

Library Report

Dates included: October 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025

Circulation Statistics: 5,151 Checkouts (779 more than October 2024)

Cards issued: 252 total new cards | 223 in-person cards | 29 website sign-ups
(136 more than October 2024 – this month we also set up cards for FMS 6th grade students)

Materials Added: 51 Items Value: \$2,235.57

Materials Weeded: 680 Items Value: \$14,111.90

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 3,687 eBooks, 4,050 eAudiobooks, and 606 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 54 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,562

Total number of computer users: 189

Total number of reference questions: 934

Meeting Room reservations: 17

Program totals: 42 Total Programs: (7 more programs than October 2024)

Family – 5 | Preschool – 18 | School Age – 0 | Teen – 2 | Adult – 7 | Outreach – 10 | Passive – 0 |

Total Participation: 943 Total

231 Giveaways (83 sponsored by Literacy Lubbock – National Night Out book giveaways purchased at a significant discount with special partnership with Scholastic Literacy Partners) |

487 Babies/Toddlers (0-5) | 50 Children (6-11) | 22 Teens (12-18) | 384 adults

Volunteer Hours: 80:30 hours (70:05 more than October 2024)

During our Master Planning process, a weakness was noted in the number of volunteers the library has in relation to our usage and program attendance. Because of this, and the fact that often times our staff is stretched very thin, we have increased our recruitment of volunteers. While managing volunteers is somewhat time consuming initially, it has been worth it and we have had some much-needed help during our programs, exceptionally busy times, and prepping for programs and outreach.

We have continued to work on reorganizing and updating our physical collection to make the best use of our space and ensure that materials are easy for our patrons to find. This includes reclassifying portions of the adult and teen collections and weeding items that are outdated, no longer circulating, or simply no longer suitable for the collection. This project will continue through the end of the year as we address all sections of the collection. As we work through this, we are also working diligently on collection development to ensure that our material purchases are relevant and of interest to our community.

As part of our goal to increase our presence in the community and support community engagement we participated in the Frenship High School resource fair. This opportunity allowed us to meet parents and teens and share the many programs and resources we have for our families in our community.

Taylor and I collaborated with Danielle and Wolfforth EDC to organize a new community-wide Trick-or-Treat event in partnership with local businesses, and it was a tremendous success. Taylor hosted a special storytime

at the library and designed a “passport” for families to use as they visited participating businesses throughout the day. In total, 12 businesses joined the initiative. We hope this event continues to raise awareness of Wolfforth’s growing retail community. Our storytime drew the largest attendance we’ve ever had with 158 people, including 93 children under the age of five. While we don’t yet have data on how many families visited each business, every attendee received a passport listing all participating locations, providing an affordable and effective way to spotlight many of Wolfforth’s wonderful businesses. We plan to do this again next year and hope to be able to work with Danielle again in the future with other similar initiatives.