LOOKING BACK:
A Month of Enriching Moments

MARCH 2025 | ISSUE #3

> *To enrich, educate, and inspire our community by providing unique and welcoming physical and virtual environments in which exploration, creativity and the sharing of ideas are encouraged.*

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

- WE COMPLETED THE ANNUAL STATE LIBRARY REPORT
- WE HELD OUR SPRING BOOK SALE FROM MARCH 29 – APRIL 5. WE MADE $1065.00 OVER THE WEEK.
- CINDY TIMMERMAN AND I MET WITH THE UNITED WAY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS OUR ONGOING PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE THE DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY AVAILABLE TO THE PRESCHOOLERS OF SHELBY COUNTY.
- I ALSO KEPT UP WITH THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS AND SENT TWO LETTERS TO REPRESENTATIVE BARHORST AND SPEAKER HUFFMAN. I ATTENDED OLC LEGISLATIVE DAY ON APRIL 8.
- MARCH AND APRIL HAVE BEEN BUSY MONTHS FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS. WE GOT A WARNING ON OUR ELEVATOR INSPECTION DUE TO DIRT AND OIL ACCUMULATING ON THE TOP OF THE CAR AND IN THE BOTTOM OF THE PIT. TK ELEVATOR CLEANED THESE AND WE SHOULD PASS NEXT INSPECTION.
- WE DID PASS OUR FIRE INSPECTION. WE HAD WATER DAMAGE TO THE WALL BY THE ELEVATOR ON THE MEZZANINE AFTER THE STORMS ON APRIL 3.
- COTTERMAN ROOFING DID SOME REPAIRS TO THE RUBBER SEAL AT THE SEAM BETWEEN THE NEW AND OLD PORTIONS OF THE ROOF. IT SEEMS TO HAVE WORKED SO FAR.
- CLEANING OF THE GARAPA WOOD TRIM AND WINDOWS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SOMETIME THIS SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER.

Mark
-INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

50
CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL VISITS WITH

870
TOTAL STUDENTS

- ATTENDED SHELBY HILLS FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT WITH 100 ADULTS AND STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE
- PRESENT THE LONGFELLOW OREGON TRAIL SKIT
- WE HAD THE HONOR OF 'SPONSORING' THE COUNTY-WIDE BATTLE OF THE BOOKS COMPETITION THIS YEAR. WHILE THIS IS OUR THIRD YEAR EMCEEING THE EVENT, WE DECIDED TO TAKE IT TO THE NEXT CHAPTER AND PROVIDED THE BALLOONS, TREAT BAGS, POSTERBOARD AND TABLECLOTHS THIS YEAR. THIS YEAR MORE THAN 20 TEAMS IN GRADES 4-8 FROM RUSSIA, ANNA, FAIRLAWN, AND BOTKINS COMPETED DURING THREE ROUNDS OF TRIVIA ABOUT BOOKS THEY ALL READ.

April
-YOUTH SERVICE OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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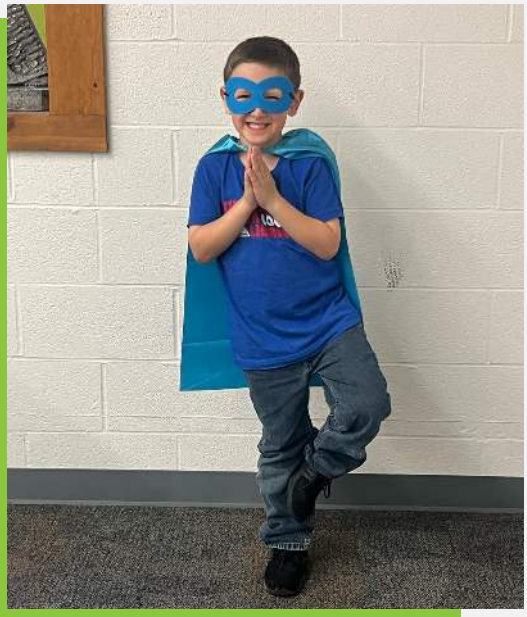
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- THE ANNUAL SPRING TEA PARTY WAS A DREAMWORLD OF PINK & PASTEL TO CELEBRATE THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BARBIE DOLL. SEVERAL YOUNG MEN IN SHORTS AND ASCOTS ALSO GAVE KEN HIS FAIR REPRESENTATION. GUESTS WERE SPOILED WITH TREAT BOXES (INCLUDING THEIR VERY OWN DOLL), CRAFTS STATIONS, GIANT BARBIE/KEN BOX PHOTO BOOTHS AND DELICIOUS FOOD. EVERY YEAR THIS PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE DEDICATED SIDNEY YOUTH SERVICES STAFF AND A PERFECT MASH-UP OF VOLUNTEERS FROM SHS KEY CLUB, SMS BUILDER'S CLUB AND THE LIBRARY'S TEEN ADVISORY GROUP. THIS YEAR, SEVERAL KEY CLUB MEMBERS (INCLUDING OUR OWN KEATON SHAFFER) ALSO SERENADED GUESTS WITH AN ADORABLE RENDITION OF "I'M JUST KEN" FROM THE 2023 BARBIE MOVIE.

40+
Adults and Children in attendence



- GRACE HOCKADAY HAD A STRONG TURNOUT FOR SUPERHERO CAMP FOR GRADES K-3 ON THURSDAYS THIS MONTH. CAMP ACTIVITIES CAME DIRECTLY FROM PBS OHIO LEARNS 360, PROGRAM IN A BOX. TOPICS INCLUDED SUPERHERO SCIENCE, SUPERHERO ART, WHAT'S YOUR SUPERPOWER? AND MORE. EACH PARTICIPANT GOT A CAPE AND MASK AT THEIR FINAL PROGRAM.

Rikki
-YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

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YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS:
BARBIE & KEN TEA PARTY

TEEN SERVICES

7-12 TEEN THURSDAYS

"IN MARCH, I HAD TO CANCEL MY TAG MEETING AND FIRST TEEN THURSDAY DUE TO ILLNESS, BUT WE HAD 5-12 TEENS EACH WEEK FOR THE REST OF MY TEEN THURSDAY PROGRAMS. ON MARCH 15, THERE WERE 14 TEEN VOLUNTEERS FROM MY LIBRARY TAG GROUP AND SIDNEY CITY SCHOOLS KEY CLUB/BUILDERS CLUB WHO VOLUNTEERED AT THE BARBIE AND KEN TEA PARTY. THEY HELPED PREPARE & PASS OUT FOOD, GREET PATRONS, ASSIST WITH GAMES & CRAFTS, AND HELP CLEAN UP & DO DISHES AFTERWARDS."

-Cindy
TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

100 BOOKS BY GRADUATION

For the 100 Books By Graduation program, we have had 62 teens registered and 816 books recorded since starting the program in 2021. We've had 7 teens who have completed the 25 book check-in, 1 teen who has completed the 50 book check-in, and 3 teens who have finished the program by completing the 100 book check-in!

LUCK, MANGA, AND MORE: MARCH IN THE TEEN ROOM

Teen Room Passive Programs – March Recap

- This month, we offered four engaging passive programs in the Teen Room, and participation was strong across the board!
- 🍜 Manga Basket Giveaway – 28 participants
- 👀 March National Food Holidays I Spy – 8 participants
- 🍀 St. Patrick's Day Guessing Jar – 19 participants
- 🎨 DD Awareness Month Coloring Pages – 15 participants
- We also want to give a huge thank you to the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities for their support and generosity. In addition to providing the coloring pages, they donated three copies of three different young adult books to add to our collection — a wonderful gift that will benefit our teen readers!

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TECHNOLOGY

- UPDATED RULES FOR PATRONS USING PUBLIC COMPUTERS TO AVOID INACTIVITY TIMEOUTS
- WORKED WITH CHILDREN'S AND THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO RECORD DIAL-A-STORIES FOR DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH
- ATTENDED THE AMERICA 250 MEETING AT THE SHELBY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO ASSIST IN PLANNING FOR THE AMERICA 250TH ANNIVERSARY

8 PEOPLE ATTENDED
SUBLIMATION PILLOWS

MADE IN THE MAKERSPACE @SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES

- REPAIRED PRINTER CONNECTION ISSUES AT ANNA.
- COLLECTED AND FORWARDED ANNA AND BOTKIN'S PRINTER REPORTS.

-Becki **-TECH COORDINATOR**

MAKERSPACE

$1,015.02 Money In

30 Number of Appointments

- UPDATED FIRMWARE AND REPLACED INK IN SUBLIMATION PRINTERS
- BEGAN WORKING WITH ADULT, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S TO FORMULATE A PLAN FOR CUSTOMIZED PRIZES FOR SLP
- PRINTED LARGE COLORING PAGES FOR CHILDREN'S FOR BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- ASSISTED GATEWAY ARTS, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SIDNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND FAIRLAWN SCHOOL WITH VARIOUS PROJECTS

-Bob **-STEM LAB COORDINATOR**

ADULT PROGRAMMING

- TEN PEOPLE MADE BUNNY PILLOWS AT OUR CRAFT PROGRAM AT DOROTHY LOVE.
- 9 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED AT THE LIBRARY.
- WE HAD A FREE SEED GIVEAWAY FOR GARDENERS.
- WE HAD 18 PEOPLE FOR A PROGRAM ON QUILTING. AN INSTRUCTOR FROM CANTON TAUGHT PAPER PIECING TECHNIQUES.
- I WILL BE SPEAKING AT KIWANIS AND ROTARY IN APRIL ON DECLINING LITERACY LEVELS IN OHIO.

Nancy **-ADULT PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR**

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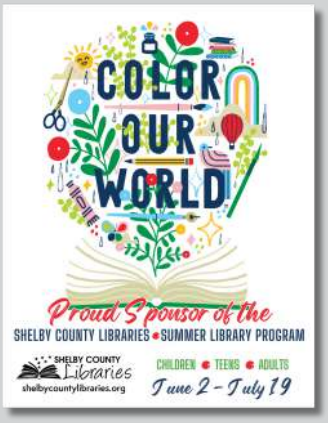
MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

- I CREATED MARKETING MATERIALS AS WELL AS BOOK PLATES FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH SCBDD FOR DD AWARENESS MONTH
- WE ADDED A BULLENTIN BOARD IN THE LOWER LEVEL DISPLAYING ALL LOCATIONS CURRENT EVENT CALENDARS.
- IN THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR CANVA I HAD:
  - 64 DESIGNS CREATED
  - 147 DESIGNS PUBLISHED
  - 13 LINKS SHARED
  - 427 DESIGNS VIEWED

80+
ONLINE EVENTS ADDED

-Cassandra
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT



SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM 2025

IN MARCH, WE STARTED TO MAIL OUT DONATION LETTERS FOR OUR SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM.
I CREATED AND PRINTED:

- 500 SCL ENVELOPES FOR THE DONATION LETTERS
- 500 PROUD SLP SPONSOR SIGNS
- 250 DONATION LETTERS FOR THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT
- 222 DONATION LETTERS FOR THE COMMUNITY LOCATIONS
- 33 DONATION LETTERS FOR ADULT SERVICE'S
- 500 INSERTS ON LOGO INFORMATION FOR THE BUSINESS THAT ARE DONATING

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FACEBOOK

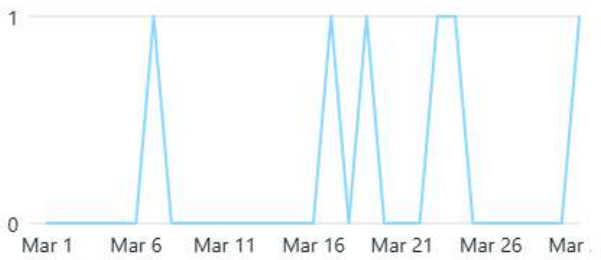
March Stats

Views

31.6K ↑ 12.6%

Link clicks

6 ↓ 89.3%



Content interactions

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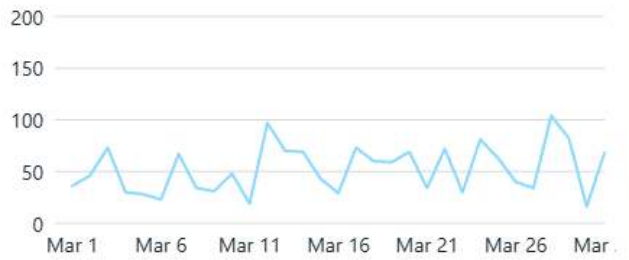
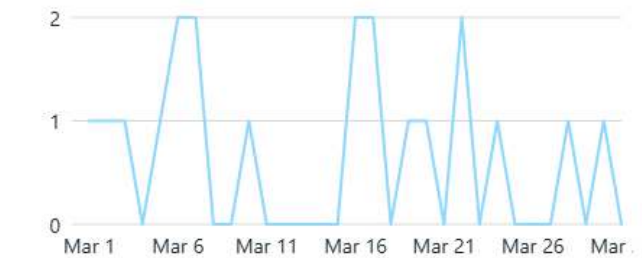
Visits

1.6K ↑ 15.4%



Follows

20 ↑ 5.3%



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March Stats

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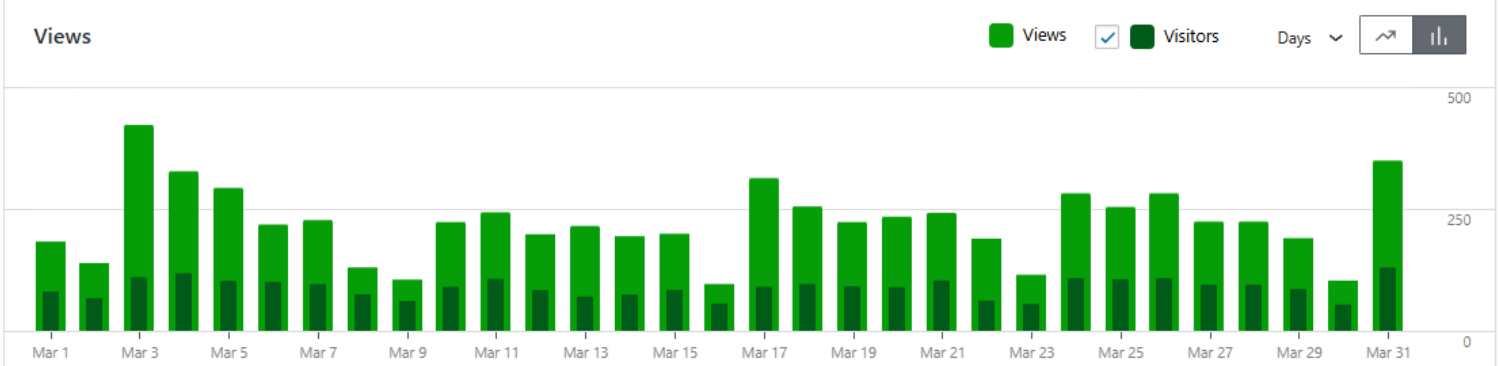
Views



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COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

IN THE MONTH OF MARCH, THE ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY HAD A BOOKMARK DESIGNING CONTEST FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH 6TH GRADE. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE TO DESIGN A BOOKMARK USING A CATCHY LIBRARY OR READING PHRASE AS THE THEME FOR THE BOOKMARK. THERE WERE 33 SUBMISSIONS AND ONLY FOUR WERE CHOSEN AS THE WINNERS. THE KIDS SAID THAT THEY REALLY ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO CREATE A BOOKMARK! THE WINNING BOOKMARKS WILL HAVE COPIES MADE AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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CHILDREN ENTERED THE BOOKMARK DESIGN CONTEST

BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

IN BOTKINS, KENDRA AND MICHALIA HOSTED A MERMAID PARTY FOR PRESCHOOLERS. THERE WERE 28 PRESCHOOLERS THAT ATTENDED AND TOOK PART IN PAINTING SEASHELLS, PLAYING UNDERWATER GAMES AND HAVING A TASTY SNACK. THEY ALSO HELD A ST. PATRICK'S DAY BINGO AND POPCORN WITH 38 KIDS IN ATTENDANCE! THE KIDS PLAYED ST. PATRICK'S DAY PICTURE BINGO AND EACH WENT HOME WITH AT LEAST ONE PRIZE. IT WAS A CRAZY TIME, BUT EVERYONE ENJOYED IT!

FT. LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY IS WORKING ON STARTING A STICKER CLUB. IN THIS CLUB, KIDS AGES 7-17 CAN JOIN AND TRADE THEIR STICKERS WITH EACH OTHER. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A BOOKLET WITH SPECIAL PAPER MADE FOR PEELING AND STICKING STICKERS. PARTICIPANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN STICKERS TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP AND RECEIVE NEW STICKERS FROM OTHERS. WE'RE HOPING TO GET A GOOD TURNOUT FOR THE MONTHLY PROGRAM. IN MARCH, WE HAD OUR LEGO DROP-IN AND HAD 14 KIDS ATTEND. ALL OF THE LEGO CREATIONS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE.

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

AT THE JACKSON CENTER MEMORIAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY, THEY HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH MANY PROGRAMS! BOTH CHERYL AND DEB HELPED PUT TOGETHER A PUZZLE PANDEMONIUM PUZZLE CONTEST FOR ADULTS AND FOR KIDS. BOTH PROGRAMS WENT OVER WELL WITH TWO ADULT GROUPS AND THREE KID GROUPS PARTICIPATING. THE ADULTS FINISHED A 500 PIECE PUZZLE IN ABOUT AN HOUR AND 36 MINUTES AND THE KIDS WERE FINISHED WITH A 200 PIECE PUZZLE IN A LITTLE OVER AN HOUR. THEY PLAN TO DO THE PROGRAM AGAIN IN THE FUTURE AND HOPEFULLY GET MORE PARTICIPANTS.

36 MINTUES
TO COMPLETE 500 PIECE PUZZLE

RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

JULIE AND BETH IN RUSSIA KICKED OFF MARCH WITH A CELEBRATION! KIDS IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH 2ND GRADE WERE INVITED TO ATTEND A DR. SEUSS PARTY! AT THE PARTY, 27 KIDS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS LISTENED TO WELL-KNOW DR. SEUSS STORIES, MADE THING 1 AND THING 2 HEADBANDS COMPLETE WITH CRAZY BLUE HAIR AND HAD A SNACK. IT WAS A GREAT TRIBUTE TO SUCH A LOVED AUTHOR. THEY ALSO STARTED BACK UP THE BOOK BUDDIES PROGRAM. IN THIS PROGRAM, JULIE READS A CHAPTER BOOK TO 12 YOUNGER CHILDREN AS THEY FOLLOW ALONG WITH THEIR OWN COPIES. THE KIDS LOVE IT BECAUSE JULIE DOES ALL THE VOICES!

-Jenny
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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CHILDREN ATTENDED THE DR. SEUSS PARTY

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