Director's Report

Rusk County Community Library May 9, 2023

General: 27 for Baby & Toddler Storytime, 16 for Preschool Storytime, 27 for Lego Club, 16 for Teen Tuesday, 10 for Surprise Saturday, 13 for OLS Research Field Trip, 6 for LES 4K Field Trip, 20 for Teen Job Fair, 11 for Cookbook Club, 11 for Drug Takeback Day, 91 for Jim Swanke presentation, 8 for Tiny Art and 15 participants for Beanstack, reading a total of 22,264 minutes.

Staff & Volunteers: We had some staffing issues last month due to planned time off and illnesses but we once again made it through! Currently only have one consistent volunteer but are looking into ways to recruit more.

Planning: We have been awarded \$4500 from Marshfield to fund our summer reading program, which opens up a lot of possibilities for us for this summer. We have also been awarded a Libraries Transforming Communities grant from ALA in the amount of \$20,000 to put up a calming area in the children's section.

Other: The perpetrator of material theft has been charged for her transgression. Will report when we have further updates. The Library is also going to be recognized by the Chamber in May as the recipient of the 2023 Green Award.

Statistics Upper Level: 3282 Lower Level: 1782

<u>2022</u>		<u> 2023</u>
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Checkouts	4,496 (10)	Checkouts	4,094 (10)
Checkins	4,450 (9)	Checkins	4,111 (11)
Renewals	2,373 (7)	Renewals	1,958 (9)
Total Circulation	6,869	Total Circulation	6,052
Items Borrowed	1,642 (8)	Items Borrowed	1,311 (10)
Items Lent	1,341 (12)	Items Lent	1,476 (11)
Net Difference	-301	Net Difference	165
% Locally-owned Checko		% Locally-owned Checkor	uts 67.98%
New Patrons	22 (21)	New Patrons	35 (13)
New Items	111 (35)	New Items	209 (13)
Pharos Sessions	226 (7)	Pharos Sessions	185 (10)
Wireless Sessions	476 (11)	Wireless Sessions	662 (8)
Overdrive Checkout	1,208 (11)	Overdrive Checkout	1,253 (11)
Freading Checkout	3 (19)	Freading Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,157 (17)	Website Pageviews	1,412 (17)