

Director's Report
Rusk County Community Library
September 10, 2024

General: 46 for Lego Club, 4 for Walking Group, 20 for Storytime and Crafts, 4 for Teen Book Club, 52 for National Night Out Coloring Contest, 6 for Teen Summer Series, 22 for Storytime at the Fair, 94 for Petting Zoo, 28 for Smokey Bear's Birthday, 850 for National Night Out, 4 for Cookbook Club, 148 for Movie Theatre, 35 for SLP Movie Party, 26 for Animal Tracks and Signs and 26 for Butterfly Storytime at the Historical Society Museum. 17 Beanstack participants read a total of 262 books and earned 99 badges for activities.

Budget: 2025 budget done from Library end and anxiously waiting to hear more. Email sent asking to be invited to County budget meeting was ignored by county employees/board members.

Staff & Volunteers: Hiring and retiring! Interviewing part-timers to take Tedi's place in October and working hard on making it an easy transition for Jane's upcoming retirement. A new employee has started in order to take over Andrea's position, who will no longer be employed with us after September 6th.

Planning: Farmer's Market will be hosted by the Library all winter long and excited to see what that will bring. Fall and winter programs are planned or in the process of planning.

Other: Summer program has concluded with great success. Logo/bookshop grand opening on September 14th, including refreshments, food truck parked outside, and some library swag to give away.

Statistics **Upper Level:** 4,291 **Lower Level:** 1,139

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)
Freanding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,243 (17)

2024

Checkouts	5,037 (10)
Checkins	4,827 (10)
Renewals	2,030 (9)
Total Circulation	7,067
Items Borrowed	1,516 (9)
Items Lent	1,620 (10)
Net Difference	104
% Locally-owned Checkouts	69.90%
New Patrons	38 (18)
New Items	285 (7)
Pharos Sessions	320 (7)
Wireless Sessions	684 (9)
Overdrive Checkout	1,267 (12)
Freanding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,469 (13)