

**Director's Report**  
Rusk County Community Library  
April 8, 2025

**General:** 5 for Walking Group, 29 for Baby & Toddler Storytime, 5 for Preschool Storytime, 11 for Lego Club, 5 for Chronic Disease and Nutrition, 4 for Aldo Leopold, 21 for Favorite Character Cosplay, 11 for Pet Cents, 38 for Logging in Rusk County, 16 for Clay Craft, 7 for Fraud & Online Banking, 311 for Alternative Education and 19 participants in Beanstack, reading a total of 32,700 minutes.

**Budget:** nothing to report.

**Staff & Volunteers:** Our paid volunteer through SCEP started-22 hours/week for the month of April and the program is scaling back to 18 hours starting May 1. Christinna was asked to join the Library Freedom Institute, a training through the Library Freedom Project, which will start in April and end in August. A HS volunteer has been coming in weekly to shift books on shelves.

**Planning:** Looking for fundraising options to get the floor fixed in the lower level and waiting to get an estimate back from Doug Verdegan for the HVAC. Friends of Library are having their Big Book Sale and Ladysmith High School Art Club is painting a mural in the bookshop.

**Other: Statistics      Upper Level: 3,997      Lower Level: 2,165**

**2024**

Checkouts	4,701 (10)
Checkins	4,764 (10)
Renewals	1,968 (9)
Total Circulation	6,669
Items Borrowed	1,465 (11)
Items Lent	1,699 (11)
Net Difference	234
% Locally-owned Checkouts	68.84%
New Patrons	34 (15)
New Items	240 (9)
Pharos Sessions	240 (6)
Wireless Sessions	804 (6)
Overdrive Checkout	1,506 (11)
Freeding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,425 (14)

**2025**

Checkouts	4,588 (11)
Checkins	4,728 (9)
Renewals	1,839 (9)
Total Circulation	6,427
Items Borrowed	1,342 (12)
Items Lent	1,476 (12)
Net Difference	134
% Locally-owned Checkouts	70.75%
New Patrons	26 (16)
New Items	213 (10)
Pharos Sessions	286 (7)
Wireless Sessions	782 (6)
Overdrive Checkout	1,328 (15)
Freeding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,240 (18)