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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MARCH ALWAYS BRINGS A SENSE OF RENEWAL. THE DAYS BRIGHTEN, THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING APPEAR, AND OUR COMMUNITY SEEMS TO MOVE WITH A LITTLE MORE ENERGY. THIS YEAR, THAT SPIRIT WAS ESPECIALLY STRONG AT SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES AS WE CELEBRATED AN OUTSTANDING MATCH DAY. THANKS TO THE INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY OF OUR SUPPORTERS, WE RAISED MORE THAN $17,000, A MILESTONE THAT WILL DIRECTLY STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES OUR PATRONS RELY ON.

THIS ACHIEVEMENT FUELS SO MUCH OF WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO OFFER—STORYTIMES THAT SPARK IMAGINATION, TECHNOLOGY THAT OPENS NEW DOORS, AND WELCOMING SPACES WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES CAN LEARN, CONNECT, AND GROW. EVERY DOLLAR RAISED HELPS US CONTINUE IMPROVING WHAT THE LIBRARY PROVIDES THE COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE MAKING MEANINGFUL PROGRESS EVERY DAY.

WITH SPRING UNFOLDING, WE'RE ALSO CHARGING FULL STEAM AHEAD INTO PREPARATIONS FOR THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM. IT'S ONE OF OUR FAVORITE TRADITIONS, AND THIS YEAR'S LINEUP PROMISES TO BE OUR MOST ENGAGING YET. FROM HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES TO EXCITING EVENTS, WE'RE BUILDING A SUMMER FILLED WITH DISCOVERY AND FUN FOR READERS OF ALL AGES.

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN THE LIBRARY AND HELPING US MOVE FORWARD WITH SUCH MOMENTUM. TOGETHER, WE'RE CREATING A VIBRANT, CONNECTED COMMUNITY—ONE CHAPTER AT A TIME.

_Jenna
-EXECUTVE DIRECTOR

49
CLASSROOM VISITS

700
TOTAL STUDENTS

- LAST MONTH WAS A BUSY MONTH AS WELL AS GOING TO ALL THE PRESCHOOL'S WE HELPED OUT WITH THE COUNTY EASTER EGG HUNT AND PASSED OUT 97 EGGS TO CHILDREN WHO CAME IN ON 4/4 WITH A PASSPORT. HOW FUN! I AM ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING UP SPRING STORY WALKS. WE HAD 12 PEOPLE NOTE DOING THEM IN FEBRUARY.
- WE CONTINUE TO GET NEW PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE ELC ROOM AND CONTINUOUSLY PUT NEW TOYS IN THAT ROOM

_Mandy
-YOUTH OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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ADULT SERVICES

THE RHYTHM OF OUR LIBRARY SEEMS TO BE GETTING A REGULAR BEAT AFTER THE STAFF CHANGES AND THE WINTER FREEZE. ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A FUN PLAN FOR SUMMER. THE TEAM WORK OF CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT, ADULT DEPARTMENT, AND OUTREACH ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING PRIZES, PROGRAMS, AND DESK ACTIVITIES. WE GO SO FAR TO INCLUDE WEEKLY ACTIVITY SHEETS AT THE DESK, PASSIVE PROGRAMS AND GUESSING JARS TO INDUCE PATRONS TO BE INVOLVED.

HEALTH RELATED SCREENING HAS BEEN VERY POPULAR. THIS WEEK WE HAVE A DERMATOLOGIST JOINING US FOR A FREE SKIN SCAN , PROMOTED BY WILSON HEALTH.

HEARTLAND HOSPICE JOINED US YESTERDAY TO REMIND THE PATRONS THAT HOSPICE IS COVERED BY MEDICARE. PNC BANK JOINED US YESTERDAY TO GARNER INTEREST FOR THEIR BANK AND PASS OUT INFORMATION ON MORTGAGES. I AM ALWAYS OPEN TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT NEAR THE FRONT DESK. REMEMBERING THE LIBRARY IS THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY.

-Nancy
-ADULT PROGRAMMING COORDINATOR

ADULT OUTREACH

ADULT LIBRARY OUTREACH INCLUDED TWO MEANINGFUL VISITS THIS MONTH. WE HOSTED A SCRATCH ART CRAFT AT MERCY MISSION HOUSE WITH FIVE PARTICIPANTS AND MADE OUR FIRST VISIT TO SHELBY SKILLED NURSING & REHABILITATION, CREATING SHAMROCK CRAFTS WITH SIX RESIDENTS. I ALSO ATTENDED THE CHAMBER LEADERSHIP OUTING FOCUSED ON EDUCATION IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHERE THE VISIT TO UVCC WAS ESPECIALLY EYE-OPENING.

-Jenny
-ADULT OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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4-12
TEEN THURSDAYS

TEEN SERVICES

IN MARCH, I WASN'T ABLE TO HAVE OUR MONTHLY TAG MEETING DUE TO ILLNESS, BUT I DID HAVE A COUPLE TEEN VOLUNTEERS FROM MY TAG GROUP COME IN ON THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH TO PUT UP A NEW BOOK DISPLAY OUTSIDE OF THE TEEN ROOM. I ALSO HAD A TEEN VOLUNTEER COME IN BEFORE TEEN THURSDAY ON MARCH 26TH TO HELP SORT/ORGANIZE THINGS IN THE TEEN ROOM. TEEN THURSDAYS' ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN A LITTLE THIS MONTH DUE TO SPRING BREAK AND PRACTICE FOR SIDNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL, BUT THE TEENS WHO CAME EACH WEEK SEEMED TO ENJOY IT.

-Cindy
TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

100 BOOKS BY GRADUATION

Since starting the program in 2021, we have had 77 teens registered and 927 books recorded. So far, 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!

MARCH PASSIVE PROGRAMS IN THE TEEN ROOM

- St. Patrick's Day Guessing Jar - 14
- Easter Word Scramble - 3
- Monthly Take & Make Craft (St. Patty's Day Chalk Art) - 40

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

175
ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN ATTENDENCE

- MARCH CERTAINLY KEPT US ON OUR TOES. IN ALL MY YEARS DOING STORYTIME I NEVER HAD A TORNADO ALARM GO OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF READING A BOOK UNTIL NOW. THANKFULLY, I WAS ABLE TO GRAB THE GAME I HAD PLANNED FOR THE KIDS TO DO AND TOOK IT TO THE SAFETY OF THE BASEMENT. MEMORIES WERE MADE FOR EVERYONE!
- I AUCTIONED OFF (AND PURCHASED) MY ART AT THE BAD ART BALL. IT WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AND I AM IMMENSELY PROUD THAT I RAISED $1,156 DOLLARS FOR THE GATEWAY ARTS COUNCIL AND THE SHELBY COUNTY FAIR HORSE PAVILION.
- SINCE MELL'S PROMOTION TO THE FORT LORAMIE LOCATION COORDINATOR, WE HAVE HIRED CALEB FISHBACK AS OUR NEW CHILDREN'S ROOM ASSOCIATE. CALEB IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON HIS DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK AND HAS LOTS OF POSITIVE ENERGY AND EXPERIENCE TO BRING TO OUR YOUNG PATRONS.
- WE PARTNERED WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD OF DD FOR DD AWARENESS MONTH. WE HAD REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BOARD HELP WITH STORYTIME AND ALSO DID A COUNTY-WIDE COLORING CONTEST WHERE ANY KID THAT SUBMITTED A PICTURE GOT A TREAT.
- PASSIVE PROGRAMS, CONSERVATION STORYTIME AND FAMILY STORYTIMES WERE HAPPILY ATTENDED. THEMES INCLUDED FARM TO LUNCHBOX (CONSERVATION STORYTIME WITH AMANDA HURLEY), PANGOLINS, MERMAID GUESSING JARS, COOKIES & BOOKIES (OREO AND COOKIE PAIRINGo AND SPRING SEED PLANTING.

_Rikki
-YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR

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TECHNOLOGY

MARCH WAS A MONTH OF TAKING INVENTORY OF OUR TECHNOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE AND PREPARING FOR THE NEW CYBER-SECURITY PROGRAM WE HAVE TO HAVE IN PLACE AS PART OF ORC 9.64, THE LAST BIENNIAL BUDGET. THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, I BEGAN COLLECTING POLICIES FROM OTHER LIBRARIES AND MAPPING OUT WHAT OUR PLAN WILL LOOK LIKE, INCLUDING WRITING SEVERAL POLICIES THAT WILL SOON BE TAKEN TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL, SUCH AS AN EMAIL COMMUNICATION POLICY, AND UPDATED ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY, AND A NEW SECURITY CAMERA ACCESS POLICY.

IN MARCH, I ALSO LITERALLY TOOK INVENTORY OF ALL LIBRARY OWNED DEVICES, AS PART OF THIS CYBER-SECURITY PROGRAM. THIS ALSO LED TO A REALIZATION OF WHAT MISSION-CRITICAL DEVICES NEED REPLACED. THE FIREWALL UNIT IS ONE SUCH DEVICE, AND WILL BE REPLACED IN APRIL TO BETTER SERVE OUR GROWING NETWORK AND REPLACE THE OUTDATED CONTENT FILTER, WHICH STOPS INDIVIDUALS FROM LOOKING HARMFUL OR INAPPROPRIATE WEBSITES.

6 PEOPLE ATTENDED

TABLERUNNER PROGRAM

ADULT PROGRAMMING

-Bob

-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

MAKERSPACE

$523.69
Money In

57
Number of Appointments

THIS YEAR IS SHAPING UP TO BE ODD IN THE MAKERSPACE. APPOINTMENTS ARE ON THE RISE, WITH 57 IN MARCH, BUT MONEY ISN'T FLOWING IN A QUICK. WHILE LARGE FORMAT PRITING IS STILL THE LEADING SERVICE FROM THE MAKERSPACE, THE LASER AND THE MEDIA CONVERSION, TWO FREE SERVICES, ARE ALSO GAINING POPULARITY.

THROUGHOUT MARCH, WE ALSO FACED WHAT EVERYONE ELSE IS FACING - RISING COSTS. DUE TO THIS, I AM PLANNING ON ROLLING OUT NEW PRICING AT THE BEGINNING OF MAY, TO BETTER OFFSET THE COST OF MATERIALS IN THE MAKERSPACE. THE PHILOSOPHY THE LIRBARY HAS APPLIED TO THE MAKERSPACE IS WE JUST WANT TO BREAK EVEN, NOT MAKE A BUCK. BUT WITH THE COST OF OUR MATERIALS, THAT IS SLIPPING FURTHER AND FURTHER AWAY. THIS ADJUSTMENT WILL PRIMARILY FOCUS ON THE LARGE FORMAT PRINTING, BUT LASER ENGRAVING AND SUBLIMATION PRINTING AS WELL. PROGRAMMING WILL REMAIN IN THE $5-10 RANGING, DEPENDING ON THE PROGRAM.

PROGRAMMING IN MARCH WAS SPARSELY ATTENDED, WITH 6 MAKING TABLE RUNNERS, BUT A VISIT FROM A LOCAL CUB SCOUT PACK ALSO BROUGHT UP OUR NUMBERS. WE ALSO WORKED WITH ALL OF OUR USUAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND HAVE PLANNED A VISIT FOR THE ANNA MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPUTER CLUB IN APRIL.

-Bob

-STEM LAB COORDINATOR

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MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

409
DESIGNS
VIEWED

- WORK IS NEARING COMPLETION ON DONATION LETTERS FOR THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM. ALL DONOR ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED WITH A "PROUD SPONSOR" SIGN, WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED AS PART OF THE PROGRAM TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THEIR SUPPORT.
- PREPARATION CONTINUES FOR THE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM (SLP), INCLUDING MARKETING PLANNING AND PROMOTIONAL COORDINATION.
- N MARCH, I ATTENDED THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON MARKETING DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES. I ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE MARCH CHAMBER LEADERSHIP SESSION, WHICH FOCUSED ON EDUCATION AND INCLUDED A TOUR OF UPPER VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER (UVMC).
- THE 2026 MATCH DAY WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL, WITH OVER $17,000 RAISED IN SUPPORT OF STORYWALKS AND THE STARTUP OF THE LIBRARY OF THINGS INITIATIVE.

IN THE MONTH OF MARCH FOR CANVA I HAD:

- 79 DESIGNS CREATED
- 157 DESIGNS PUBLISHED
- 12 LINKS SHARED
- 409 DESIGNS VIEWED

-Cassandra
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT

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FACEBOOK

March Stats

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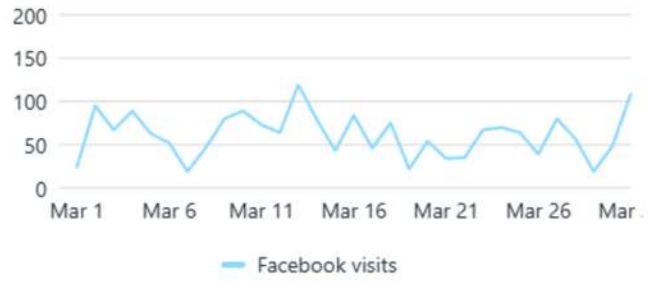

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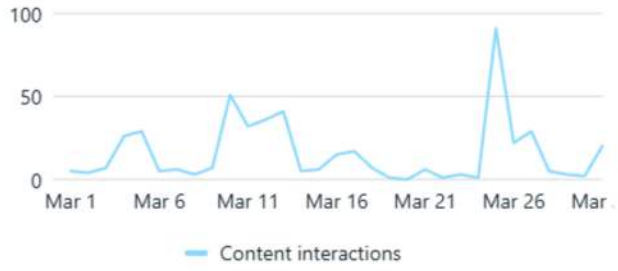

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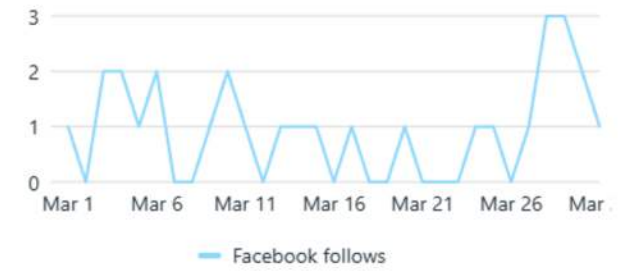

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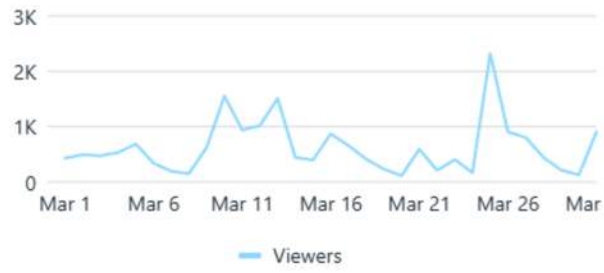

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COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

ALL LOCATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY CONTINUED TO OFFER ENGAGING PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES WHILE PREPARING FOR THE UPCOMING SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM. WE ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF THE APPLICATION FOR A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT TO ADD A STORYWALK® IN BOTH FORT LORAMIE AND JACKSON CENTER, EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LITERACY AND OUTDOOR LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.

8 KIDS

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER
FORT LORAMIE COMM. LIBRARY

ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE ANNA COMMUNITY LIBRARY RECENTLY HOSTED SEVERAL ENGAGING PROGRAMS FOR PATRONS ACROSS ALL AGE GROUPS. OUR CHAPTER CHAT FOR ADULTS WELCOMED NINE PARTICIPANTS FOR MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION AND SHARED DISCUSSION AROUND A SELECTED BOOK. YOUNGER PATRONS ENJOYED OUR EASTER PARTY FOR PREK THROUGH 4TH GRADE, WITH TEN CHILDREN ATTENDING. KIDS HAD FUN HUNTING FOR EASTER EGGS, PLAYING GAMES, RECEIVING PRIZES, AND ENJOYING A SNACK. IN ADDITION, OUR SENIOR CARD PLAYERS GROUP CONTINUED TO MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, WITH A TOTAL OF 18 SENIORS PARTICIPATING.

BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE BOTKINS COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOSTED SEVERAL FUN AND CREATIVE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN THIS MONTH. OUR MARCH MADNESS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS DREW OVER 50 PARTICIPANTS AS BOOKS FACED OFF IN BRACKET-STYLE ROUNDS. KIDS VOTED ON THEIR FAVORITE TITLES EACH ROUND, AND THOSE WHO CORRECTLY PICKED THE WINNERS EARNED A SMALL PRIZE, MAKING READING EXTRA EXCITING. WE ALSO WELCOMED EIGHT CHILDREN TO OUR SPRING PLANTER PAINTING PROGRAM, WHERE PARTICIPANTS PAINTED A SMALL FLOWER POT AND PLANTED A SEED TO TAKE HOME AND GROW. BOTH ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGED CREATIVITY, PARTICIPATION, AND A LOVE OF READING AT THE LIBRARY.

FT. LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY LIBRARY IS EXCITED TO WELCOME MELLISSA EVANS AS OUR NEW LOCATION COORDINATOR. MELLISSA IS TRANSITIONING FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM AT THE SIDNEY LIBRARY AND BRINGS MANY CREATIVE IDEAS AND FRESH ENERGY TO SERVE THE FORT LORAMIE COMMUNITY. OUR ADULT BOOK CLUB MET THIS MONTH WITH EIGHT ATTENDEES ENJOYING THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION AND FELLOWSHIP. CARTOON & A CRAFT WAS ALSO A BIG HIT FEATURING THE MOVIE BOLT, WITH 18 PEOPLE STOPPING BY TO WATCH THE FILM AND COMPLETE A THEMED CRAFT. THESE PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO MAKE THE LIBRARY A WELCOMING AND ENGAGING PLACE FOR ALL AGES.

COMMUNITY LOCATIONS

JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE JACKSON CENTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOSTED A VARIETY OF WELL-ATTENDED PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN THIS MONTH. OUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY BINGO & POPCORN EVENT WELCOMED 46 KIDS FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FESTIVE FUN. THE MAKE & TAKE CRAFT FOR KIDS, AVAILABLE ALL MONTH LONG, SAW 18 PARTICIPANTS ENJOYING A CREATIVE ACTIVITY AT THEIR CONVENIENCE. IN ADDITION, TWO FRIDAY FAMILY STORYTIMES WERE HELD ALONG WITH A SPECIAL CONSERVATION STORYTIME VISIT FROM AMANDA HURLEY, BRINGING THE TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR STORYTIME PROGRAMS TO 33 CHILDREN. THESE EVENTS CONTINUE TO MAKE THE LIBRARY A LIVELY AND ENGAGING PLACE FOR FAMILIES.

9 PRESCHOOLERS

"TURTLE TIME" STORYTIME
JACKSON CENTER COMM. LIB.

32 CHILDREN

ANNA ELEMENTARY
PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE RUSSIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY ENJOYED A BUSY AND CREATIVE MONTH WITH SEVERAL ENGAGING YOUTH PROGRAMS. WE WELCOMED AMANDA HURLEY FOR A CONSERVATION STORYTIME FOCUSED ON "DROP" AND THE WATER CYCLE, WITH 20 CHILDREN ATTENDING AND LEARNING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER CONSERVATION. LEGO BUILDERS CONTINUED TO BE A POPULAR FAVORITE, DRAWING 18 KIDS OVER TWO DAYS TO BUILD AND CREATE TOGETHER. ADDITIONALLY, TWO DIFFERENT CRAFT ACTIVITIES ENCOURAGED CREATIVITY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH, REACHING A TOTAL OF 33 CHILDREN. THESE PROGRAMS PROVIDED FUN, LEARNING, AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES FOR OUR YOUNG PATRONS.

-Jenny
OUTREACH COORDINATOR

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COMMUNITY LIBRARY LOCATIONS