

Director's Report
Rusk County Community Library
July 13, 2022

General: 244 people registered in-person for summer reading and 79 on Beanstack with a total of 43,858 minutes read thus far (on Beanstack). 47 registrations for PageTurners so far. Take & Make bags have been out weekly since June 13th, 72 out the first two weeks of summer reading and cut down to 48 weekly. 48 baby/toddler bags have gone out thus far and 12 teen bags. 1 new registration for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten but expect more when summer reading is over.

Other items of note:

Planning for the 2-day Teen Leadership Training Retreat continues. We already have 13 registrants, and thanks to some grant funding, including Rusk GIVE 365, there will be no programming cost to the library. We have gotten some positive comments about the Storywalk. We have COVID-19 tests for patrons to take and return samples and those have been leaving the building but so far only 2 samples returned as of yet.

Budget: the budget process has started and this year's budget looks great thus far.

Meetings: Valerie has been attending PBS workshops and will be working on an event plan after August's workshop and is actively planning National Night Out. Christinna got appointed to be a member of the Council on Library and Network Development and will help in the planning of library services to WI but no meetings have started yet. Christinna also won a VR Fellowship which will include trainings/conference in Madison and two VR headsets for the Library and will include hotel stays and travel stipend so no cost to the Library.

Staff & Volunteers: We have had one regular volunteer, one community service volunteer, and several teen volunteers. Currently we are fully staffed and that is a tremendous help.

Planning:

Other: construction has halted on the building and will not resume for at least a month, according to the City. No explanation as to why yet.

Statistics **Upper Level:** 2688 **Lower Level:** --

	2021	2022
Checkouts	3,585 (12)	4,628 (11)
Checkins	3,103 (10)	4,153 (11)
Renewals	2,027 (9)	2,414 (8)
Total Circulation	5,612	7,042
Items Borrowed	1,225 (12)	1,383 (9)
Items Lent	1,456 (12)	1,341 (12)
Net Difference	231	-42
% Locally-owned Checkouts	65.83%	70.12%
New Patrons	14 (25)	50 (15)
New Items	168 (21)	282 (13)
Pharos Sessions	118 (11)	230 (7)
Wireless Sessions	807 (18)	444 (19)
Overdrive Checkout	1,104 (11)	1,255 (11)
Freeding Checkout	0 (33)	4 (19)
Website Pageviews	1,372 (15)	1,337 (16)