

Director's Report for July 07.23.2026

- The Summer Learning program has been very busy! We have seen a nice increase in participation of programs for both children and adults. We are struggling with the teen group, yet we continue to look for ways to bring them into the library. We have 282 participants signed up for the Summer Learning Program this year! Time is flying by and we are getting ready for our final events for the program. Summer Learning officially ends on July 31st. Participants will have the month of August to redeem their earned library bucks in the Summer Learning Store.
- We had a total of 10 people attend our Flag Day screening event on June 15th. Everyone seemed to enjoy the documentary, and it was fun to pick out the similarities that we found in our own parades and celebrations. I think it was a great way to celebrate the anniversary of our national flag's adoption.
- The Pie and Ice Cream Social did well this year. They actually ran out of pie at the end! There was a wonderful variety of flavors with the dominate flavor being some form of rhubarb. With the addition of a \$500 donation, the total for the Pie Social came to \$1659.00! Volunteer Jean Legge noticed that we did not have a large cooler for serving lemonade, so she was kind enough to donate a 5 gallon Igloo water cooler to the library for these kinds of events.
- The electrical work of installing a light to shine on the flag and an outlet for other electrical use was completed.
- We received the \$25,000 check for the ARSL grant we applied for. I have requested that Amy create an income and expense line for it in our budget so we can track all expenditures. Caitlyn has begun her classes required as part of the ARSL grant funds. She has also signed up and is ready to go to the ARSL Conference that will take place in Montgomery, Alabama, on September 16-19th. We also plan to send Sara to this conference since it is a highly respected conference for libraries of our size and will have a lot of educational opportunities for her as well. She has applied for a grant to help with travel expenses but has not heard if she received it or not yet.
- Installation of the electrical needed for the new fire alarm system has begun and the system is scheduled to be installed on August 17th.
- We received a nice donation of leftover flower plants from Smith Lumber this year. Quin was happy to get them planted!
- State Aid awards were announced. We received \$7,569.52 for the city and \$9,091.10 for the county. This is slightly lower than last year's award yet is a much appreciated part of our budget.
- As of June 30th, the library saved our community \$271,808 for physical checkouts. As of that same date, a total of 14,716 physical and 11,092 digital checkouts took place. Approximate savings to our patrons for both physical and digital media for the year 2026 equals \$476,636. We have gained 146 new patrons so far this year!