



Columbia County
Rural Library District

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Report to the Library Board of Trustees, April 17, 2023

Director's Report by Todd Vandembark, MLS

Quote of the Month

"Libraries raised me," he said. "I believe in libraries because most students don't have any money... I couldn't go to college, so I went to the library three days a week for ten years." – Ray Bradbury, author of *Fahrenheit 451*.

Staff and Programming

Library Page Opening

We are hiring for a third Library Page position. This is a part-time, minimum wage position working 8-10 hours per week, typically on Saturday, or Tuesday/Thursday afternoon/evening. This is a customer service and clerical position dealing with the public as well as some repetitive tasks such as shelving books, adding spine labels and barcodes, repairing materials, checking in/out materials, and assisting with library programs and displays. This is a great position for students aged 14 and older, retirees, or anyone else who enjoys the library and is looking for part-time employment. Applications are available on our website and at the front desk. Contact the Director (Todd) if you have any questions.

Youth and Families

Attendance at Discovery Kids continues to average 7-8 kids and 4-5 adults per week. Family Story Time had only one family in attendance, probably due to spring break. The next visit to The Club will be this Thursday. Last month's Club visit was canceled due to a scheduling conflict.

Senior Center visits

On Tuesdays, the library drops off copies of the newsletter at the Senior Center for their visitors to read in case any of them do not receive it via email. On the 3rd Thursday of each month, I (Todd) take a wide selection of books to the Center for patrons to check out. About 3-5 people will browse the books I bring, with one or two getting checked out each week. This Thursday will be my next visit to the Center.

Upcoming Events

- **Flower Garden Program** on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm., all ages are welcome to start your own flowers growing in time for Mother’s Day.
- **Open Mic Poetry Slam** on Monday, April 24, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in the Delany Building. Share your poetry or just come and listen. Prizes will be awarded to the top three performers.

Seed Library

The seed library continues to be a hit with the community. To help distribute the seeds widely, we divide up the seed packets into smaller envelopes. The seeds disappear so quickly that frequently we have to reorder the smaller envelopes. Below are a couple of patron comments that clearly demonstrate how successful this program is:

- “I inherited an herb garden, and I was worried I wouldn’t be able to continue it, this will make that possible.”
- “With the price of groceries, this will be a huge help. Someone told me to come check this out, and I’m so glad I did.”