



Columbia County
Rural Library District

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Report to the Library Board of Trustees, August 21, 2023

Director's Report by Ellen Brigham, MLIS

Quote of the Month

"If this nation is to be wise as well as strong, if we are to achieve our destiny, then we need more new ideas for more wise men reading more good books in more public libraries. These libraries should be open to all—except the censor. We must know all the facts and hear all the alternatives and listen to all the criticisms. Let us welcome controversial books and controversial authors. For the Bill of Rights is the guardian of our security as well as our liberty."

– John F. Kennedy

Local Issues

The second petition was found to have enough signatures. A special board meeting was held on August 2nd, and a resolution was passed to add the measure for the dissolution of the library district to November's ballot.

Staff and Programming

Youth and Families

July attendance at Discovery Kids continues to be a weekly hit. Family Story Time will resume in September, with healthy meals from Dayton General Hospital.

Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program ended August 4th, with more sign-ups this year than last year in every category. Our Toddler programs were especially successful, as was our Harry Potter Escape Room program.

Other Events

- Because of the construction on 3rd Street, visits to the Senior Center are still on hold.
- Lyons Ferry storytime: Continued weekly storytime visits to Lyons Ferry, done by Charlie.
- Department of Retirement Systems: Selected for a compliance review by the DRS.
- Currently looking into hiring a new landscaping contractor.

- We've finished interfiling what was the Young Adult Nonfiction with the Adult Nonfiction. The Parent & Child section will be up once we do some bookcase rearranging.
- Ordered and installed a period products machine in the upstairs restroom.
- Ordered new stair treads for the staircases between the upper and lower floors.
- Trying out a new website accessibility service (Userway) for the library website.