Library Report

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

Circulation Statistics: 4,356 Checkouts (up 735 from May 2023)

Cards issued: 157 new cards/ 25 digitally (up 43 from May 2023)

Materials Added: 69 Items Value: \$1,728.35

Materials Weeded: 87 Items Value: \$1,201.29

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,609 eBooks, 3,758 eAudiobooks, and 355 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 23 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,927 (up 433 from May 2023)

Total number of computer users: 143

Total number of reference questions: 908

Meeting Room reservations: 17

• We have recently converted our Computer Lab into an additional meeting/ study room based on needs expressed by our users.

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

Program totals: 12 Total Programs: Family – 4 | Preschool – 7 | School Age – 0 | Teen – 0 | Adult – 1 |

Total Activity Participation: 850 Total: 202 Babies | 324 Children | 29 Teens | 295 adults (up 325 from May 2023

May Beanstack overview: 328 New Registrations | 3,888 books | 2,331 minutes read | 236 Active Readers *Some programs track minutes read and some track the books read. (up 36 new users, 1,561 books, and 133 active readers from May 2023)

Summer Reading 2024: 429 Registered Participants | 265 Active Participants | 2,999 Books Read (2 weeks into the summer reading program with programs for all ages – May 28 – June 6)

Volunteer Hours: 34.45 hours

The Library has had a busy start to summer reading, with programs by local author, Jefferson Marshall, the singing Zoologist, Lucas Miller, and a life-size Candy Land family game day, just to name a few. The staff is doing a fantastic job handling the increased traffic and circulation. We are incredibly grateful to have many volunteers this summer helping with keeping the library in order, assisting in prepping programs, and any other task we need assistance with.

I have been working on preparing my budget packet for the Lubbock County Commissioners for the 2025 fiscal year. I am requesting an increase in funding again this year as we continue to see significant increases in usage and with that increases in operating expenses. With Randy's assistance, we have compiled significant data to support this request and I will be presenting it in person on Thursday, June 13th. An update will be provided once a decision on our request has been made.