Library Report

April 2025

Program Update:

* Movies
  + Dogman ( 30 )
* The Friends will start taking Books to Valley View Manor. VVM named it Booked Mobile for their activities, this begins April 14th. There will be a compilation of books, movies, puzzles, and magazines that will be sent there with its own little check out system. This will be a monthly delivery program.
* Webinar Updates
  + Pepper Spray and Self Defense tools in small libraries
  + Little Hands Webinar (2 remain)
* AC Meeting
  + Koha upgrades are happening
  + State Library Services visited. They talked about what cuts will impact our libraries services. At this time the impacts are not a concern. We were reminded that we are city/county funded so Federal library impacts Federally Funded Libraries. It may impact grants, but they were unsure at this time.
* Koha Training with Blaine Brubaker. Koha has been doing multiple upgrades including cataloging, Quick Cataloging, and, batch modifications.
  + Batch modification has come in really handy! I have started going through Item’s With No Check Outs Reports. This report is a slow process. We have over 1000 items (that’s all the report will show at a time) that have never been checked out. Unfortunately they include items from 2007-2025 so donations books and new items are included, and we have had 4 batches of donations brought in. I have also noticed that a good majority of the books that have never been checked out since 2007 are also books that we no longer have or have gone missing. The whole month has been sorting out the books by year, finding the books that may or may not be missing and removing all the missing items from the system. The goal is to remove any item we don’t carry. (Why have it in the system if it’s not available?) Books that have outdated information, multiple copies, or are falling apart are also being removed from the system. With the batch modification I don’t have to do each book individually! I can create a pile and remove them all at the same time which has been a HUGE time saver!

Upcoming Events/Programs

* National Library Week
  + “Drawn to the Library!” April 6-12
    - Monday: Mufasa Movie; Main Street Nutrition reached out and asked if they could provide beverages for anyone who attends the movie! We are very appreciative of them! ( )
    - Tuesday: Family Game Night / Caricature Artist: spaces filled up very quickly! ( )
    - Wednesday: Bad Art Night: ( )
    - Thursday: Sound Bath ( )
    - Friday: Bed Time Stories with the board ( )
  + Easter Party: Monday April 21st. Easter Eggs will be filled with colored stickers. The stickers will be challenge stations. The kids will complete the challenges to earn Bunny Money that they can use at our Bunny Market. Following the hunt we will have a movie.
  + A tea party for mother’s day has been requested. We may try something else for mother’s day and wait to host a tea party in the park this summer. Nothing has been decided yet.
  + Summer Reading is still being worked on.
  + Library Land (5 finished, 2 restarted, 3 more have started.) The kids have loved this game!
* Mango Zoom Call
  + Mango is a an online global language class series. We were given a free 1 week trial and it is something that could be very beneficial to our patrons! The plan is to apply for a grant through the Lamberton Area Community Foundation when that comes up. The cost for 3 years including an ASL and Little Pims (which would benefit daycares or anyone with toddlers) would be $5,130. If I am correct the last few years have been a $5,000 grant and I plan to ask the Friends of the Library to cover the remaining balance.
* OMIPractice informational meeting
  + This is another digital interface that specializes in online fitness and mindfulness. They offer hundreds of live classes a week. The cost for this is $750 for a year. If the friends of the library are interested I would like them to pay for this or they could also apply for the Lamberton Area Grant. This service is great for seniors, and could be something that we offer the classes in the library as additional programing. At this time there are no grants that would cover this if we are not able to get the LACF grant.
* Seed Exchange:
  + The library board is working on their seed exchange. The goal of a seed exchange is to offer a variety of seeds to the community, there has to be a learning element behind this, so they are looking at hosting a few planting classes. Following the season patrons are supposed to save their seeds for next year. Patrons are supposed to learn how to seed save for a sustainable garden experience. I think we may have started too late to get this all done this year!

**Circulation Report**

* **March**
* Total Books:907
* Audio Books20:
* Total DVDs: 179
* Non-Print (cake pans, Computers, Hotspots, Chromebooks): 49
* Online Materials(overdrive, RB Digital): 88
* ILL (Inter Library Loan ): 120

Respectfully Submitted

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