

Director's Report: November 12, 2023

Circulation Statistics:

Month	Circs		ILL					Hot Spots	# of Patrons	Served					
	Libby	Hoopla/Kanopy	req/lend	Books	Mags	DVD	CDs	& Things	TOV	TOT	CT	WT	Gal	Brid	Flex
10/23	181			907	90	259	11	28	51	35	30	17	4	0	10
09/23	162	114/25	28/30	965	58	216	7	23	47	32	29	17	3	0	11
08/23	150	109/42	41/48	881	114	236	24	30	56	36	36	17	6	0	6
07/23	150	99/28	39/42	884	51	240	21	19	48	39	41	9	0	0	7
06/23	172	95/32	34/28	778	70	243	24	18	59	37	34	15	0	0	5
05/23	153	104/32	34/38	681	81	204	25	17	47	28	26	18	3	0	7
04/23	143	99/24	36/35	580	54	230	12	20	45	32	28	12	3	0	6
03/23	168	78/36	30/27	771	56	392	19	20	56	33	27	15	5	0	12
02/23	131	98/26	44/42	819	70	297	13	21	62	30	20	15	3	0	6
01/23	164	98/39	41/35	779	72	356	10	13	50	34	28	14	3	0	7
12/22	145	82/52	21/22	594	69	369	10	12	48	28	19	15	4	0	4
11/22	113	89/36	27/28	682	73	334	5	14	53	31	20	10	3	0	5
10/22	109	65/28	24/24	812	80	381	21	13	55	29	30	18	6	0	7
10/23 new	acct								3	2	2	2	1		

Computer Usage Statistics:		
Month:	Users:	Sessions:
10/23	56	96
09/23	37	64
08/23	74	130
07/23	68	108
06/23	67	114
05/23	63	92
04/23	71	136
03/23	34	231
02/23	28	336
01/23	137	260
12/22	80	223
11/22	61	126
10/22	77	184

Wireless Usage Statistics:	
Month:	Users:
10/23	75
09/23	89
08/23	111
07/23	101
06/23	104
05/23	89
04/23	78
03/23	53
02/23	119
01/23	72

New materials added in October 2023: 26 DVD titles, 37 magazines, 61 books.

Upcoming Events:

- Every Tuesday: Story Time, 10:30 – 11:00
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Story Time, 4:30 – 5:00.

We will be participating with many other Berrien County libraries to put on a Writer's Conference at Niles District Library on April 13, 2024.

The FCC's E-Rate program makes telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries. With funding from the Universal Service Fund ([fcc.gov/general/universal-service-fund](http://fcc.gov/general/universal-service-fund)), E-Rate provides discounts for telecommunications, Internet access, and internal connections to eligible schools and libraries. Our discount is based on the percentage of free and reduced lunches at our local school so we receive an 80% discount. We pay \$118 per month and erate pays \$472 per month. That is how we have such fantastic and fast internet. We pay a fee of 10% of the erate funding amount we receive to hire an erate consulting firm to process our paperwork because applying for erate is hard to navigate and very time-consuming if you're doing it on your own. We use the same company that most of the local schools do.

Last month there were questions about collection development and deselection so I've included a copy of the board's Collection Development Policy that was adopted May 9, 2023.

I was able to purchase two book carts and a projector cart from the online auction for River Valley last month. One of the carts is almost like new.

This community room/conference room is booked for most days. Many times we have more than one group or person needing a space at the same time and fortunately we have lots of room 😊