

# Donald W Reynolds Community Center & Library

## February 2022

### Statistical Report

Attendance monthly total ----- 2,704

*We were open 21 days this month, closed 3 days for inclement weather.*

Attendance daily average ----- 129

Circulation monthly (physical units)----- 3,565

Circulation average daily ----- 169

Computer usage total ----- 389

Computer users average daily----- 19

Computer usage average time----- 36 min

Computer guest passes----- 124

Computer guest passes average daily----- 5

New Library card holders----- 78

Materials donated ----- 987

( 54 put in collection )

### Statistics

**Revenue :** \$3150.64 for February. The room revenue was \$1275.00 with payments for: Webstaurant Staff Training, Metts Powerlines training, sgblocks Staff Retreat, and a Webstaurant Hiring Event.

Revenue breakdown: \$315 in copies, \$95 in faxes, \$611 in fines, \$105 in replacement cards, \$150 in out-of-county memberships, \$10 in laminating, \$45 in lost/damaged item fees, & \$294 from the public printer/copier coin-op. The café revenue is separate and that was \$250 for the month.

There was a variety of community events this month: A city ward meeting, American Legion meetings, GED classes, Durant Youth Baseball signups, AARP Tax Prep, court-ordered mediations, and City pesticide training.

### 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 **328** for the month with an average of **21** 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. They had to cancel tax prep on two Thursdays due to inclement weather. In the month they 166 e-files for 2021 taxes, 3 e-files for 202 taxes for a total of 169 people served. They will continue tax prep through April 14<sup>th</sup>. 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. February classes: Four Yoga classes with **44** attendees, two Zumba classes with **15** attendees, and five Chair Yoga classes with **7** attendees. Several classes were cancelled or had no attendance due to bad weather
- 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 13 attendees. After School two sessions with 13 kids, the Lounge two sessions with 3 teens, and Lego Club four sessions with 33 kids. Due to the inclement weather the library and the schools being closed some programming was cancelled.
- The Chess sessions are well attended with 4 separate Saturdays with a total of 26 adults & 25 kids. This was a good number given the inclement weather at the beginning and end of the month.
- Computer classes for adults resumed February with 4 attendees who came to all three classes, Basic Computer Skills. The classes are free and open to the community.

## 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.
- 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](http://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>

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