

Director's Report
Rusk County Community Library
May 10, 2022

General: Valerie was invited to a classroom for the first time since Covid, and we also had our first field trips here at the library. Valerie has started mentoring a new Youth Services Librarian in Milltown and also presented a grant proposal to GIVE 365 for a Teen Leadership Training Retreat in July. Materials from the Black History Month donation have been ordered and they will be ready to circulate before Juneteenth. Transient housing policy flyers were distributed at Embrace and Lighthouse.

Budget:

Meetings: Valerie attended webinars and meetings regarding summer library programming, Beanstack, upcoming books, library trends, AAPI representation in the collection, Native voices in young adult, IFLS youth services get together, escape room collaboration, CCR, CCBC, Wi Science Fest, PBS. Christinna attended webinars on Intellectual Freedom, community outreach, enhancing workplace office culture, library funding and Sierra tech in addition to Joint Management meetings, Director visit with John Thompson, MORE Library Director Check-In and community outreach committees and solar panel consultation. All of the staff attended our teamwork day.

Staff & Volunteers: We have an opening for a Library Clerk (one quit unexpectedly). I will post the opening on social media and our website for right now and perhaps an ad in the newspaper later. A teen volunteer has been helping to inventory Juvenile DVDs and has not found any missing, which means our security cameras are helping quite a bit in reducing theft.

Planning: Summer Reading and National Night Out are both currently being worked on.

Other: The sounds of construction filled the air for most of the month! Ductwork is complete and roof should be soon.

Statistics **Upper Level:** 3091 **Lower Level:** --

	2022	2021	Programming	
Checkouts	4,496 (10)	2,436 (13)	Take and Make	30
Checkins	4,450 (9)	2,389 (12)	4K Classroom Storytime	15
Renewals	2,373 (7)	1,357 (11)	4K Classroom Storytime	14
Total Circulation	6,869	3,793	Coping Skills Presentation	3 live, 112 video views
Items Borrowed	1,642 (8)	1,307 (10)	Teen Night	2
Net Difference	-301	-15	Field Trip	7
% Locally-owned Checkouts	63.48%	46.35%	Field Trip	14
New Patrons	22 (21)	7 (19)	Denim Day	15
New Items	111 (35)	242 (14)	Beanstack	15 participants; 14,506 minutes
Pharos Sessions	226 (7)	59 (13)	Field Trip	8
Overdrive Checkout	1,208 (11)	1,201 (11)	Virtual May the Fourth Trivia	6
Freeding Checkout	3 (19)	3 (25)	Gardening with Native Plants	52
Website Pageviews	1,157 (17)	1,312 (13)		

