

April 2024 Director's Report

LIBRARY UPDATES

- There have been a ton of building issues this month and none of them have been cheap. Cody Plumbing replaced the water heater, NEO electric came out to fix some lighting issues, Entrance Technologies has been out twice to repair the handicap button/door at the north entrance, MIDCO cut AT&T's fiber out front, and Comfort by Design was out to do spring maintenance on the HVAC.
- The automatic door motor needs to be replaced, and the part is no longer made. We will have to replace the whole mechanism. The quote for that was \$3,188.00. The technician said that this is the last of the three doors that will need to be replaced. The other two were done previously.
- It appears that coils are going out on two of the HVAC units that run heating/air for the library. The bill to repair is \$10,900. The technician said the two units are likely getting towards the end of their life.
- Laura and I met to discuss our plan for summer reading this year. We will be amping up programming and changing up some of the prizes this year. We have also had some staffing challenges lately, so I am looking at possibly hiring a part-time summer help position. It would be about 10 hours a week for roughly 12 weeks. This would also help cover when staff are off.
- Dakota and Sierra have been working hard on expanding the library's readers advisory services this year. You may have seen the read-a-like binders that offer reading recommendations based on other books patrons may have liked. They have also created a Reader's Advisory Form. Patron's can fill this form out online or on paper and will get personalized reading recs sent right to them. So far, they have had 8 people use it and it's only been live for about 2 weeks.
- The Friends of the Library are going to mulch around the library on Saturday, May 4th at 9am. If anyone wants to volunteer to help with that it would be much appreciated. The Friends will also be hosting a Perennial Plant Sale May 29th while supplies last.

PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

- Paint a Pot had over 50 attendees. The Eclipse Viewing Party had 20 attendees despite being cloudy. Cup Decorating was full, and we had to turn people away. The all ages programming is really taking off. The craft programs also seem to do better generally speaking.
- Upcoming programs include: Gardening Class on Annuals, Traveling Book Club (at Barn Board)

Continuing Education and Meetings

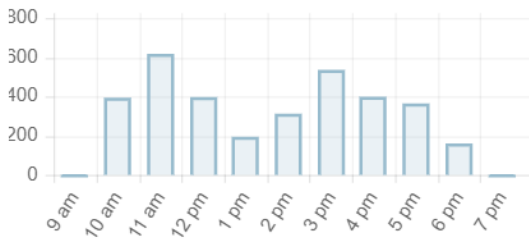
- MORE Director Check-in
- Village Board Meeting
- Chamber Meeting

March Statistics

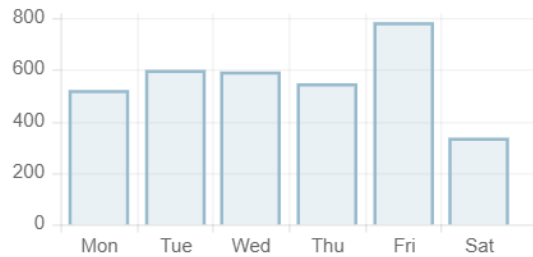
Summary (rank if applicable)

Checkouts	3,380 (16)
Checkins	3,431 (15)
Renewals	1,285 (11)
Total Circulation	4,665
Items Borrowed	904 (18)
Items Lent	654 (27)
Net Difference	-250
% Locally-owned Checkouts	73.25%
New Patrons	10 (31)
New Items	181 (16)
Pharos Sessions	53 (26)
Wireless Sessions	323 (23)
Overdrive Checkout	947 (25)
Freeding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	815 (22)

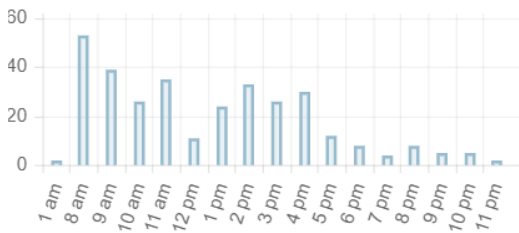
Checkouts by hour



Checkouts by day



Wireless sessions by hour



Wireless sessions by day

