

**Director's Report**  
 Rusk County Community Library  
 March 10, 2026

**General:** 27 for Baby & Toddler Storytime, 5 for Preschool Storytime, 17 for Head Start Storytime, 8 for Early Head Start Storytime, 10 for Walking Group, 10 for Animal Tracks, 15 for OLS 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 1 for Hoarding, 7 for Lego Club, 36 for Valentine Cards, 28 for Homeschool Hangout, 10 for Anime Afternoon 3 for Silent Book Club, 5 for Rusk Readers Book Club, 48 for Flambeau Literacy Night and 14 participated in Beanstack, reading a total of 42,453 minutes.

**Budget:** our budget will look unbalanced for the rest of 2026 due to paying for our air condensing unit out of 2026 budget. City and County have planned on reconciling at the end of the budget year in order to streamline the process.

**Staff & Volunteers:** We have one intern with Chippewa River Industries who has been working with us and two more who are eager to get in and start. Each internship is a 45-day cycle to learn different job skills.

**Planning:** Floor work is still ongoing. Waiting to hear back about condenser and timeline so other contractors can be lined up as needed. Received word last week that we were awarded \$10,000 from ALA toward making bathrooms more accessible so that project will be put into motion once funds have been received.

**Other: Statistics**      **Upper Level:**      1,862      **Lower Level:**      932

<u>2025</u>		<u>2026</u>	
Checkouts	4,338 (9)	Checkouts	4,317 (9)
Checkins	3,843 (10)	Checkins	4,185 (9)
Renewals	1,558 (10)	Renewals	1,804 (9)
Total Circulation	5,896	Total Circulation	6,121
Items Borrowed	1,355 (11)	Items Borrowed	1,032 (11)
Items Lent	1,633 (9)	Items Lent	1,637 (9)
Net Difference	278	Net Difference	605
% Locally-owned Checkouts	68.76%	% Locally-owned Checkouts	76.09%
New Patrons	32 (10)	New Patrons	28 (11)
New Items	262 (8)	New Items	203 (10)
Pharos Sessions	214 (8)	Pharos Sessions	281 (6)
Wireless Sessions	715 (6)	Wireless Sessions	597 (7)
Overdrive Checkout	1,268 (15)	Overdrive Checkout	1,563 (11)
Freeding Checkout	0	Freeding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,231 (15)	Website Pageviews	1,124 (13)