

Programming:

Kids:

- ✚ This month we start up our fall programs.
 - We will kick off the fall with crafts at the Insect Festival on Saturday the 6th.
 - This will be followed next week with a puppet show and our first book club of the school year.
 - Storytimes start the week of the 15th and
 - on the 27th we will have this year's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten completion party.
- ✚ The biggest news in the Children's Department is the launch of our new reading incentive program at the Library. It is called Reading Dragons and Friends. With this program kids from kindergarten on up can earn collectable, playable trading cards. We are hoping the kids get excited by this new program!

**Discover the magic of reading with Reading Dragons & Friends,
a new reading challenge designed to encourage literacy in a fun
and creative way!**

WHAT IS A READING DRAGON?

Reading Dragons & Friends is a free card game-based reading incentive program with encourages children Kindergarten and up to read for fun. Participants can track their reading, collect dragon trading cards, and play card games, all while learning good reading habits and gaining a lifelong love of reading! This is a collaborative national reading program created by the Dover Public Library.

There's no sign-up required. Just pick up a reading log at the library and start tracking your time spent reading. Whether you're reading to yourself, to someone else, or listening to an audiobook, every 30 minutes counts!



Teens:

- ✧ Teen SRP was a success! All session of Teens in the Kitchen Workshop Wednesday were full all summer.
- ✧ Graphic Novel Club and Book Club were successful, and developed some regular attendees. Also, since anime club wrapped up in June, Jenny is able to offer each club every month instead of alternating months.
- ✧ September's Workshop Wednesday is a watercolor bookmark.
- ✧ Teens will also be able to attend a drop-in diamond art magnet program.
- ✧ Jenny is working on the Fairytale Escape Room with Mikaela which is being advertised for ages 12+
- ✧ Jenny is presenting at the NDLA/SDLA/MPLA Tri-Conference in Grand Forks in October. Her presentation is titled "Tech-less Teens: Programs to Unplug and Engage Teens," and will focus on programs like Teens in the Kitchen, Workshop Wednesdays, and other programs that encourage teens to put their phones away and be present.

Adults:

- ❖ 57 people attended the talk on historic farmsteads! Tons of folks who don't usually attend programs (and a bunch of regulars too! 😊)
- ❖ 71 folks participated in the Adult Summer Reading Program and they completed 1,413 challenges!
- ❖ 118 people visited the Library booth at the Multicultural Center's Ice Cream Social for international faculty and students.
- ❖ Between the make-up book club for "The Cost of Free Land" and the meeting for "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store," we had 25 book club attendees.
- ❖ Coming up we have the:
 - Fairytale Escape Room September 15 – 17.
 - 'Learning From Hidden Queer Stories' lecture that we're hosting for LGBTQIA+ History Month in October! More info to come.

Tech

- A large format printer has been ordered with City IT funding. We'll be able to print larger, color documents, like fancy posters, with this printer.
- Support for both Windows 10 and Office 2019 will end in October, so Nancy is working on updating both staff and public computers for this change. There is no cost to update to Windows 11; Nancy purchased heavily discounted Office 2024 licenses through TechSoup. (Regularly about \$500 per license; we paid \$125 per license for staff, and \$40 per license for public use).
- Nancy has ordered a new laser printer for the Maker Lab. The total was about \$6200, and the Friends paid for \$3500 of that. (Thanks, Friends!) Our current laser printer is showing its age, so this one will be a replacement for that. Nancy

plans to keep the older laser printer running as long as possible in conjunction with the new one.

- We're working on expanding the Maker Lab. Nancy is going to remove the counters from the computer lab side, then open the space up. If funding allows this year, we'd like to permanently remove the collapsible wall and turn the space where it's stored into a closet. Nancy is looking into the cost of shelving for storage too.

Other:

- On Sunday, August 24, Library staff gathered at Dakota Nature Park for our annual staff picnic/staff gathering. Qdoba and cupcakes were on the menu and a great time was had by all.
- Lowe's Hometown project is progressing. We're picking furniture for the YA area, then we'll shift our focus to the mural. We hope to have enough money to have someone design it for us.
- Thanks to the Friends of the Library, we were able to replace the old, green tote bags for the book club books with new, teal tote bags! The new bags match the Library's color scheme now, and they will fit 5-6 copies of books better in each bag.
- The Library has been re-accredited at Exemplary Status.