

Donald W Reynolds Community Center & Library

March 2022

Statistical Report

Attendance monthly total ----- 2,704

We were open 27 days this month.

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 ----- 3,941
(63 put in collection)

Statistics

Revenue : \$3646.03 for March. The room revenue was \$1400.00 with payments for: Webstaurant Hiring Event, Texoma Board of Realtors meeting, a Baby Shower, & an Alliance Health meeting. *Prepayments were made for: Modern Abstract with events in May, Aug, & Oct; and Big Five with an event in April.*

Revenue breakdown: \$616 in copies, \$85 in faxes, \$630 in fines, \$96 in replacement cards, \$150 in out-of-county memberships, \$5 in laminating, \$314 in lost/damaged item fees, & \$340 from the public printer/copier coin-op. The café revenue is separate and that was \$338 for the month.

There was a variety of community events this month: A city ward meeting, a deposition, Green Team Environmental Film Festival (two evenings), American Legion meetings, GED classes, Durant Youth Baseball meetings, Softball/Baseball sign ups, Medicare info meeting, AARP Tax Prep, Foster Care/Adoption recruitment meeting, Genealogy class, Severe Weather Awareness training, court-ordered mediations, several Blood Drives, and City Temp Traffic Control classes.

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 March they had 302 e-files for 2021 taxes, 4 e-files for 2020 taxes for a total of **306** people served. They will continue tax prep through 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.
March classes: Two Yoga classes with **12** attendees, two Zumba classes with **10** attendees, three Chair Yoga classes with **6** attendees, two LEAD classes with **12** attendees, and a Blue Zones Healthy Kitchen Cooking class with **18** 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 four sessions with no attendance & Story Time had four sessions with 11 attendees. After School four sessions with 13 kids, the Lounge four sessions with 4 teens, and Lego Club four sessions with 42 kids.
- There was special programming over Spring Break with three days of movies & activities: Movie & Legos – 26; Movie & Bingo – 37; Movie & Craft – 23 for a total of **86** for three special events.
- The Chess sessions are well attended with a total of 13 adults over four Saturdays & 6 kids over two Saturdays.

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

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

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