

Donald W Reynolds Community Center & Library

July 2021

Statistical Report

Attendance monthly total ---Main Library----- 3,753

We were open 26 days this month.

Attendance monthly total ---Community Center events---Beginning in August we will attempt to track the number of people who visit the community center for events as they are not counted in the normal library attendance total. This will include library sponsored events, private events, and other community-attended events.

Attendance daily average ----- 144

Circulation monthly (physical units)----- 5,424

Circulation average daily ----- 208

Computer usage total ----- 493

Computer users average daily----- 19

Computer usage average time----- 37 min

Computer guest passes----- 158

Computer guest passes average daily----- 6

New Library card holders----- 103

Materials donated ----- 3195

(105 put in collection)

Statistics

Attendance: The attendance is slowly getting back to “normal.” The attendance that is counted is for those coming through the gates, into the library so it does not reflect those coming to the community center. The SRP takes place in the theater and had **545** in attendance for July.

Revenue : \$3600.94 for July. The room revenue was \$1800 this month due to the payment from OU for room usage in May and one event in July. There were many community events this month: Chess sessions on Saturdays, a FOL quarterly meeting, OK Works LEO meeting, two blood drives, a city ward meeting, Medicare information session, AARP Tax Aid volunteer information session, a book signing in the lobby by a local author, the kickoff meeting for the Texoma Audubon Society, RMS Staffing had their mobile work bus in the parking lot, the Bryan County Federation of Democratic Women welcomed a speaker to their meeting, the Blue Zones Project had a community information meeting, and the Durant Soccer Club had sign ups in the café/lobby.

\$320 in copies, \$150 in faxes, \$440 in fines, \$220 in lost items, \$66 in replacement cards, \$175 in out-of-county memberships, \$55 in laminating, & \$356 from the public printer/copier.

What’s Happened

- The “Very Hungry Reader” food program resumed evening meals and snacks (M-F from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, ending on Fridays at 5:00 due to going back to regular hours) w/a total of **558** for the month with an average of **27** meals per day.

-The library hosted court-ordered mediations, literacy sessions, GED classes in the computer lab through the Ardmore Adult Ed. Center, & a genealogy class for a local church.

Community Engagement/FOL

- The library ended its Summer Reading Program, "Tails & Tales" on July 30th with a celebration featuring food and awards for the kids. About 80 people total, kids and their families, came to the event and were treated to a light lunch in the meeting room before the awards program. The program is sponsored by local businesses and organizations in addition to city funding.
- The library has been extended as an evening food site through 9/30/21, maybe through May 2022. 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, Fridays 4-5.
- A local chess coach has been meeting in the library's conference room on Saturdays. Coach Curtis is volunteering to do chess games for kids and adults a few Saturdays a month. The program is for both Adult Chess & Kids' Chess in the Community Center's Meeting Room every Saturday from 12:30pm – 2:00pm.

Projects

- IT replaced 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.) They have also replaced computers at the circulation desk and are finished replacing staff computers for this year's cycle.
- The library's grounds were cleared out, removing the dead shrubbery and trees this month. The plan will be to let many areas "return to grass" and then in the fall plant trees behind the benches throughout the property. The grounds look amazing with all the dead items gone and the rose bushes and other trees flowering. It is currently in a "grow and fill in" stage for the next year so bear with us as we try to get our grass to fill in the lawn.
- The library was approved to move on to the engineering for the Library Park which will begin, tentatively, in August. This project is being funded by the Pendleton donation. The contract for engineering is ready to be implemented with the theorem company and Shane Knight.
- The library will house the covid relief grant program, Utility Billing Assistance Program, to help City of Durant utility customers with their bills. This program will help citizens needing help with their water bills for the next two years.
- The library will also be able to take water bill payments through the drive thru window later in the year as an awning is being put up over the drive thru window and drop box in the summer.

Library Promotion

Library Website – www.donaldwreynolds.okpls.org

Donald W Reynolds & Donald W Reynolds Friends of the Library- FACEBOOK FOR PHOTOS AND INFORMATION

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

"Check it out at the Library" - weekly column with the Sunday edition of the Durant Daily Democrat. *Currently on hold.*