



**Director's Report to Board of Trustees
July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Lyla Grills Reporting

- L Grills Meetings & Trainings Attended: Friends of MPL meeting 6/11, MCLS Directors Council 6/3, Unattended Children Training 6/12
- The 2024 Summer Reading Adventure began on July 25! More details follow in Kelly's report!
- We will have a Grand Opening and Press Conference for the Teen Corner on Tuesday, July 9 at 11:00 am. Assemblymember Lunsford will attend. A local Boba shop will provide a brief talk and then will serve some Bubble Tea. Right before that, the Assemblymember will present Kelly with a "Woman of Distinction Award" (rescheduled from the spring).
- Besides the changes in the Teen Corner and computer area, there are some different furniture arrangements in other areas of the library. Check out the new setup for the Friends Bookshop!
- The Friends have a new President, Mary Church. The Friends will send out letters for their Annual Appeal soon. They will do a Food Drive for FISH Food Closet at the library this month.
- The Village has listed for sale with Hunt Commercial both the parcel the old Critics resides on as well as the grassy parcel of land in front of the library.
- We will hire a new Library Page soon. Our current page graduated from high school and is going away to college in August.
- The furniture refinishing project, funded by The Friends, is in progress.

Programming Highlights for July 2024

Kids: Summer Reading is off to a great start. As of Thursday, we've distributed more than 130 Adventure Passports! We've had amazing programs thus far and very much look forward to celebrating all kinds of adventures both inside and outside the library. The Village has been wonderful in allowing us to use the Gazebo, Monroe St. Park, Rotary Park, and Harry Allen Park. All have been great backdrops for our programs.

Rotary Park is where Miss Lisa will offer LEGO on Wednesday. All these programs are full. In fact, many of our Summer Reading events filled up within the first week of registration. We're incredibly thankful for all our sponsors be they financial sponsors or supply/prize sponsors.

New this summer, Wee Wednesdays with Miss Lori gives families with young children the chance to read, sing, and explore just outside the library every Wednesday morning. Tuesday morning we will continue to Tuesday Story Time with a different guest reader each week.

Also new, we have a patron who is offering a Fun with Words program for all ages every Friday during the Summer. "Mrs. Phil Ology" is excited to work with kids, teens, and adults to share the history of language and have fun in the process.

Teen Involvement:

Teen volunteers (with the help of Deb D) did an AMAZING job decorating the library. We are thrilled to showcase so many modes of adventuring and even have a Scavenger Hunt worksheet to encourage patrons to interact with the book title signs.

On Tuesday, July 9th, we expect to have a special event to unveil the new Teen Area that was made possible with funding secured through Assemblymember Lunsford's office. Lyla is working to bring in some delicious bubble tea, we'll have an assortment of games and some crafts on hand.

Tuesday, July 9th, we have a family offering a new teen program, The Magical Gathering. The Empson family has offered to share their knowledge of this game with teens. They're working to get beginner decks for participants. They are also considering offering a similar series of events in August that build off Dungeons and Dragons.

Adults:

Adults have showed up in force for our Summer Reading Events. We've tried to share information around town at Senior Meetings, at Pinehurst, and on our social media. This is all part of our outreach efforts. Speaking of outreach, Matt and Lyla travelled to Pinehurst in June to talk books and borrowing books on Libby. They were asked some wonderful questions, and the residents were very thankful.

We couldn't offer all the Take & Make Craft Kits without our volunteer support. Gretchen Schober developed the concepts for all our Summer Reading Crafts. She even worked to get supplies from the HFL Buy Nothing page. Gretchen, Kathy Rawlins, and several teen volunteers have been very busy assembling 125 crafts for each of the seven weeks of Summer Reading.

Visits

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	3495	2912	3315	3288	3549	1763	1061	3444	3713
Feb	3582	3297	3387	3090	3292	2006	1011	3258	3928
March	4207	3917	3840	3852	1982	2776	2046	3892	4229
April	4311	3946	3954	4286	0	2490	1905	3765	4113
May	4105	3664	3629	3902	0	2203	1487	3707	3904
June	4069	4076	4126	3748	0	2984	1696	3652	
July	4338	4292	4741	5134	4503?	3319	1759	4139	
Aug	4801	4730	4296	4399	1982	3062	3610	4649	
Sept	3903	3383	3358	3965	3462	2587	1902	3891	
Oct	2926	3887	3766	3996	2633	2351	2000	3749	
Nov	3643	3074	3429	3328	2507	2247	3050	3532	
Dec	2539	2698	2970	2512	2108	1663	2794	3219	
Total	45919	43876	44811	45500	21515	29451	24321	44897	19887

Hard Copy Circulations:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	7287	6973	6666	6481	6158	4690	5009	6246	5241
Feb	7376	6887	6298	5957	5502	5352	4881	5759	5054
Mar	7738	7683	7232	6393	4727	5749	6420	6290	5756
April	7414	6803	6996	6638	345	5400	5528	5471	5889
May	5923	6732	5596	5787	389	4891	5144	5713	7454
June	8168	7342	7018	5886	2287	6890	6784	6292	
July	9173	8405	8837	8555	4225	7412	7212	6577	
Aug	9521	8870	7881	8012	4878	6395	7279	7297	
Sept	6853	6322	5789	5820	5497	5182	5512	5338	
Oct	6558	6776	6141	6386	5631	5194	5404	5856	
Nov	6659	6597	6662	5865	5683	5607	5360	5499	
Dec	5641	5823	5647	5063	5523	4917	5158	5249	
Total	88311	85213	80763	76843	50845	67679	69691	71587	29394

Electronic Circulations:

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Jan	892	887	991	1089	1209	1461	1498	1761	1752
Feb	795	900	974	1046	1311	1187	1431	1529	1758
Mar	891	927	960	1197	1412	1516	1522	1694	1906
Apr	892	921	990	1114	1687	1343	1467	1534	1937
May	783	878	502	1288	1864	1487	1449	1462	1895
June	691	841	998	1152	1872	1604	1367	1583	
July	816	946	1025	1247	1813	1589	1615	1887	
Aug	791	969	929	1163	1688	1628	1573	1766	

Sept	691	883	839	1192	1472	1424	1418	1545	
Oct	769	887	941	1199	1463	1406	1527	1556	
Nov	729	898	1104	1121	1371	1435	1552	1545	
Dec	849	854	1060	1146	1488	1387	1529	1584	
Total	9589	10791	11313	13954	18650	17467	17948	19446	9248