

Librarian's Report
July 2026

Programming:

Kids:

- ✚ Registrations are up to 978, which is up 18 from 2025.
- ✚ The Wednesday events are going well!
 - Paleontologist for a day event, which was a special highlight of the summer theme at 392 people attend!! This event would not have been possible without all the help of both volunteers and library staff.
 - The transportation fair is also a summer favorite every year, and we had one of the highest attendance levels ever with 604 attendees!! This is another event that would not be possible without the help of many people and departments. Thank you to all the City Departments that come and show off their vehicles. We appreciate their time allowing the kids to see in all the wonderful trucks.
- ✚ There are 2 ½ weeks left of the main summer programming. This month the most challenging event will be the cooking class, with 4 different recipes that will be stirred together with groups of 30 kids at a time!
- ✚ The Reading Dragons program and battling Library Staff is going great! The kids really get a kick out of challenging all the staff. There were 637 battles in June!

Teens:

- ✚ 129 teens have registered for the summer reading program so far, which is the highest number since 2022!
- ✚ Programming has been going great with wonderful attendance:
 - 11 teens came to June's Teen Hang Zone
 - 8 attended Abstract Portraits
 - 12 made beaded plants for Workshop Wednesday
 - 11 made strawberry crisp at Teens in the Kitchen
 - 19 attended book club and graphic novel club
- ✚ Jenny is partnering with the Teen Center at the Boys & Girls Club this summer to hold Workshop Wednesday there once a month. In June, 7 of their teens attended and made beaded plants.
- ✚ The first bricks and flicks, a partnership with Mikaela, was a success with 34 attendees!

Adults:

- ❖ Between our two Juneteenth events (educational talk and documentary screening), we had 20 attendees. At the Human Rights Commission's Juneteenth Celebration, we had 82 people interact with the Library's booth.
- ❖ Our LGBTQ+ Pride book display was popular, both on Facebook (505 likes and many supportive comments on the post announcing that it was up) and through people checking books out. Throughout the month, I had to go by and rearrange/fill in gaps to make up for the books that went home with patrons! We also had a booth at Brookings Pride and interacted with 113 attendees!
- ❖ The dinosaur escape room was a ROARing success. Over 3 nights, we had 22 teams participate (aka 118 players) and we had a 50% success rate! But win or lose, the players still seemed to have a great experience.
- ❖ We had 26 attendees at our first ever Mocktail Mixology class. The registration for that event was filled within the first 45 minutes of it being open and we ended up having 11 folks on the waiting list.
- ❖ We had 34 attendees at the Bricks and Flicks event where we screened Jurassic Park while building mini Lego plants! It seemed to be a hit and we look forward to hosting the same event in July (with Raiders of the Lost Ark).
- ❖ As of 6/30 we have 176 Adult Summer Reading Challenge participants (and 34 of those participants registered at the Library's booth at either Juneteenth or Pride).

Other:

- ⌘ New flooring is in the staff breakroom. We also have our new loveseat and refrigerator. Still waiting on the new table and chairs. (we do have one)
- ⌘ Ashia will be working with Cindy on coordinating the rest of the remodel/refresh to use the Carnegie funds.
- ⌘ Ashia was interviewed by the Brookings Register about the complaints about library materials that have been at the last couple of County Commission Meetings. The Library has yet to receive a formal request for reconsideration.
- ⌘ We have lowered the number of Hoopla check-outs from 4 a month to 3 a month to hopefully help reduce monthly costs.