

Director's Report
 Rusk County Community Library
 September 12, 2023

General: 10 for Movie Day, 22 for Lego Club, 27 for Butterfly Storytime at RCHS, 19 for Teen Tuesday, 51 for Chris Cold, 9 for Farmer's Market Storytime, 76 for the Summer Library Program Party, and also was at National Night Out (but no numbers on that). 316 people registered for Summer Reading, with 110 on Beanstack, reading a total of 232,952 minutes. For passive programming, 72 for Preschool Take & Make and 144 for Elementary Take & Make. The Teen Tuesday teens also met with the City Park Board and presented a proposal to install a GaGa Ball pit in OJ Falge (which was approved!).

Budget: on-track.

Staff & Volunteers: Valerie received a scholarship & attended a two-day conference for librarians serving children and also started mentoring another Youth Services Librarian in Barron. She's also been spending a lot of time organizing/cleaning the Bloedow room since O'Connor is now out of service. A new part-timer started and is doing well.

Planning: October, November and December planning is well underway. Both Christinna and Val will go to WLA at the end of October as they are both involved in committees that will be presenting. Hoping for scholarships to help defray costs. Fall storytimes have started back up as well.

Other: An alternative education class from Ladysmith HS has started meeting in the lower level during school days. Received funds to finish the bottle filler project from Cumberland Federal. The third solar panel has been installed and is waiting for Xcel next and new microinverters have been installed on ALL panels to optimize output. Our calming area is slowly coming together.

Statistics **Upper Level:** 4630 **Lower Level:** 266

2022

Checkouts	4,626 (10)
Checkins	4,697 (11)
Renewals	2,172 (9)
Total Circulation	6,798
Items Borrowed	1,018 (9)
Items Lent	1,179 (11)
Net Difference	161
% Locally-owned Checkouts	77.99%
New Patrons	33 (16)
New Items	225 (15)
Pharos Sessions	259 (9)
Wireless Sessions	370 (20)
Overdrive Checkout	1,277 (12)
Freeding Checkout	12 (10)
Website Pageviews	1,232 (17)

2023

Checkouts	4,543 (10)
Checkins	4,953 (10)
Renewals	2,133 (9)
Total Circulation	6,676
Items Borrowed	1,115 (12)
Items Lent	1,331 (11)
Net Difference	216
% Locally-owned Checkouts	75.46%
New Patrons	36 (15)
New Items	261 (12)
Pharos Sessions	351 (7)
Wireless Sessions	701 (9)
Overdrive Checkout	1,229 (13)
Freeding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,243 (17)