

Librarian's Report

August 2025

Programming:

Kids:

- ✚ The children's programs are almost all wrapped up for summer.
- ✚ We have the last three times for our life-size Trivial Pursuit next week.
- ✚ August 14 and 16 from 10 -11:30 are the two make-up times for prizes for the summer reading program.
- ✚ Currently, we are focused on getting the picture books ready for the new shelves. It will be a few months that will be a little more difficult to shelve and find books as things move around. But with the books in their new locations it should be quick to load them on the new shelves when they come.

Teens:

- ✚ 106 Teens registered for the summer reading program which is just under last year's registration of 128.
 - Although fewer teens registered this year, program attendance has been good and steady all summer long.
- ✚ 18 teens attended the most recent Teen Hang Zone
- ✚ All of the summer sessions of Teens in the Kitchen and Workshop Wednesday have been full.
- ✚ Graphic Novel Club and Book Club have been successful. They will continue in the fall.
- ✚ 10 teens came to the international snack tasting, and, for the most part, they were delighted to try a variety of snacks from Japan. This event was a soft launch for our upcoming Teen Snack Club, which will work similarly to Spice Club. Teens will sign-up online and then be able to stop in and pick up a bag with two (2) (probably international) snacks and some sort of craft or trinket. That will start this month and teens will be able to pick up their first bags during the first week of school.
- ✚ Jenny is working with Nancy on the Lowe's Hometown Grant. They are starting to pick out furniture for the YA area and looking at how we want to paint the walls!

Adults:

- ✚ July was a slower month. Highlights include:
 - 96 attendees and 14 bakers for the Bar Crawl
 - "History of the Blues" concert was a crowd pleaser with 23 attendees

- 24 people attended the 3 sessions of the floral teal light craft.
- ✦ August 26 – 28 we have our decades trivial pursuit game for ages 16+ (registration opens 8/19)
- ✦ In September we have:
 - Pie and Puzzles
 - Pet Parade
 - A “Fairy Tale” themed escape room.

Tech

- The Public Computers have been moved from the previous Computer Lab space out to in front of the Circulation Desk. Overall the move has gone well, although there have been some growing patrons with it, including patrons walking past the computers and trying to walk into the dark computer lab. As soon as the locksmith is able to change out the door handle, we'll take the removeable wall down in between the Maker Lab and Computer Lab to fully expand the space.
- The shelving for the Lowe's grant has been ordered! Unfortunately, it has a 12-16 week lead time, so it won't arrive until October/November. We're supposed to have the grant wrapped up by November 14, but the grant organization has said we can request an extension if it comes to that. Next up we'll be selecting furniture for the teen area, and starting to develop a plan for a mural in a teen area. As part of the project, we'll have to host a volunteer day with Lowe's employees, and we'll likely have them paint as part of that.

Other:

- The Library opened at 1:00pm on 8/6 for staff development. Following breakfast, the group participated in a training entitled, “Building Joy-Centric Libraries” that focused on finding and bringing joy in our work. The group played Family Feud as a team building activity, and then had a discussion on the results of the recent City employee survey and ways to incorporate continuous improvement across our staff.
- Replacement lights have been ordered to get rid of the big green light at the front desk. We're waiting to hear when they'll be installed.
- Bathroom things are being ordered.