

## Library Report

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

Circulation Statistics: 5,619 Checkouts (up 402 from June 2023)

Cards issued: 196 new cards/ 33 digitally (down 4 from June 2023)

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,545 eBooks, 3,557 eAudiobooks, and 321 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 27 new users

Total number of visitors: 3,559 (up 522 from June 2023)

Total number of computer users: 149

Total number of reference questions: 1,216

Meeting Room reservations: 19

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

Program totals: 33 Total Programs: (15 more programs than June 2023)

Family – 11 | Preschool – 12 | School Age – 1 | Teen – 3 | Adult – 3 | Outreach – 3 |

Total Participation: 990 Total: 392 Babies/Toddlers (0-5) | 231 Children (6-11) | 25 Teens (12-18) | 342 adults (up 226 from June 2023)

June Beanstack overview: 214 New Registrations | 7,379 books | 15,902 minutes read | 388 Active Readers

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

Summer Reading 2024: 558 Registered Participants | 399 Active Participants | 9,168 Books Read

Programs for all ages and will run from May 28<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>)

Volunteer Hours: 14.13 hours

The Library has had our Family Place Libraries recertification accepted and we are now an official Family Place Library, having completed all the requirements to meet the standards of a Family Place Library. We are one of only 4 libraries in the Panhandle that are a part of the National Family Place Library program, with a total of 151 in the state of Texas. To become a fully certified Family Place Library you must have 2 staff members, at minimum, who have attended the national in-person training institute, which Taylor and I did in the spring of 2019, and those staff members must complete multiple hours of virtual training each year. In the three years that follow the Library remains ‘in development’ and you must complete at least six 5-week in-person parent-child workshops, utilizing community partners who are experts in early child development, create a specially designed interactive public space in the library for children that support early childhood development and parent-child interaction, and develop and maintain a parenting resource collection in the Library. COVID delayed the start of our program significantly as we had just finished our designated public space and started our first 5-week program when everything began closing. We are proud to say we have now completed all requirements, our certification has been accepted, and we are awaiting our official in-person site visit from the Family Place Libraries program coordinators. More information on the Family Place Libraries network can be found on their website at <https://www.familyplacelibraries.org/faq>

It is budget season for Lubbock County, as well as for us, and this year I requested a significant increase in funding from the County Commissions. Normally I submit my budget packet via email with all supporting documents, but this year I chose to present in person due to the increase in my request. The Library presented our budget request to the County Commissioners on June 13<sup>th</sup>, and it all went very well. We are awaiting updates but based on the questions asked by the commissioners and feedback, I believe that the commissioners are aware of the significant growth we are seeing in Wolfforth and this portion of Lubbock County. They have a lot of work ahead of them as they make decisions that are best for all of Lubbock County, and we are grateful for the time they gave us to present our request. The budget presentation is attached for your review.

H-E-B has been a faithful supporter of Texas Libraries for many years, and this year they have partnered with the Texas Library Association to provide 20 grants to Texas libraries for collection development. The application opened on July 1<sup>st</sup> and we promptly submitted our application. The HEB Strong Texas Libraries Collection Development Grant is only open to libraries servicing populations less than 20,000. Grant recipients will be notified by September 15<sup>th</sup> and funds distributed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Library has applied for a few grants this past year, with little success, primarily because of the higher socio-economic status of the community overall. As we go into the next grant season, generally in the fall, I plan to take a different approach to my grant research and writing in hopes of securing some additional funding to support the Library's programs, collections, and future development.