



Columbia County
Rural Library District

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

Director's Report by Todd Vandembark, MLS

Quote of the Month

“A library is a place vibrating with ideas.” – Nancy Kunhardt Lodge, Middle Grade Children's Book Author and Professor of Art History.

Local Issue

The first petition to dissolve the library district did not have sufficient signatures to get put on the ballot and was rejected. A few days later, a second petition was submitted to the Auditor.

Staff and Programming

Youth and Families

June attendance at Discovery Kids saw an average of 14 kids and 8 adults per week. Family Story Time will resume in September.

Senior Center visits

Because of the construction on 3rd Street, visits to the Senior Center are currently on hold.

Other Events

- **Summer Reading Program:** As of Tuesday, July 11, 2023, total sign ups include:
 - 66 children compared to 61 last year
 - 14 teens compared to 11 last year
 - 51 adults, surpassing last year's total of 44 adults.
- **Lyons Ferry program:** At the request of one of the owners of the Lyons Ferry marina, two library story hours have been scheduled on the premises, July 11 and 18. A family with three boys was planning to come but illness prevented this from happening. So there were no attendees at the event. Charlie will lead the program on the 18th, which will hopefully see some kids and families in attendance.