

Library Director's Report (June 2023)

Meeting Date: July 11, 2023

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May Monthly Statistics: Statistical summaries for the month of June 2023 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

News/Issues:

- Our Proudfit gallery has had a Norman Rockwell exhibit up during the month of June and will continue until the end of July.
- All staff are doing short cyber security training sessions through JA.
- During the month of June 10 classes from SWA came to visit the library. There was a total of 12 classes and 212 participants. I read a book to each group, gave them a tour of the library by using a scavenger hunt and each child was given a free book from Books In Kids' Hands. As a result, we have had many new library card registrations.
- I have been participating in virtual Director's Council meetings.
- Farm-2-Library Program Update: Last month we had at least 84 community members take a food item from our pantry (Most likely more as people come and go that we don't see). Every month I have people tell me how much they appreciate the Farm-2-Library program.

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- Karen continues to add some wonderful new books, games, and DVDs to our shelves that are available for our patrons.
- We continue to keep our patrons informed of new books and library news through the use of the library's Facebook page, our webpage, newspaper articles, and our newsletter. A summer newsletter will be going out soon.

Looking Ahead:

- LLP will be sending groups of kids (Grades K - 5/6) to the library this summer. There are currently 10 groups scheduled. The first group came last week and was led by volunteers Mandi Ridler, and Amy Folesch.
- Karen has put together a great reading incentive for this summer! There are two challenges. The first one is an I Spy Challenge where you can choose a book connected to pictures on an I Spy page and the second one is Reading Through the Decades where you read books set during a specific time period.

Programs:

- Our May senior citizen Potluck Luncheon was held June 28th. The program was a rousing game of Bingo led by volunteers Gail Bearup and Simon Hickland.
- In June Cornell Cooperative Extension offered a Container Gardening kit to families in our community. We had 29 participants! Each family was able to plant a vegetable of their choice and everyone planted seeds in cups to plant at home. All the supplies were provided by CCE. It was great to be able to use the new court yard for this event!!!

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- All of our regular programs continued throughout the month of April-Bancroft Book Buddies, Scrabble Club, Chess Club, Mahjong, Book Club, Kickin' Knitters, Tech Help with Noah and Tri-County Literacy.
- We continue to make available weekly "Take Away" craft bags for the children in our community.