

Donald W Reynolds Community Center & Library

April 2022

Statistical Report

Attendance monthly total -----circulation stats only----- 3,753

We were open 25 days this month.

Attendance daily average -----	150
Circulation monthly (physical units)-----	3,756
Circulation average daily -----	150
Computer usage total -----	527
Computer users average daily-----	21
Computer usage average time-----	37 min
Computer guest passes-----	175
Computer guest passes average daily-----	7
New Library card holders-----	104
Materials donated -----	2,564
	(139 put in collection)

Statistics

Revenue : \$4,416.82 for April. The room revenue was \$2375.00 with payments for: Webstaurant Hiring Event, Texoma Board of Realtors trainings & meetings, a literacy banquet, bday party, & a Financial Freedom seminar.

Prepayments were made for: Texoma Board of Realtors paid for 2022 events (15) & the Phillips bday party in May.

Revenue breakdown: \$583 in copies, \$134 in faxes, \$440 in fines, \$60 in replacement cards, \$100 in out-of-county memberships, \$12 in laminating, \$284 in lost/damaged item fees, & \$396 from the public printer/copier coin-op. The café revenue is separate and that was \$295 for the month.

There was a variety of community events this month: a Meet & Greet with Senator Lankford, a Regional Advisory Council – Region 4 meeting, a City Ward meeting, Daughters of the American Revolution meeting, Court Ordered Mediations, a DHS visitation, a Bryan Co Federation of Democratic Women meeting, the Heritage Quilters Quilt Celebration, local American Legion meetings, DHS All Staff meeting, City of Durant Budget meeting, and an Author book signing & reading.

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) w/a total of **445** for the month with an average of **19** meals per day. This program will continue through the end of May 2022 and then switch to the in-person meals for the summer.

- AARP Tax Prep started in February. The volunteers, 11 of them, worked on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 5:00pm in the library's theater. In total they had 709 e-files, 4 amended, & 5 paper returns for 2021 taxes, 21 e-files for 2020 taxes, 2 e-files for 2019 for a total of **828** people served. They ended April 14th. Volunteers from AARP and Southeastern are helping this year.

Community Engagement/FOL

- The library has received a Health Literacy grant and began health/fitness related projects in September. April classes: Four Yoga classes with **34** attendees, three Zumba classes with **10** attendees, , two LEAD classes with **11** attendees, and a Blue Zones Healthy Kitchen Cooking class with **20** attendees..
- The library programs for non-school-aged children started back up in August along with a new “Baby Lap Sit” program. There are two programs on Fridays, the Baby Lap Sit at 9:30am and Story Time at 10:00am. School-aged children have Lego Club (Tuesdays at 3:30), The Lounge for Teens (Wednesdays at 3:30/4:00), and After School Program (Thursdays at 3:30) in the library’s Story Room. Attendance is as follows: Lapsit had three sessions with no attendance & Story Time had three sessions with 16 attendees. After School four sessions with 21 kids, the Lounge four sessions with 8 teens, and Lego Club four sessions with 32 kids. After School programming (Lego Club, the Lounge, & After School) will resume in September.
- The Chess sessions are well attended with a total of 28 adults & 15 kids over five Saturdays.
- The library’s community center hosted the Heritage Quilters 2022 Quilt Celebration. There were a record number of attendees over two days. Visitors could view quilts, participate in raffles, attend demonstrations, get their scissors sharpened, and visit a local food truck. This event was a huge success! The FOL manned a table soliciting exit surveys from attendees while promoting the FOL. We hope to host this event again in 2024!

Projects

- The library applied for ARPA grant funds from the ODL in September. We were eligible for just over \$20,000 and were awarded just over \$23,000 in mid-October. Items purchased will be for extended programming, outdoor events, sound proofing meeting/study rooms, and enhancing video conferencing equipment.
- The library was approved to move on to the engineering for the Library Park and it began 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. Library staff met with Shane in late December for updates on the planning and a look at the drawings. The engineering is at 60% at the end of February. The park will add a large outdoor space to extend library programming. Publicity for the park has garnered a lot of interest in the project with many asking how they can help. The Blue Zones Project has offered to help partner with some of the project and the library is working on other grants to help with the project. A local couple has kicked off the donation project with a sizeable gift, more details to come.
- 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.

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 weekly edition of the Durant Daily Democrat. *Currently on hold.*