

Librarian's Report  
September 2024

**Programming:**

**Kids:**

- ✚ The last of the summer programming wrapped up with a puppet workshop and a dozen potential new puppeteers and ended with a fun show with over 60 in attendance.
- ✚ We had our grand prize drawing with 40 winners and the entries for the drawing for the ride to school on a fire truck have been passed along to the fire department.
- ✚ Tween book club continues to be popular and meets September 11 and 18.
- ✚ Fall Story Times begin September 16.
- ✚ The first STEAM programming will have an ART focus! Families will be learning how to draw five different things, mostly animals, using their hand as a template.

**Teens:**

- ❖ Jenny is working through the Brookings School District Administration to get Graphic Novel Club in both the Middle School and the High School.
- ❖ Jenny is planning a collection inventory/weeding/re-arranging project for this fall and winter.
- ❖ Programming is light this fall with the removal of the old wall and the install of the new wall.

**Adults:**

Here's some of the highlights of the start of the Adult SRP to the end:

- 75 unique reading challenge participants
- 48 programs
- 625 attendees

And here's some of the highlights of the last month:

- We wrapped the MMIP event series with 4 programs and 59 attendees! Overall, we got great feedback and it was a worthwhile grant for the Library to be a part of. Thanks to the SD Humanities Council for the opportunity!
- We had a booth at the Brookings Multicultural Center Ice Cream Social and had 133 folks stop at the booth for information and to register for a door prize while they heard about all the cool things the library has to offer.
- The Life Size Oregon Trail game brought in 69 total participants, mostly families, and everyone seemed to have a blast!

- Mikaela will be awarded the “Distinguished Achievements in the Humanities” award from the SD Humanities Council! The awards ceremony will be some time on Saturday, Sept. 21

#### Upcoming:

- The annual Pet Parade will be on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2pm on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. We encourage pet owners who want to participate to register on the website starting Sept 9, but if you just want to watch, bring a chair and come enjoy the show!
- On October 8 at 6pm we have a “Songs and Stories of the American West” concert, so mark your calendars!

#### Tech

- We have turned on online payments. We haven’t started promoting it widely as we’d like to take the time to work out logistics and tracking, but it’s already been used a handful of times.

#### Other:

- Allerie Loof is our new Circulation Manager. She started on Wednesday, September 4.
- Alice’s last day is today, September 12. Wish her well on your way out of the meeting today.
- Two (2) café-height tables and 8 chairs have been ordered to replace lower tables in the public space. Patrons have requested higher chairs for accessibility, so we’re eager to get the in an set-up!
- Due to how difficult the Cooper Room wall as become to open/close and the fact that it’s being replaced soon, we are opting to leave it open permanently until it’s removed in October for replacement. There weren’t many conflicts on the calendar, and we’ve adjusted our meeting room scheduling software so that A and B cannot be reserved at the same time. We will be opening/closing it for the Book Festival, September 20 – 21.