

**Director's Report**  
 Rusk County Community Library  
 April 14, 2026

**General:** 40 for Baby & Toddler Storytime, 13 for Preschool Storytime, 19 for Head Start Storytime, 6 for Early Head Start Storytime, 13 for Walking Group, 16 for Bird ID, 23 for LES 4K Registration, 16 for Chicken Storytime, 8 for Lego Club, 50 for Spring Expo, 19 for Homeschool Hangout, 13 for Local Candidate Forum, 4 for Silent Book Club, 6 for Rusk Readers Book Club, 38 for Flambeau Literacy Night and 17 participated in Beanstack, reading a total of 38,669 minutes.

**Budget:** nothing to report at this time.

**Staff & Volunteers:** A new intern for another 45-day internship will start this month from CRI and have had a few volunteers return recently. Would like to discuss the potential of a substitute librarian to cover staff absences in the near future (using hours already allotted to labor but not being used).

**Planning:** Gearing up for the summer and subsequent activities. Christinna will have training on dementia with two other volunteers before launching a Memory Café this summer. Carpet cleaning will be done on the 15<sup>th</sup>, which will hopefully continue to preserve our carpet for awhile and get all of the winter muck out. Northern Comfort has done some preliminary work for the condenser unit but install will still be awhile out. In April we are hosting BINGO—on Beanstack and paper logs—for a chance to win a fun spring prize! FOL are having a few exciting book sales so be sure to check them out.

**Other: Statistics**      **Upper Level:**      2,116      **Lower Level:**      2,582

**2025**

**2026**

Checkouts	4,588 (11)	Checkouts	4,635 (10)
Checkins	4,728 (9)	Checkins	4,495 (10)
Renewals	1,839 (9)	Renewals	1,767 (9)
Total Circulation	6,427	Total Circulation	6,402
Items Borrowed	1,342 (12)	Items Borrowed	1,255 (11)
Items Lent	1,476 (12)	Items Lent	2,035 (8)
Net Difference	134	Net Difference	780
% Locally-owned Checkouts	70.75%	% Locally-owned Checkouts	72.92%
New Patrons	26 (16)	New Patrons	26 (14)
New Items	213 (10)	New Items	319 (8)
Pharos Sessions	286 (7)	Pharos Sessions	253 (10)
Wireless Sessions	782 (6)	Wireless Sessions	1,092 (7)
Overdrive Checkout	1,328 (15)	Overdrive Checkout	1,693 (11)
Freanding Checkout	0	Freanding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,240 (18)	Website Pageviews	1,001 (15)