value: \$3,068.50

Materials Weeded: 26 Items                      Value: \$432.63

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,956 eBooks, 4,077 eAudiobooks, and 571 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 42 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,234

Total number of computer users: 142

Total number of reference questions: 952

Community Room reservations: 15 Regular \*\*note that we are using the room almost daily for library/community events, GED/ESL, and for Fire/EMT classes\*\*

Program totals: 11 Total Programs: Family – 1 | Children’s – 9| Teen – 0| Adult – 1 |

Total Activity Participation: 395 total/ 223 children / 0 teens / 172 adults

\*\* Almost doubled from the December participation of 218 attendees.

January Beanstack overview: 2 New Registrations | 988 books | 4,211 minutes read | 36 Active Readers

Volunteer Hours: 1:58 hours

The Library has had a busy January, with 129 new members added, which we usually only see in the summer months, or during Library Card Sign-up month in September. We continue to see increased visitors in the building, higher than-normal circulation numbers, and increases in program attendance as the Wolfforth area continues to grow. We have added more programs this month, and are preparing many new programs to reach our school-age, teen, and adult patrons. One of the exciting programs we are adding is the Thinking Money ALA Program, which is designed for children ages 3-12 years old and ties financial education and literacy together and is delivered in a format designed for young children. his program is part of a grant offered through the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The Library will receive the Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit and a set of Playaway Launchpad tablet computers loaded with digital financial games for patrons to check out. In addition, we will host five in-person children’s programs that will include fun and interactive financial literacy lessons. Almost 600 libraries applied for this competitive in-kind grant program, with 300 public libraries across the US receiving the award, 18 of which are in Texas.

The Library has submitted two grant applications this month to help support new programming to meet the growing needs of the community. The Christina Woll Grant is offered through the Texas Library Association and is primarily used to address needs in collection development and any program cost related to the enhanced

collection. The total award is \$1,000 and award notices will be made in April. The Library also submitted a Dollar General Summer Literacy Program grant valued at \$3,000 to be used towards outreach and programming during the summer months that support literacy for children and adults. Award notices for this grant will be made in April as well. This summer the Library has 44 programs scheduled in June and July and, if awarded, will use these funds to enhance the programs to reach a wider audience, and to cover program supplies and collection development related to the programs.

Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Library will close at 6 p.m. on Fridays to allow us to increase the hours we are open on Saturdays to better accommodate our families that work during the week. Our new hours will be Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will begin offering additional programs on Saturdays targeted at the family audience beginning in June.