

**Director's Report**  
 Rusk County Community Library  
 June 9, 2026

**General:** 57 for Baby & Toddler Storytime, 78 for Preschool Storytime, 18 for Head Start, 7 for Early Head Start, 21 for Walking Group, 10 For Pokemon TCG, 91 for OLS Summer Library Program, 15 for Lego Club, 33 for Train Storytime, 26 for Homeschool Hangout, 328 for LES Summer Library Program, 88 for the Little Free Pantry and 18 participants on Beanstack, reading a total of 37,657 minutes.

**Budget:** nothing to report other than Act 150s are done until next year.

**Staff & Volunteers:** no current interns with CRI as we are taking a break from additional interns for the summer. SLP is kicking off and we already have over 200 signed up to participate. Library staff and Friends of the Library are working together on Sunshine and Display Committees. FOL also donated money for two more bookcarts. Will be putting out a call for LTE staff person this month as well.

**Planning:** We've received a \$25,000 Literacy Bridges grant from ARSL, stipulations of which are attendance at two annual ARSL conferences, education and curriculum, and teaching digital literacy to adults. We've also received two smaller grants for community conversations from Rural Assembly and American Conversation Project. More to come as we learn more on these. Memory Café and Mom Group are both starting next week and will occur monthly through the summer.

**Other: Statistics      Upper Level:      3,695                      Lower Level:      1,649**

<u>2025</u>		<u>2026</u>	
Checkouts	3,893 (10)	Checkouts	3,978 (9)
Checkins	4,125 (10)	Checkins	3,989 (10)
Renewals	1,631 (9)	Renewals	1,870 (9)
Total Circulation	5,524	Total Circulation	5,848
Items Borrowed	1,054 (11)	Items Borrowed	1,163 (11)
Items Lent	1,477 (9)	Items Lent	1,812 (8)
Net Difference	423	Net Difference	649
% Locally-owned Checkouts	72.93%	% Locally-owned Checkouts	70.76%
New Patrons	17 (19)	New Patrons	17 (20)
New Items	193 (10)	New Items	392 (7)
Pharos Sessions	269 (7)	Pharos Sessions	204 (8)
Wireless Sessions	1,011 (6)	Wireless Sessions	686 (7)
Overdrive Checkout	1,423 (13)	Overdrive Checkout	1,664 (12)
Freanding Checkout	0	Freanding Checkout	0
Website Pageviews	1,056 (21)	Website Pageviews	1,041 (18)