

Librarian's Report  
September 2023

**Programming:**

**Kids:**

- Summer - last programs – a tween book club and the grand prize drawings. Entries for the ride to school in the fire truck have been passed to the fire department and they will be having their drawing very soon.
- The last tweaks of genre-fying happened Tuesday, September 5, and Wednesday, September 5, then that project will be done
- Preschool storytimes started after Labor Day, storytimes at the Library start on the 25.
- We will be at the Insect festival at McCrory Gardens on September 9.
- The first puppet show of the school year will be on September 12.
- We will be making brush bots for our first STEAM night of the school year on September 26.
- Katherine will be at SDLA September 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- We're getting an Obie Gaming Projector for in the children's area. It projects games onto the floor or a table from the ceiling, then those games are interactive.

**Teens:**

- ✧ The next Teens in the Kitchen will be at the end of September, when teens will learn how to make omelets.
- ✧ Summer reading program wrapped up mid-August, with a total of 102 registered teens, and 322 who attended teen summer programs. The most popular teen programs were the Teen Escape Room and the International Snack Tasting.
- ✧ The details have been worked out to bring the Manga Book Club back to the Middle School this year.

**Adults:**

- Things are going well for the Library's Intergroup Dialogue Program so far. We had 12 trainees at our Facilitator Training and have had a few of the past facilitators commit to returning. The kickoff was September 12, and dialogues are underway!
- We signed 41 international students up for Library cards at the Multicultural Center Ice Cream Social in August.
- Within the 3 nights of the Life Size Oregon Trail Game, we led 61 travelers from Missouri to Oregon... with only a few deaths along the way.
- We held a Taylor Swift Party on Friday, September 1. 60 people came and enjoyed snacks, trivia, crafts, and friendship bracelet making! Keloland interviewed Jenny and Nancy the day before the event. <https://www.keloland.com/keloland-com-original/south-dakota-swifties-throw-eras-tour-parties/>
- Digital Literacy Classes are happening this month, both at the Library and in partnership with the Brookings Activity Center. Topics include internet basics, cybersecurity basics, and email basics. These are part of the PLA/AT&T grant we received focused on Digital Literacy.

- The Library has a Youtube channel. Recordings of talks will now be posted there instead of only on Facebook. Our channel is named Brookings Public Library Events (@BrookingsPublicLibrary).
- We've got some really great Maker Lab workshops planned in the coming months with the Glowforge, like embroidery on wood, fall pumpkin décor, mini bookshelf ornaments, and more.
- As part of our contract with our website provider we are given a refresh to the style every 4 years. Nancy, Nita, and Ashia have been working through the process and the refresh should be released in the next couple of weeks.
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- Our wonderful volunteer, Cheryl, has finished up inventory. She finished on Friday, September 8. She scanned every collection except for the Historical Room. Inventory began March 2022.

**Other:**

We are have engaged outside counsel to assist with a review of policy in terms of legal standing and aligning with current best practices/industry trends.