

**Director's Report**  
Rusk County Community Library  
March 14, 2023

**General:** 14 for Baby & Toddler Storytime, 3 for Preschool Storytime, 39 for Lego Club, 10 for Teen Tuesday, 75 for Child Development Day, 6 for Heart Shaped Paper Wreath craft, 16 organizations (44 raffle tickets filled out but not sure how many community members came) for Join Rusk and 10 participants for Beanstack, reading a total of 15,451 minutes.

**Staff & Volunteers:** We are once more fully staffed and our two new clerks are doing great. We have one volunteer coming in regularly and another one that should be returning to the area sometime in March, which is always a fantastic help. February was interesting with COVID hitting almost everyone so we were short-staffed most of the month but operations continued as normal.

**Planning:** We have a lot of fun artsy activities for Artsy April coming up and still working on summer program. Cookbook Club has elected to continue to meet and that has been a slowly growing success and so has Teen Tuesday. Valerie and Christinna continue to stay active in various committees and planning events with assorted community partnerships for the coming months. The food truck has indicated that they are interested in coming back once the weather calms down so hopefully we can see that in March.

**Other:** We received a grant to retrofit a bottle filler above one of our water fountains at the end of the month and have been working with the facilities manager to figure out the logistics. Act 150 from 2021 has started to come in as well.

**Statistics**    **Upper Level:** 2940    **Lower Level:** 1106

**2022**

Checkouts	3,866 (9)	
Checkins	3,878 (8)	
Renewals	1,956 (8)	
Total Circulation	5,822	
Items Borrowed	1,442 (8)	
Items Lent	1,315 (10)	
Net Difference	-127	
% Locally-owned Checkouts	62.70%	
New Patrons	12 (24)	
New Items	152 (22)	
Pharos Sessions	157 (8)	
Wireless Sessions	498 (11)	
Overdrive Checkout	1,195 (11)	
Freanding Checkout	4 (16)	
Website Pageviews	1,249 (15)	

**2023**

Checkouts	3,606 (12)	
Checkins	3,420 (12)	
Renewals	1,492 (9)	
Total Circulation	5,098	
Items Borrowed	1,012 (12)	
Items Lent	1,217 (12)	
Net Difference	205	
% Locally-owned Checkouts	71.94%	
New Patrons	31 (11)	
New Items	105 (23)	
Pharos Sessions	203 (9)	
Wireless Sessions	775 (5)	
Overdrive Checkout	1,279 (11)	
Freanding Checkout	0	
Website Pageviews	1,249 (15)	