

Library Report

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

Circulation Statistics: 4,230 Checkouts (up 743 from August 2023)

Cards issued: 107 new cards/ 27 digitally (up 13 from August 2023)

Materials Added: 101 Items Value: \$1,689.71

Materials Weeded: 76 Items Value: \$1,168.50

Overdrive (WT Digital Consortium) – 4,557 eBooks, 3,798 eAudiobooks, and 347 eMagazines

Overdrive New User Registrations – 33 new users

Total number of visitors: 2,655 (up 378 from August 2023)

Total number of computer users: 161

Total number of reference questions: 933

Meeting Room reservations: 16

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

Program totals: 10 Total Programs: (15 more programs than August 2023)

Family – 3 | Preschool – 5 | School Age – 1 | Teen – 0 | Adult – 1 | Outreach – 0 |

Total Participation: 438 Total: 183 Babies/Toddlers (0-5) | 56 Children (6-11) | 14 Teens (12-18) | 185 adults

August Beanstack overview: 3 New Registrations | 1,793 Books | 1,310 Minutes Read | 51 Active Readers

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

Volunteer Hours: 40:04 hours

The library hosted a Library Card design contest last month with the support of our Library Advisory Board to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month and act as a fundraiser for the future library expansion project. Four card designs were selected from the entries, one from children, teens, and adults and an honorary design from all categories. We are hosting a reception to announce the winners on Friday, September 6th and will sell the cards starting September 7th for \$5 each. Card designs are limited and will not be reordered. September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, which will coincide with our limited-edition library cards and numerous outreach efforts with Frenship ISD to encourage families to utilize the Library.

Kimberly and Taylor will be attending the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) conference in Springfield Massachusetts from September 9 -15th. They will be presenting a program at the conference on circulating Tonies and Tonie Boxes in the library to support early literacy. During COVID, the Library began circulating Tonies and became one of the first in the United States to do so. We are still one of the few small/ rural libraries circulating Tonies, and have become a resource for others looking to start a circulating collection. They regularly assist Librarians throughout the country, providing tips and support through the group, “Tonies for Libraries”. ARSL is a national network dedicated to the growth and development of libraries serving rural and small communities, with a mission to build strong communities through advocacy, professional development, and elevating the impact of rural and small libraries. The annual conference provides targeted

continuing education for library professionals that support the mission and vision of library services in small and rural communities. Kimberly attended the conference in the Fall of 2019, and this will be Taylor's first time attending. We are not only looking forward to the amazing learning opportunities, but also giving back to the profession by presenting and sharing the success of our programs here in Wolfforth.