

Donald W Reynolds Community Center & Library

February 2021

Library is open w/limited access, services, & hours

Statistical Report

Attendance monthly total -----*only 8 computers open & up to 50 in library to check out*-----2,349

We were open only 19 days this month due to holiday and weather closures.

Attendance daily average -----123

Circulation monthly (physical units)----- 3,254

Circulation average daily ----- 171

Computer usage total -----267

Computer users average daily----- 14

Computer usage average time----- 32 min

Computer guest passes-----115

Computer guest passes average daily-----6

New Library card holders-----58

Materials donated ----- 716

(32 put in collection)

Interesting Statistics

Attendance: We have one entrance open, the west one, and are only allowing a limited amount of people in the library during the day. We have modified our hours to M-FR 9:00am to 6:00pm and SA 10:00am to 2:00pm. There are 8 computers open still and we've not had anyone who needed to wait to use a computer. The community center saw several events in December. Patrons must check in at the west desk to gain entrance into the library and all the tables and chairs are available for patrons who need to work on laptops or use the wifi. Areas are sanitized after use. The statistics do not include the traffic at the drive thru window. Many are requesting copies, faxing, and scanning to email through the window as well as picking up request/hold items.

Revenue: \$3345.85 for Feb. There were three meetings in the community center – Webstaurant's hiring event, Metts Power Lines safety training & a valentine's party for \$400 in revenue plus we received payment from OU for Foster Parent training that occurred in fall 2020; \$300 in copies, \$58 in faxes, \$300 in fines, \$129 in lost items, \$30 in replacement cards, \$101 from the café, and \$250 from the coin op (copies & prints).

What's Happened

-The library continued handing out the "take away" program bags in February. There were **56** bags given out to Early Childhood patrons (ages 2-4) & **93** bags to School-Aged patrons (ages 5-12). This makes about **150** young patrons served in the month of February.

- The "Very Hungry Reader" food program resumed evening meals and snacks (M-F from 4:00pm to 6:00pm) w/a total of **500** for the month with an average of **26** meals per day.

-The City held a planning retreat with department heads coming together to work on capital improvements.

-The library hosted court ordered mediations, literacy sessions, GED classes in the computer lab through the Ardmore Adult Ed. Center, a blood drive, local sports sign ups for kids, & AARP tax aid training and preparation days.

Community Engagement/FOL

- The FOL was due to co-sponsor a Quilt Celebration in April and the group, Heritage Quilters, decided to cancel the event for 2021 due to the Covid emergency. They booked days in 2022 for this celebration and looking forward to the community event.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater did NOT happen in February and we hope to be back in 2022. Local businesses usually donate for this program and this just won't be feasible for most businesses due to drops in revenue because of COVID. We also lost a major person who helped make this event possible, Bill Mullen. Bill designed and produced the event's playbill every year free of charge, this was a huge contribution for the event.
- The library has been extended as an evening food site through 5/31/21. These meals and snacks are provided by the Oklahoma Food Bank program and are a part of the library's "Very Hungry Reader" program. The meals are picked up in the drive thru and are available from 4:00-6:00pm weekdays.
- The community comes together to help feed the AARP Tax crew lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays through tax season. Different businesses and individuals sign up for days to bring lunch to the ladies as they work from 10:00am until at least 5:00pm. Others have donated towards drinks and snacks for the ladies as well.

Projects

- The city's IT dept is working to help get a new phone system with the plan to install in March using State Aid funding. IT will replace the laptops in the theater & meeting room as these laptops are used by groups renting these rooms and the current computers are not working at full capacity (they are almost 10 years old.) The library's State Aid funds will be delayed until early March. This year has seen a slight increase in State Aid funding.
- The library's contractor, Mid Plains Construction, and roofer, Affordable Construction, came down at the end of February to look at the damaged ceiling from the roof leaks. They will worked to figure out where the roof was leaking and made some repairs on roof top HVAC units to see if that will help the leaking. show up in the next few months.
- The library parking lot will be updated with new striping and painting in March. We will also add a heavy duty, outdoor trash can to the SW corner of the building (by the picnic table), and get the carpet cleaned in the theater with state aid funds. The carpet will be cleaned in April, after the tax program is done.
- The library hopes to help with the covid relief grant program to help City of Durant utility customers with their bills. This program will help citizens needing help with their water bills for two years.
- The city installed a new kiosk for water bill payment inside the library, in the circulation area outside the computer lab entrance. The library will also be able to take water bill payments through the drive thru window later in the year.

Library Promotion

Library Website – www.donaldwreynolds.okpls.org

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<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/rlwpubliclibrary>

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