# Librarian's Report Nov. 4, 2025

# I. Statistics: August 2025+/- % Changes from Last Year)

Circulation: 1889 (-30%) Digital Circulation: 663 (+21%)

Computer Use:358(+7%) WIFI Use: 2393 (+35%) Interlibrary Loan Loans:253(-13%) ILL Borrows:575 (-311%)

Children's Programs:211 YA Programs:0 Adult Programs:159

Statistics: September 2025+/- % Changes from Last Year)

Circulation: 1621(-10%) Digital Circulation: 599(+14%)

Computer Use: 274(+1%) WIFI Use: 2691

Interlibrary Loan Loans:272(+4%) ILL Borrows:506(-26%) Children's Programs:192 YA Programs:19 Adult Programs:182

#### II. Program Report

## Children (PK - Grade 4)

The Fall session of Storytime had a great attendance with an average of 17 at each session. We are now in our third week of Bookworm Club and things are running very well. The movie *Lilo and Stitch* had an attendance of 45 people!

#### Teen (Grades 5 - 12)

The most popular program so far was our "Chocolate Games" event which brought in 12 teenagers. Other events have included game days and a movie matinee.

#### Adult

Attendance is back to normal for our senior events and our weekly programming such as knitting and Mahjong. The knitters' group has been rebranded "The Kindred Stitchers" and we are now welcoming people who cross-stitch or embroider as well as knit and crochet. Our Hispanic Heritage month Latin Guitar concert was very successful with 55 people in attendance. The movie "Rear Window" also drew a good crowd of 26 people, and the DIY Energy Savings talk had 35 people.

## **III. Upcoming Programs**

See calendars and flyers for more details about upcoming programs.

#### IV. New Library Cards issued in September

During the period of Sept. 1 - Oct. 19 we issued 72 new library cards. This is a 36% increase from the 53 cards that we issued in that same time span in 2024. Most of these were from  $3^{rd}$  grade visitations that I made to the school promoting the online resources that they could access with a library card. I plan to visit other grades throughout the year.

#### V. Baker & Taylor Closing

We found out a few weeks ago that Baker & Taylor is declaring bankruptcy and will be closing effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the vendor that our library had been using to get its books from for as long as I can remember. The company has been struggling over the past couple of years to provide books in a timely manner. We are currently taking advantage of the *Amazon for Libraries* program which is offering new releases at 22-45% discounts. Other vendors such as Brodart couldn't take on new smaller library accounts because they are concentrating on their current customers. I have been investigating McNaughton Lease plan (which is a division of Brodart) and Ingram as well.