LOOKING BACK:
A Month of Enriching Moments

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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 DIRECTORS

SEPTEMBER IS THE SEASON FOR BUILDING REPAIRS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES. THE ROOF PROJECT IN SIDNEY IS COMPLETE AND THE COMMUNITY ROOM DOOR HAS BEEN FIXED! WE ARE NOW WAITING ON QUOTES FROM FERGUSON TO REPAIR WINDOW WELLS (SIDNEY). MANDY MORGAN HAS BEEN NAMED OUR NEW YOUTH SERVICES OUTREACH COORDINATOR AND CINDY TIMMERMAN IS IN THE PROCESS OF LEARNING ADA BUMGARTNER'S DUTIES WHO IS PLANNING TO RETIRE AT THE END OF OCTOBER. WE HAVE ALSO POSTED THE POSITION OF FACILITIES COORDINATOR (SHAUN PIATT WILL LEAVE US AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER). SINCE MANDY IS NOW IN YOUTH SERVICES THIS MEANS THE DELIVERIES HAVE BEEN RECOMBINED WITH THE FACILITIES COORDINATOR POSITION.

ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE WORKING ON PLANS FOR AMERICA 250 WITH A NEW COMMITTEE, NEW CULTURE PASSES, AND IMAGINATION LIBRARY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WITH DOWNTOWN FALL FESTIVAL.

-Rikki -INTERIM EXCUTIVE DIRECTOR

DID YOU HEAR A SLAMMING DOOR? WAS THAT AUGUST WE JUST DISMISSED? THE END OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025 WAS HARD TO SEE FINISH. IT WAS A VERY ARTSY SUMMER HERE AT AMOS. WE LOOKED AT ART IN EVERY FORMAT AND EVERY COLOR. THE PUBLIC ENJOYED THE PROCESS. GRAND PRIZES OF BLOWING GLASS AND MAKING STAINED GLASS TOPPED OFF THE ADULT DRAWING FROM ALL THE COMMUNITY LOCATIONS. OUR WINNERS WERE WIDE SPREAD FROM ALL AREAS OF SHELBY COUNTY.

IN AUGUST I REACHED OUT TO SHELBY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILSON HEALTH , AND VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. NOW WE BEGIN TO SET PROGRAMS FOR FALL AND THE PRE- HOLIDAY TIME FRAME. KEEP A HEADS UP, WE HAVE LOTS GOING ON FOR OUR ADULTS. NEW CRAFT IDEAS, NEW LOCAL AUTHORS, AND NEW BOOKS ARRIVE. FALL SEASON IS THE PRIME TIME FOR THE POPULAR AUTHORS TO RELEASE THEIR BOOKS. ITS A BUSY TIME, BUT GOSH, BRING IT ON! LETS READ.

-Nancy -INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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THE SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES 'CHAPTER CHAMPS' RAISED $808

***12 STAFF MEMBERS ON THE TEAM**
***BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY**
***BAKE SALE AT THE LIBRARY**
***POP-UP BOOK AND MAKERSPACE SALE NIGHT OF THE RELAY**

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

AUGUST WAS A BUSY MONTH IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT. EACH WEEK, WE OFFERED A NEW PASSIVE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN TO ENJOY, WHILE STAFF WORKED DILIGENTLY TO PREPARE FOR BOTH ONGOING PASSIVE ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING REGULAR PROGRAMMING FOR SEPTEMBER.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT ATTENDED ONE OUTREACH EVENT AT THE YMCA'S COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER. WE SHARED LIBRARY PROGRAM INFORMATION WITH FAMILIES AND HANDED OUT FREE TOYS, BABY SHOES, AND OTHER GOODIES TO HELP WELCOME LITTLE ONES

MOST OF THE MONTH WAS ALSO DEDICATED TO REFRESHING OUR SPACE. THE CHILDREN'S AREA RECEIVED A THOROUGH CLEANING AND REORGANIZATION TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS READY FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO THE FALL SEASON. FROM PLANNING TO POLISHING, A LOT OF EFFORT HAS GONE INTO MAKING THE LIBRARY A WELCOMING AND ENGAGING PLACE FOR FAMILIES THIS AUTUMN.

-Jessie
-YOUTH SERVICES

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TEEN SERVICES

IN AUGUST, I DIDN'T DO ANY PROGRAMMING SO I COULD SPEND TIME PREPARING FOR THE FALL. BUT STARTING IN SEPTEMBER I WILL BE DOING SCHEDULED PROGRAMS AGAIN FOR TEENS IN GRADES 7-12, AS WELL AS VARIOUS PASSIVE PROGRAMS IN THE TEEN ROOM AND A DIFFERENT TAKE & MAKE CRAFT EACH MONTH. ONE TUESDAY A MONTH I WILL HAVE A TAG (TEEN ADVISORY GROUP) MEETING FOR ANY TEENS WHO WANT TO VOLUNTEER IN THE LIBRARY, HELP PLAN TEEN PROGRAMS, AND DECIDE WHAT YOUNG ADULT BOOKS WE SHOULD PURCHASE FOR THE TEEN ROOM. EVERY THURSDAY I WILL HAVE TEEN THURSDAYS AGAIN WITH VIDEO GAMES, BOARD GAMES, CRAFTS, SNACKS AND MORE.

-Cindy
TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

100 BOOKS BY GRADUATION

For the 100 Books By Graduation program, we have had 64 teens registered and 867 books recorded since starting the program in 2021. We've had 6 teens who have completed the 25 book check-in, 2 teens who has completed the 50 book check-in, and 3 teens who have finished the program by completing the 100 book check-in!

AUGUST SCHOOL OUTREACH

On August 13th, I went to the Sidney Middle School Open House from 5:00-6:30pm where I handed out fall program flyers, information on library services, and small swag items to teens and tweens. I talked to a total of 174 people:

- 65 kids in grades 6 & below
- 37 teens in grades 7 & 8
- 72 adults

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TECHNOLOGY

MISSING & LOST LISTS WERE SENT OUT IN AUGUST FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS TO COMPLETE. THIS YEARLY TASKS IMPROVES THE PATRON EXPERIENCE BY ENSURING OUR PAC IS AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE. A NEW CASSIE MANAGER WAS DEPLOYED WHILE THE LIBRARY WAS CLOSED FOR ROOF REPAIRS. THIS COMPUTER IS ONE OF THE MOST USED COMPUTERS IN THE BUILDING AS IT REGULATES PATRON'S LOG ON OF PUBLIC COMPUTERS, AND THE PUBLIC PRINTING.

-Bob

-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

WHEW! AUGUST WAS A BUSY MONTH! ALONG WITH OUR NORMAL MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY SCANS, WE SPENT TIME GETTING PREPPED FOR UPDATING OUR TEAMS SOFTWARE AND TRAINING FOR STAFF AT ALL LOCATIONS. WITH THE SHUFFLING GOING ON, THE CATELOG DEPT. HAS NOW REJOINED THE IT DEPT. SO WE ARE WORKING ON THOSE ADJUSTMENTS, AS WELL. I AM STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. HAPPY FALL!

-Becki

-TECH COORDINATOR

18 PEOPLE ATTENDED

TRIVIA NIGHT

ADULT PROGRAMMING

MAKERSPACE

$538.15
Money In

36
Number of Appointments

THE MAKERSPACE HAD A BIT OF A REPRIEVE IN AUGUST, WITH FEWER APPOINTMENTS THAN THE OTHER MONTH'S OF SUMMER. BUT WE ALSO ASSISTED SEVERAL LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS GET READY FOR THEIR FALL EVENTS, INCLUDING SIDNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH THEIR POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SYSTEM (PBIS) LOCKER STICKERS. OTHER ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE SIDNEY ALIVE, RUSSIA SCHOOL, JACKSON CENTER SCHOOL, HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL, THE SIDNEY SHELBY COUNTY SENIOR CENTER, THE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP, AND MORE. I ALSO BEGAN PREPARING FOR FALL PROGRAMMING, WHICH THIS FALL INCLUDES HOME DECOR SIGNS, LAYERED PAPER ART, ENGRAVED CUTTING BOARDS, AND PERSONALIZED EARRINGS. THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, PATRONS ENJOYED THE GROUP ACTIVITY OF WATERCOLORS AND WHITECLAWS, SO I AM WORKING ON DEVELOPING MORE ACTIVITES THAT ARE GROUP ORIENTED INSTEAD OF OUR TRADITIONAL ONE-ON-ONE APPOINTMENT STYLE. SEPTEMBER WILL INCLUDING ASSISTING IN PREPARING FOR THE CHOCOLATE WALK, AND DEVELOPING NEW SIGNAGE FOR AROUND THE LIRBARY.

-Bob

-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

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MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

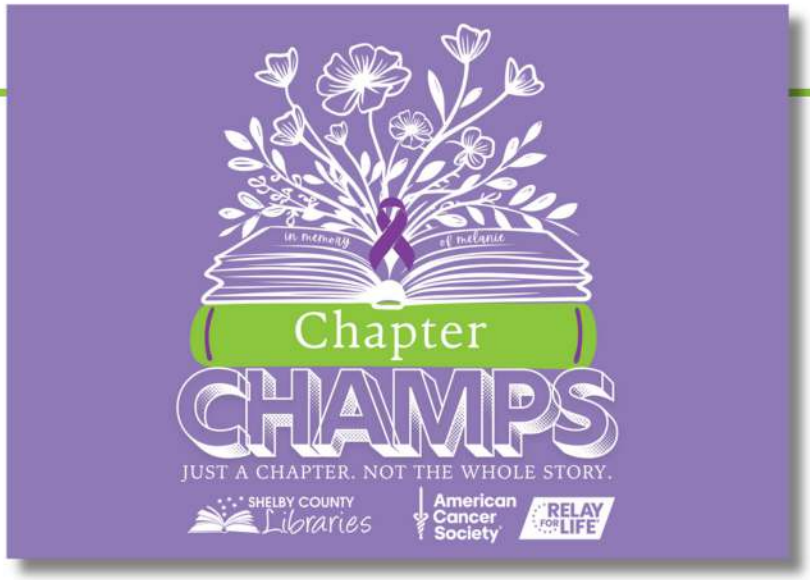
- ATTENDED THE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AT THE SALVATION ARMY, TO PROMOTE RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS TO FAMILIES
- DESIGNED AND ORDER SHIRTS FOR STAFF ATTENDING THE RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT.
- CREATED BOOK PLATES FOR 2025 SLP DONORS
- MET WITH THE BOARD TO GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AS WELL AS UPCOMING GOALS AND PLANS
- PRINTED REGISTRATION CARDS FOR LIBRARY CARD MONTH
- CREATED BANNERS FOR ART GALLERY ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF A SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARY CARD
- CREATED CALENDARS FOR LOCATIONS, TEEN AND YOUTH SERVICES

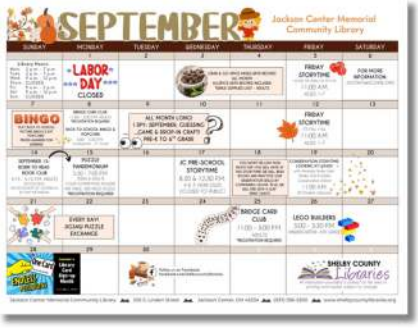
99
EVENTS ADDED TO THE WEBSITE

IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST FOR CANVA I HAD:

- 47 DESIGNS CREATED
- 98 DESIGNS PUBLISHED
- 15 LINKS SHARED
- 216 DESIGNS VIEWED

-Cassandra
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT





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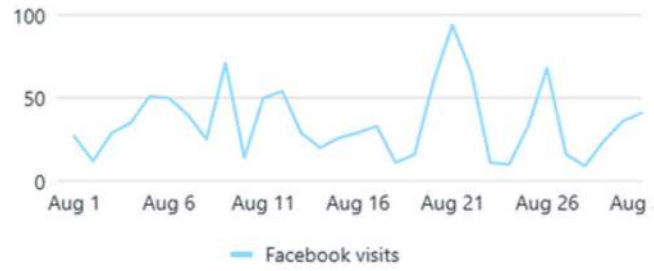

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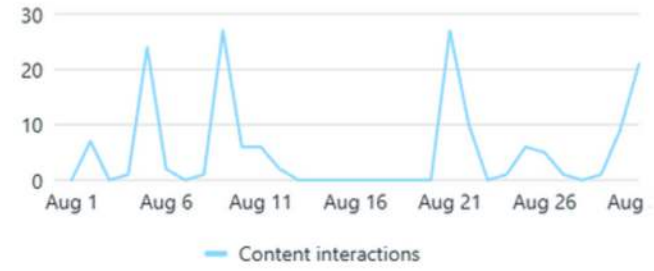

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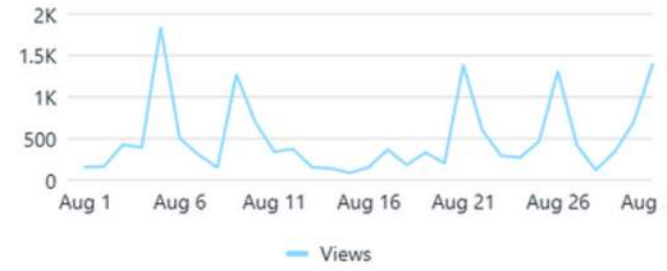

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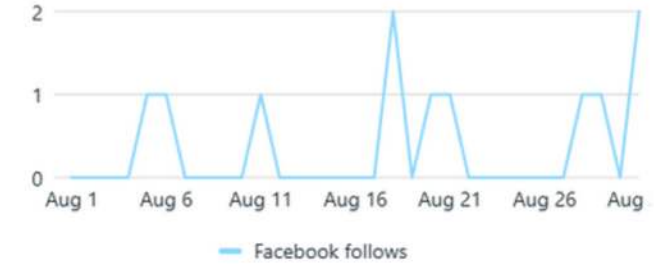

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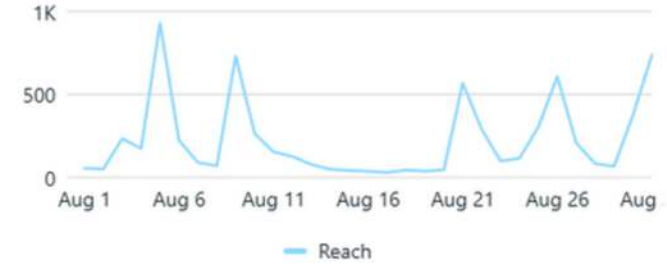

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COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

AUGUST WAS A NICE, QUIET MONTH FOR ALL OF US. AFTER TWO JAM-PACKED SUMMER MONTHS OF EVENTS, WE FINALLY HAD A CHANCE TO CATCH OUR BREATH AND GET BACK ON TRACK. EACH LOCATION FOCUSED ON SOME FUN PASSIVE PROGRAMS AND STARTED GEARING UP FOR BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS.

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY KICKED OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH A BACK TO SCHOOL BASH THAT INCLUDED AN AROUND-THE-TOWN SCAVENGER HUNT, SIDEWALK CHALK DRAWINGS, AN I SPY GAME, FUN ACTIVITIES WITH PRIZES, AND A SNACK. TWENTY-SEVEN PEOPLE JOINED IN THE FUN! OUR WEEKLY SENIOR CARDS GROUP IS STILL GOING STRONG, WITH 31 ADULTS PARTICIPATING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. STAFF ALSO SPENT TIME PLANNING FOR THE RETURN OF PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AND OTHER FAVORITE PROGRAMS.

BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY STARTED BACK UP WITH LEGO BUILDERS! KIDS FROM PREK THROUGH 6TH GRADE CAME READY TO GET CREATIVE, BUILDING WHATEVER THEIR IMAGINATIONS DREAMED UP. THEIR DESIGNS WILL STAY ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY UNTIL THE NEXT MONTH'S PROGRAM. LEGO BUILDERS IS ALWAYS A FAVORITE WITH GREAT ATTENDANCE! KENDRA ALSO HOSTED PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, FEATURING THE BOOK "SPIKE THE MIXED-UP MONSTER". THE FUN CONTINUED WITH AN AXOLOTL-THEMED CRAFT, WHICH THE KIDS ABSOLUTELY LOVED. STORYTIME IS ALWAYS A HIT!

FT. LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY KICKED OFF THE MONTH WITH CARTOONS AND A CRAFT! FAMILIES STOPPED BY TO WATCH SONIC AND MAKE A SONIC-THEMED CRAFT TO GO ALONG WITH THE MOVIE. EIGHT PEOPLE JOINED IN FOR THAT PROGRAM. BECKI AND PAM ALSO HOSTED GAME ZONE, WHERE KIDS HUNG OUT WITH FRIENDS AND ENJOYED BOARD GAMES, COMPUTER GAMES, AND CARD GAMES. TEN KIDS ATTENDED AND HAD A GREAT TIME.

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

AT THE JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY, CHERYL AND DEB HAVE BEEN BUSY BRAINSTORMING NEW PROGRAMS. ONE FUN ADDITION WAS FRIDAY MOVIE MADNESS WITH MUNCHIES, WHICH BROUGHT IN 8 KIDS FOR A GREAT TIME. THEY ALSO CONNECTED WITH FAMILIES DURING JACKSON CENTER LOCAL SCHOOLS' OPEN HOUSE NIGHT, WHERE THEY SIGNED UP NEW LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS, ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT LIBRARY SERVICES, AND PROMOTED UPCOMING FALL PROGRAMS.

RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY FEATURED AN "I SPY BACK TO SCHOOL" ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, WHICH 32 KIDS PARTICIPATED IN AND ENJOYED. JULIE AND BETH ALSO SPENT TIME PLANNING FOR UPCOMING FAVORITES LIKE PRESCHOOL STORYTIME, BOOK BUDDIES, FAMILY STORYTIME, AND A CRAFT NIGHT.

-Jenny
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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