

Librarian's Report
February 2026

Programming:

Kids:

- ✚ The Spring session of programs has started
 - Both sessions of spring music makers are full, and about half of the families are new to the program
 - Story time has moved to Wednesday's and the families seem to be liking this change.
- ✚ The first 2 Wonder Wednesday programs have been well attended and patrons are enjoying the variety of programs.
- ✚ Book clubs remain popular, and the parents appreciate their children being introduced to a wide variety of genres.
- ✚ Work continues to settling the collection into the new locations, making sure the shelves are spaced properly.
- ✚ Katherine and Kristin are performing a puppet show on Tuesday, February 10 for SDSU Preschool parent open house.

Teens:

- ✚ 11 teens attended the New Year's Party
- ✚ 4 teens attended book bedazzling
- ✚ 8 teens attended workshop Wednesday
- ✚ 13 teens registered for book and graphic novel club.
- ✚ 13 teens signed up for Snack Club
- ✚ Jenny also helped out with the Interactive Mystery Game in January.
- ✚ Coming up in February:
 - Teens in the Kitchen will be making Oreo truffles.
 - Workshop Wednesday will be making Valentine's Magnets
 - There will be zine making
 - Book and Graphic novel club.
- ✚ Planning for Summer Reading Program begins.

Adults:

- ❖ Pie and Puzzles continues to be popular! We had 29 participants (all the team slots were full and there was a waitlist!) The Valley restaurant in Volga donated the pies again.
- ❖ The first silent book club was a hit! There were around 16 attendees and the feedback given in the post program survey was overwhelmingly positive. We will

now be offering a Silent Book Club every other month to see how it goes and will re-assess in the fall.

- ❖ The Interactive Mystery Game was a huge success. Over 3 nights we had 12 teams go through, which means that 62 participants played the game!

Tech:

- The new laser printer is up and running and the first certification training for the public is later this month.
- Nancy filled out the final report and the City has received the final disbursement, so the Lowe's Hometowns grant is officially completed.

Other:

We did some math and learned that Brookings Public patrons saved \$5,053,789 by borrowing materials instead of buying! That includes physical books, audiobooks, music cds, video games, board games, puzzles, state park passes, maker kits, e-books, e-audiobooks and more!

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