

**Director's Report**  
Rusk County Community Library  
August 8, 2023

**General:** 33 for Lego Club, 27 for Teen Tuesday, 48 for the Animal Shelter Fundraiser, 108 for Snake Discovery, 24 for Rock Painting, 54 for Box Party, 46 for Bob the Magician, 38 for Scavenger Hunt, 12 for Cookbook Club and currently 80 participants for Beanstack, reading a total of 69,523 minutes for our ongoing summer reading challenge. As far as passive programming, 108 for Preschool Take & Make, 108 for Elementary Take & Make, 36 for Teen Take & Make, 130 for Candyland, and 25 for National Night Out coloring contest.

**Budget:** on-track. Working with City/County is ongoing for 2024 budget.

**Staff & Volunteers:** A part-time clerk has put in her notice so the next month will be working on interviews for that position.

**Planning:** Still working on CLSP activities but winding down is in the near future as it ends August 18th. August is going to be a slower month for both Val and Christinna to take a bit of programming break to avoid burnout. Planning for fall is still ongoing. Also gathering responses from two surveys: one to provide Mental Health First Aid training for anyone interested and the other for ideas on items for the calming area. Val will be doing storytime at the Rusk County Historical Society and Christinna/Val will be doing Farmer's Market in August as well.

**Other:** Waiting on our loft bought with grant monies to arrive sometime this month. Also, construction might be starting soon on the south side of the building. Had to replace a computer that died and Christinna is in talks with IFLS about possibly going down to 6 computers. Also waiting for grant monies from our Digital Literacy grant and will be buying tablets/laptops with some of those funds.

**Statistics**    **Upper Level:** 4477    **Lower Level:** 803

**2022**

Checkouts	4,223 (11)
Checkins	4,204 (11)
Renewals	1,960 (9)
Total Circulation	6,183
Items Borrowed	1,120 (9)
Items Lent	1,278 (12)
Net Difference	158
% Locally-owned Checkouts	73.48%
New Patrons	45 (13)
New Items	257 (10)
Pharos Sessions	203 (9)
Wireless Sessions	358 (20)
Overdrive Checkout	1,222 (11)
Freeding Checkout	5 (17)
Website Pageviews	1,369 (15)

**2023**

Checkouts	4,973 (9)
Checkins	4,581 (10)
Renewals	1,981 (9)
Total Circulation	6,954
Items Borrowed	1,233 (11)
Items Lent	1,496 (10)
Net Difference	263
% Locally-owned Checkouts	75.21%
New Patrons	39 (14)
New Items	235 (11)
Pharos Sessions	314 (6)
Wireless Sessions	683 (10)
Overdrive Checkout	1,261 (13)
Freeding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,467 (16)