

## Library Report

Dates included: February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025

Circulation Statistics: 3,917 Checkouts (up 915 from February 2024)

Cards issued: 92 total new cards | 64 in-person cards | 28 website sign-ups (up 10 from February 2024)

Materials Added: 96 Items                      Value: \$1,623.41

Materials Weeded: 168 Items                      Value: \$1,912.72

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 3,882 eBooks, 3,363 eAudiobooks, and 501 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 37 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,326

Total number of computer users: 148

Total number of reference questions: 725

Meeting Room reservations: 24

Program totals: 30 Total Programs: (15 more programs than February 2024)

Family – 1 | Preschool – 14 | School Age – 1 | Teen – 1 | Adult – 5 | Outreach – 8 | Passive – 0 |

Total Participation: 537 Total

305 Babies/Toddlers (0-5) | 22 Children (6-11) | 5 Teens (12-18) | 205 adults

Volunteer Hours: 22.01 hours

As we enter into March we are preparing for a busy spring break with programs for all ages. We will begin hosting our Financial Literacy programs that are part of the requirements of the ALA Thinking Money for Children grant that we received earlier this year. We will also begin hosting a free cooking and nutrition class called the Sustainable Food Center hosted and sponsored by the Happy Kitchen. These classes will be offered every Tuesday night from March 25 – April 29<sup>th</sup>. Each class, participants will be learning about nutrition and how to create recipes and then they will receive the groceries to prepare the items at home. This class is being offered at no cost to the Library or to participants and will help families learn to make healthier choices and get the most food for their budget.

We are actively preparing for our Summer Reading program, our largest community outreach activity of the year, which will have programs for all ages from May 30<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. This year instead of hosting an end of summer party in August, we will be hosting a community wide summer kick-off party at Patterson Park. We have been working with Kimberlea Groves for many months now to secure vendors for the event and to work through the logistics of hosting a larger event at the park. For as long as I can recall, the Library has always done the party at the end of summer to celebrate all the accomplishments of our readers, but we have battled excruciating heat the past few summers, which has been difficult for Library staff and participants. We have modified the way our summer programs work over the years due to significant increases in participations, therefore readers are rewarded throughout the summer as they meet various milestones, therefore awards are not the key focus of our parties any longer. We are hopeful that changing our party to the beginning of summer will encourage community members who have never been to the Library, to take part in the program, and help create a sense of community that the residents of Wolfforth value. We look forward to sharing more about this event in the next few weeks as we begin marketing our summer programs.