LOOKING BACK:
A Month of Enriching Moments

JUNE 2025 | ISSUE #6

> *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 INTERIM DIRECTOR

AFTER 26 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES, MARK KISTER IS RETIRING. MARK HAS BEEN A VALUED TEAM MEMBER WHOSE COMMITMENT, KNOWLEDGE, AND KINDNESS MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON BOTH STAFF AND PATRONS.

WE RECENTLY CELEBRATED HIS RETIREMENT WITH A GATHERING THAT INCLUDED A LIGHT LUNCH, CAKE, AND FOND MEMORIES SHARED BY CURRENT AND FORMER COLLEAGUES. MARK WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, AND WE WISH HIM ALL THE BEST AS HE BEGINS THIS EXCITING NEW CHAPTER!

- SUMMER READING PROGRAM WAS COLORFUL FOR ADULT READERS THIS JUNE. WE KEPT EVERYONE BUSY WITH PROGRAMS AND PLENTY TO FILL THEIR CALENDARS.
- PROGRAMS OFFERED INCLUDED PRESENTATIONS ON PHOTOGRAPHY, MENDING 101, AND INSPIRATIONAL AUTHORS AND TALKS. TRIVIA NIGHT IS ALWAYS A BIG TURN OUT WITH FUN FILLED LAUGHTER IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM. PASSIVE PROGRAMS AT THE DESK MADE IT FUN TO ENTER THE BUILDING AND GRAB AN ACTIVITY SHEET, PARTICIPATE IN A GUESSING JAR FOR A PRIZE, AND VIEW A STUNNING PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY IN THE ART GALLERY.
- WILSON HEALTH JOINED US FOR FREE A1C TESTING AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS WITH UPWARDS OF 40 FOLKS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS SERVICE.
- SIDNEY DANCE COMPANY POPPED IN FOR A MINI RECITAL ON THE HARDWOOD FLOORS AND WOW, THEY WERE ELEGANT!

Nancy
-ADULT PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- WE'VE HAD A LOT OF TREMENDOUS ARTISTS SHARE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS WITH OUR SUMMER LEARNERS.
- PATRICK O'CONNELL, CARICATURE ARTIST FROM DAYTON, TAUGHT KIDS HOW TO DRAW CARTOONS USING HIS NATURAL CHARM AND SIMPLE STRATEGIES.
- MEGAN ETZKORN, OWNER OF ART FOR ALL, CONDUCTED A KID'S PAINT & SIP THAT FILLED THE COMMUNITY ROOM. KIDS PAINTED A RAINBOW TREE GROWING OUT OF A BOOK.
- ANDREW STEINGASS, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR AT ONU, SHOWED ALL AGES HOW TO SCULPT AND MOLD CLAY. HE ALSO FILLED REGISTRATIONS LISTS AT BOTH JACKSON CENTER AND SIDNEY. HE WILL BE FIRING AND RETURNING THE PIECES THE PATRONS MADE IN A FEW WEEKS.
- RIKKI AND APRIL VISITED A DIFFERENT CITY PARK EACH WEEK FOR MOTHER GOOSE TIME AND STORIES IN THE PARK. MOST MEMORABLE WAS STORIES IN THE PARK AT THE PEOPLE'S GARDEN LOCATED BEHIND AGAPE DISTRIBUTION. MASTER GARDENER CONELIA DIXON GAVE THE KIDS A TOUR AND SHOWED OFF THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN BEDS FULL OF PLANTS AND WHIMSICAL THINGS LIKE DINOSAURS AND SCORPIONS.

-Rikki
-YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

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TEEN SERVICES

13-16
TEEN THURSDAYS

6
TAG MEETING

THE BEGINNING OF JUNE BROUGHT THE START OF SUMMER READING! THE TEEN PROGRAM THIS YEAR INCLUDES A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS TO COMPLETE TO RECEIVE SMALL PRIZES AND A CHANCE AT WINNING ONE OF OUR BIGGER GRAND PRIZES WHICH INCLUDE KINGS ISLAND TICKETS, AIR PODS, STANLEY CUP, GIFT CARDS, AND A BASKET AT EACH LOCATION THAT IS FILLED WITH BOOKS, SNACKS, AND SUMMER READING THEMED ITEMS. THE ACTIVITIES TEENS CAN DO INCLUDE READING FOR AT LEAST 20 MINUTES A DAY OR COMPLETING AN ACTIVITY AT HOME FROM A PACKET PROVIDED SUCH AS CRAFTS, STEM ACTIVITIES, WORD SEARCHES, CROSSWORD PUZZLES, AND MORE!

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 6TH WE HAD OUR SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM KICKOFF PARTY AT TAWAWA PARK, WHICH WE HAD ABOUT 11 TEENS ATTEND WHO REGISTERED FOR THE SLP AND 1 TEEN VOLUNTEER WHO HELPED WITH VARIOUS TASKS THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

ON THREE DIFFERENT DAYS IN JUNE, I TRAVELED AROUND THE COUNTY WITH MISSY AND DID A STOP MOTION ANIMATION PROGRAM AT EACH OF THE LOCATIONS, WHERE TEENS CREATED A SHORT VIDEO BY TAKING PICTURES AND USING VARIOUS PROPS THAT MISSY PROVIDED. THEY USED A FREE APP CALLED "STOP MOTION STUDIO" ON PHONES THE LIBRARY PROVIDED TO THEM.

TEEN PARTICIPATION NUMBERS:

SIDNEY – 1 BOTKINS – 0 JACKSON CENTER – 0
ANNA – 6 FORT LORAMIE – 4 RUSSIA – 3

I CONTINUED TEEN THURSDAYS AGAIN DURING THE SUMMER, WHERE TEENS SPENT TIME PLAYING VIDEO GAMES ON THE NINTENDO SWITCH, MAKING DESIGNS OUT OF PERLER BEADS, PLAYING BOARD GAMES, OR JUST HANGING OUT WITH FRIENDS EATING SNACKS. I HAD ANYWHERE FROM 13-16 TEENS FOR EACH OF THOSE PROGRAMS IN JUNE..

-Cindy
TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

WRITING, DRAWING AND MORE: JUNE IN THE TEEN ROOM

In June, I co-led a Teen Writing Workshop with Missy (2 teens attended), hosted an interactive "Freaky Friday" movie (0 attendees), a Teen & Adult Photography Class with Mike Grone (7 attendees), and a Teen String Art Craft with Kristie (0 attendees). The library also hosted Indiana Wild on Friday, June 27, with 144 attendees—including about 15 teens.

Teen Room Passive Programs – June Recap

Passive programs were popular with teens this month:

- Mini Canvas Take & Make – 54 participants (10 returned their finished art for display)
- Crayon Guessing Jar – 19 participants
- Doodle, Draw, and Write – 3 participants
- I SPY: Art Supplies – 12 participants
- Skittles Guessing Jar – 35 participants
- Sticker Mosaic – 58 teens added tiles throughout June

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TECHNOLOGY

- UPDATED DIGITAL SIGNAGE FOR SUMMER LIBRARIES PROGRAMS
- INSTALLED NEW MONITORS IN THE TEEN ROOM
- REPAIRED SECURITY CAMERA FOR PARKING LOT AFTER A STORM

-Bob
-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

- COLLECTED AND FORWARDED LOCATION PRINTER REPORTS TO PERRYPROTECH
- ATTENDED SENIOR STAFF MEETINGS.
- APPROVED ORDER FOR NEW CIRC DESK PC'S, AND A NEW DIRECTOR PC (4 TOTAL).
- APPROVED FARONICS/DEEP FREEZE (PC SECURITY SOFTWARE) RENEWAL.

-Becki
-TECH COORDINATOR

28 PEOPLE ATTENDED
MONTHLY TRIVIA NIGHT

ADULT PROGRAMMING

MAKERSPACE

$792.58
Money In

33
Number of Appointments

- ASSISTED CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT IN PREPARING FOR THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM KICK-OFF PARTY BY PRINTING SIGNAGE.
- ATTENDED AN EQUIPMENT DAY AT JOHNSON PLASTIC PLUS WITH CASSANDRA TO LEARN OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND USES OF MAKERSPACE EQUIPMENT.
- HOSTED TWO NIGHTS OF LASER ENGRAVED BOTTLE OPENERS BEFORE FATHER'S DAY. 30 PEOPLE, ACROSS 2 NIGHTS, MADE TWO BOTTLE OPENERS EACH TO GIVE AS GIFTS. A LOT OF NEW FACES WERE AT THIS PROGRAM.
- HOSTED TWO DAYS OF SUBLIMATION PICKLEBALL PADDLE COVERS. ONLY 4 PEOPLE ATTENDED, BUT ALL OF THEM ENJOYED LEARNING THE PROCESS.
- ENGAGED WITH PARTNERS FROM THE SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY YMCA, THE LINK OF SHELBY COUNTY, DOROTHY LOVE SENIOR LIVING, AND HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, ASSISTING WITH MAKERSPACE PROJECTS.

-Bob
-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

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MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

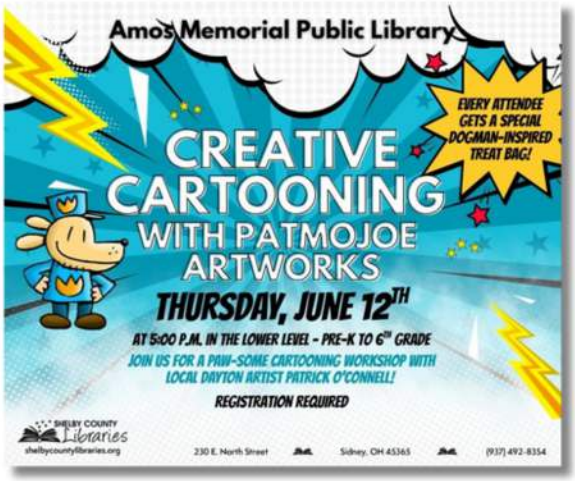
- UPDATED THE LABELS FOR THE DVD SECTION
- DESIGNED SIGNS FOR THE FAMILY FUN NIGHT
- DESIGNED AND PRINTED TICKETS FOR FAMILY PREVIEW DAY AT THE FAIR
- DESIGNED AND PRINTED TOY STORE COUPON FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH SAMOZREJME
- CREATED 7 FACEBOOK POSTS INCLUDING INFO FOR THE HOUSE BILL 96
- STARTED WORKING ON PREPARING ITEMS FOR THE FAIR

220+
DESIGNS VIEWED

IN THE MONTH OF JUNE FOR CANVA I HAD:

- 55 DESIGNS CREATED
- 90 DESIGNS PUBLISHED
- 11 LINKS SHARED
- 228 DESIGNS VIEWED

-Cassandra
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT



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June Stats

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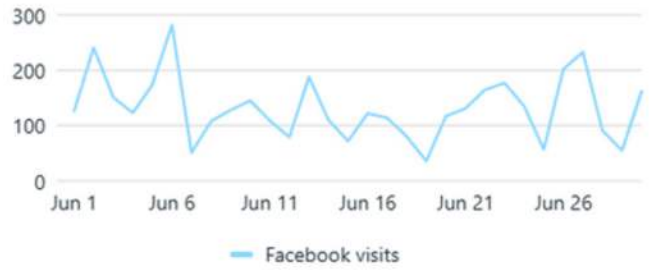

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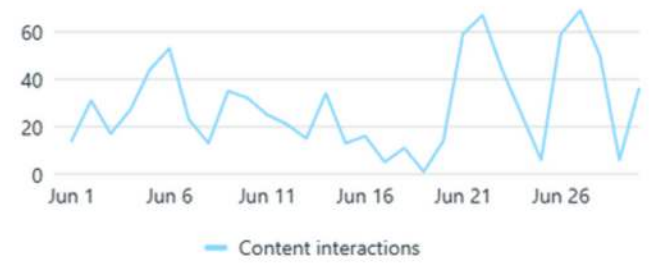

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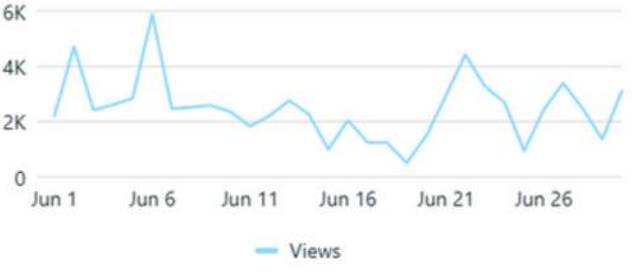

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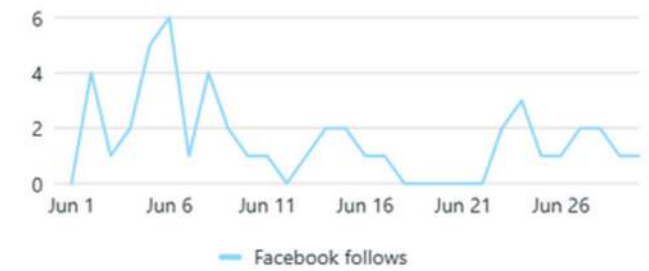

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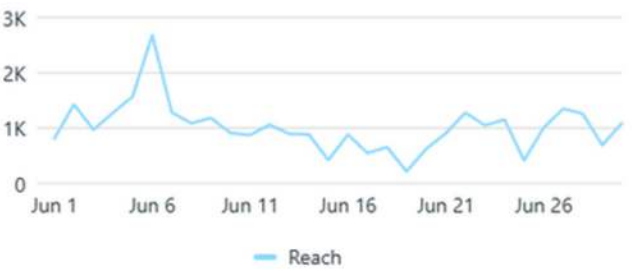

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June 2025

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COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

ALL OF OUR LIBRARY LOCATIONS KICKED OFF JUNE WITH THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM, COLOR OUR WORLD! EACH COMMUNITY WELCOMED BETH FROM INDIANA WILD, WHO BROUGHT AN EXCITING LINEUP OF ANIMALS—INCLUDING A MILK SNAKE, A BLUE-TONGUED SKINK, A THREE-BANDED ARMADILLO, AND EVEN A SKUNK! MORE THAN 540 PEOPLE ATTENDED ACROSS ALL FIVE LOCATIONS, MAKING IT A FANTASTIC START TO THE SUMMER!

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ATTENDED THE ANNA KICK-OFF PARTY!

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY KICKED OFF THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM WITH A FUN-FILLED PARTY AT THE ANNA COMMUNITY PARK! IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, THE EVENT FEATURED TOUCH-A-TRUCK, CARNIVAL GAMES WITH PRIZES, SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM SIGN-UPS, AND A FOOD TRUCK PROVIDED BY THE VILLAGE. A FANTASTIC CROWD OF 177 PEOPLE JOINED IN THE CELEBRATION. LATER IN THE MONTH, THE LIBRARY HOSTED A SPECIAL VISIT FROM COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS FARM, WHERE 68 ATTENDEES HAD THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO WALK AN ALPACA AND LEARN ALL ABOUT THESE FASCINATING ANIMALS. WHAT A GREAT WAY TO START THE SUMMER!

BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY LAUNCHED THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM WITH AN EXCITING KICK-OFF PARTY! KIDS ENJOYED A COLORFUL PAPER CRAYON CRAFT, TESTED THEIR AIM IN A NERF GUN SHOOTING GAME, SNACKED ON POPCORN, AND RECEIVED A SPECIAL SIGN-UP PRIZE. THE EVENT BROUGHT IN AN INCREDIBLE 208 VISITORS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SIGN-UPS! AT THE END OF THE MONTH, THE LIBRARY HOSTED A CERAMIC PAINTING PROGRAM WITH PRISCILLA GERSTNER, WHERE KIDS GOT TO CHOOSE AND PAINT THEIR OWN CERAMIC PIECES. IT WAS A CREATIVE AND RELAXING EVENT WITH 9 PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING THE FUN.

FT. LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOSTED A ROCK ART PROGRAM WHERE PARTICIPANTS PAINTED COLORFUL OR INSPIRATIONAL DESIGNS ON ROCKS TO PLACE AROUND THE COMMUNITY AND BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY. THE CREATIVE ACTIVITY BROUGHT IN 29 PARTICIPANTS. THE LIBRARY ALSO HELD TWO HEARTWARMING SESSIONS OF READ TO A THERAPY DOG, FEATURING ANGIE AND HER FRIENDLY GOLDEN RETRIEVER, BRODY. KIDS HAD THE CHANCE TO READ ALOUD, CUDDLE, AND SPEND TIME WITH BRODY—DRAWING 56 SMILING PARTICIPANTS WHO GAVE HIM PLENTY OF LOVE AND SNUGGLES!

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY RECENTLY WELCOMED THE BRUKNER NATURE CENTER AND THEIR ANIMAL AMBASSADORS FOR AN EXCITING HANDS-ON PROGRAM. FAMILIES HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS ANIMALS AND EVEN GOT TO TOUCH AND HOLD THEM. THE EVENT DREW A CROWD OF 50 PARTICIPANTS WHO THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE. THE LIBRARY ALSO FEATURED A DELIGHTFUL PUPPET THEATER PERFORMANCE, BROUGHT TO LIFE BY TALENTED STUDENTS FROM JACKSON CENTER SCHOOL AND THEIR TEACHER. THE STUDENTS CAPTIVATED THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR SHOW, WHICH WAS MET WITH LOTS OF SMILES AND APPLAUSE. A TOTAL OF 33 PEOPLE ATTENDED THIS CHARMING EVENT.

50 KIDS & ADULTS

FOR THE BRUKNER NATURE CENTER EXPERIENCE

73

CHILDREN & ADULTS VISITED WITH THE ANIMALS FROM COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY RECENTLY OFFERED TWO ENGAGING AND MEMORABLE PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMUNITY. AMANDA HURLEY FROM THE SHELBY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LED A VIBRANT PRESENTATION ON THE COLORS FOUND IN NATURE, FOLLOWED BY A LIVELY SCAVENGER HUNT AT THE RUSSIA COMMUNITY PARK, WHICH DREW 42 PARTICIPANTS. LATER, COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS FARM BROUGHT THEIR CHARMING ALPACAS TO THE LIBRARY, WHERE FAMILIES HAD THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT THE ANIMALS AND EVEN WALK THEM THROUGH THE YARD. THIS DELIGHTFUL EVENT ATTRACTED 73 ATTENDEES AND WAS A BIG HIT WITH VISITORS OF ALL AGES.

-Jenny
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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COMMUNITY LIBRARY LOCATIONS