

Librarian's Report
May 2026

Programming:

Kids:

- ✦ Spring session programs wrapped up on April and attendance was strong for puppet show and Wonder Wednesdays!
- ✦ Summer Reading Program sign-up began on Friday, May 8.
- ✦ Katherine will continue to visit schools for the next couple of weeks, and attending the "Back to Summer" event at the Outdoor Adventure Center.
- ✦ The Friends of the Library generously donated a new carpet, which is in the kids lounge area. They also donated new colorful bookends for the kids fiction section, and additional floor rockers were also added to the story time room.

Teens:

- April was a light programming month with PLA and the Friends book sale, but that didn't deter 11 teens from making candy sushi, 6 teens attended book club and 4 attended graphic novel book club.
- Programming in May is also on the lighter side as the teens have so many end of school things going on.
- Jenny spoke to all the 5th, 6th, and 7th graders about the teen summer reading program. She is streamlining the SRP tracking and prize process, hoping this helps with registration and participation numbers.
- Teen Summer Reading Program registration begins May 18.
- Through the month of May, Jenny is re-labeling the YA books to align with the call numbers in Adult fiction.

Adults:

- ❖ The adult summer reading challenge begins May 26 and runs through August 15. Tracking sheets can be picked-up at the front desk.
- ❖ Silent book club is back on May 20. This program continues to be popular!
- ❖ This month's Dinosaur Cake Decorating Competition on May 27

Tech:

- ☒ Through the City IT budget, staff are getting new desk phones this year (except Katherine, since hers was replaced more recently). Don in IT has ordered them and next we'll need to set up a time with Swiftel to install them. They should be fairly similar to our existing phones, but newer models.
- ☒ Nancy requested a quote for a copier/faxing/printing solution to replace the public copier in 2027. It's through the company that provides our computer lab software, and we'd be able to let people make copies, release prints, fax documents, and pay for those services all through the same terminal. As long as it's approved in the 2027 budget, we'll likely be switching over.

Other:

- The Friends of the Library were able to donate \$20,000 to the library for programs, materials, and furniture. This was from a very generous donation earlier this year and a successful April book sale that netted just over \$7,400.
- Nancy is working on ordering 10 new flip-top, height-adjustable tables for the Cooper Room to replace the flip top tables that haven't held up well. Funding is split between the Friends and general fund budget. The new tables come recommended from other libraries, so we're hopeful they'll do better!
- Working on scheduling the hard flooring install and the staff room remodel.