

Librarian's Report
June 2024

Programming:

Kids:

- ✚ 750 people attended and enjoyed the Zooman event on Wednesday, May 29
- ✚ 40 people attended the presentation by Prairie Repertory Theater
- ✚ 272 had fun in the foam, despite the not great weather in the morning.
- ✚ 84 attended the bike rodeo. This number is down from previous years, with GAP sites being more spread-out this year due to construction, they were not in attendance.
- ✚ An average of about 75 people attend each prize time
- ✚ So far, 882 have signed up for the summer program and we are still getting a few kids signing up each day.

Teens:

- ✚ Summer Reading Program planning is off to a great start! 123 teens have signed up so far, which is 20 more than last year!
- ✚ The first teen hang zone of the summer had 22 teens attend
- ✚ Teens in the Kitchen was a full class, and learned how to make homemade hot pockets.
- ✚ Anime Club attendance is up as well! We are hoping these increased attendance numbers continue all summer!
- ✚ The new shelving for the YA area will be installed sometime the week of June 24! We were originally quoted an October install time.

Adults:

- ❖ Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Event Series kicked off on May 6 with a talk by Lisa Heth from the Pathfinder Center on the intersection of MMIP and sex trafficking. There are 3 more opportunities to attend an MMIP event, though!
 - In June, the book club will be reading *Highway of Tears* by Jessica McDiarmid and will discuss it on June 24.
 - In July, we'll be hosting a talk by Brenda Hill from the National Indigenous Women's Research Center who will be talking on MMIP's connection to intermate partner violence from a tribal perspective on July 23.
 - Finally, in August, we will be screening the film "Rustic Oracle" and discussing it on August 15.
- ❖ The Deserted Island Escape Room was a success! Saturday was not well attended, but may have been due to summer weather. We are going to try a Saturday again in the winter.
- ❖ June 20 at 6:30pm- "Life's Lemons" a talk on disability with Kendra Gottsleben
- ❖ June 25 at 6:30pm- Pride Party with snacks, activities, and community building

Tech

- ☞ We've signed a quote for the PA system, and are waiting on Finance to cut them a check so we can get on the schedule to have it installed. It looks like it will be installed sometime this summer yet, and it will cover the main floor of the library, the historical room, and the Cooper Rooms.
- ☞ We turned on Online Registration for events in April, and have started using it for various adult, teen, children, and Maker Lab events that require registration. Overall and so far, the transition has gone smoothly! Patrons appreciate the online component, it automatically handles reminders, cancellations, and wait lists for us, and it's cut down substantially on the number of calls staff take on registration days.
- ☞ Due to HB 1197 passed this spring, we'll have to add content filtering to our public computers. Nancy is working with IT to identify needed equipment and budget accordingly in 2025. This will block access to websites within certain categories. If it blocks access to legitimate websites erroneously, we'll have a process so a patron can request access and Nancy can correct the access.
- ☞ Patrons have made 76 reservations to use equipment in the Maker Lab so far this year already. For comparison, there were 110 total reservations made in 2023. The most-used equipment includes the Glowforge laser printer, the Cricut electronic cutting machine, and the Kodak slide scanner.

Other:

- The Circulation Manager Position opened on Friday, June 14 and will close on July 8.
- Windows are being installed!