

# Donald W Reynolds Community Center & Library

May 2021

## Statistical Report

Attendance monthly total -----	<i>limitations lifted M 4/19</i> -----	4,087
<i>We were open 25 days this month.</i>		
Attendance daily average -----		163
Circulation monthly (physical units)-----		4,154
Circulation average daily -----		166
Computer usage total -----		349
Computer users average daily-----		14
Computer usage average time-----		32 min
Computer guest passes-----		150
Computer guest passes average daily-----		6
New Library card holders-----		104
Materials donated -----		1355
		( 70 put in collection )

## Interesting Statistics

**Attendance:** We have gone back to our normal hours to M-FR 9:00am to 8:00pm and SA 9:00am to 5:00pm. We opened both entrances towards the end of April and removed the computer lab restrictions. Public areas are still being sanitized, shields are up at the circ desk, and masks are worn when in close proximity with patrons. 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:** \$3,026.38 for May. There were several paying events in the community center this month totaling over \$1400; ECU/SE Nursing Graduation Reception, OU Foster Parent Training, Webstaurant hiring event, Centric Healthcare meetings, Texoma Board of Realtors, & a local graduation party. Payment for the 3 week foster parent training will come in June/July.

\$700 in copies, \$185 in faxes, \$417 in fines, \$85 in lost items, \$72 in replacement cards, and \$125 in out-of-county memberships.

## 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 **446** for the month with an average of **18** meals per day.

The final week of May saw a 40%+ increase in meals for the week.

-The City held a city budget meeting with department heads, administration, and the city council. PD held their awards ceremony and community sponsored dinner on May 10<sup>th</sup> in the theater. The library hosted the first "Ward Meeting" in May and will continue to host monthly in the meeting room.

-The library hosted court-ordered mediations, literacy sessions, GED classes in the computer lab through the Ardmore Adult Ed. Center, a deposition, & summer school visits. May had a greater number of paying events and reservations for the upcoming year.

## Community Engagement/FOL

- The library begins its Summer Reading Program, "Tails & Tales" on June 1<sup>st</sup> with participants in 3 groups: 5-8 years old, 9-12 years old, and teens. This program runs for the months of June and July meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the community center's Theater. There are many community guests for the program including the Durant PRCA group and a local bee keeper. 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 7/31/21, maybe through the end of 2021. 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, sans Fridays as we now close at 5:00pm.
- A local chess coach began a chess club 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. Beginning in June the program will move to both Adult Chess & Kids Chess in the Community Center's Meeting Room every Saturday from 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- The library will partner with Durant Main Street to put donated books in their new "Little Library" in one of the downtown pocket parks. This little library will have free books to take or trade for all ages.

## 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 roof has not shown any more signs of leaking since the contractor came and sealed some rooftop HVAC vents. If there is no new damage by the end of summer the sheetrock will be replaced in the areas that had leaks.
- The library was approved to move on to the engineering for the Library Park which will begin, tentatively, in July. This project is being funded by the Pendleton donation.
- 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. About six water customers qualified for help in the first two weeks of the program.
- 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](http://www.donaldwreynolds.okpls.org)

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<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.*