



Columbia County  
Rural Library District

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## Report to the Library Board of Trustees, June 26, 2023

*Director's Report by Todd Vandembark, MLS*

### Quote of the Month

“At the dawn of the 21st century, where knowledge is literally power, where it unlocks the gates of opportunity and success, we all have responsibilities as parents, as librarians, as educators, as politicians, and as citizens to instill in our children a love of reading so that we can give them a chance to fulfil their dreams.” – Barack Obama.

### Local Issue

As reported last month, the Columbia County Prosecuting Attorney wrote to the State Attorney General requesting an informal opinion on whether or not the statutes creating the petition process are unconstitutional. The response is attached to this packet and appears to indicate that the petition can go forward as is.

### Technology upgrade

The Washington State Library awarded CCRLD a grant for new switches, Wi-Fi access points, and a new router that together will provide faster, more reliable service. Unfortunately, the WSL technician could only stay for one day and we've spent a significant amount of time working to address issues this project caused, including issues with our phones, security doors, traffic counter, POS system, printers, and remote access to security cameras. Additional grant funds are available for us to pull new Ethernet cable to more access points for better Wi-Fi coverage.

### Staff and Programming

#### Youth and Families

May attendance at Discovery Kids saw an average of 14 kids and 5 adults per week. Family Story Time had attendance of 8 kids and 5 adults in attendance. Approximately 15 kids enjoyed a music and story hour with Todd at The Club.

#### 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, Todd or another staff member will take a wide selection of books to the Center for patrons to

check out. About 3-4 people will browse the books, with one or two getting checked out each week.

#### Other Events

- **Dayton Days Parade.** Eight kids decorated their bikes for the parade. Todd led 7-8 kids at the front of the parade. Everyone seemed to have a great time.
- **Summer Reading Program:** The 2023 Summer Reading Program kicked off on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, with games and food. At least 50 people, kids and adults, attended the event. As of Monday, June 26, 2023, total sign ups include:
  - 63 children compared to 61 last year
  - 13 teens compared to 11 last year
  - 49 adults, surpassing last year's total of 44 adults.

#### Carpet working group update

The week of June 12 we had three carpet vendors come out to measure and put together quotes. Todd was out sick so Chuck and Kevin met with the vendors. We have some bids and information already but need to get back to the vendors with additional questions.

#### Payroll question response

Pay periods are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, paid on the 20<sup>th</sup>
- 16<sup>th</sup> – end of month, paid on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the following month

There were five Wednesdays, five Thursdays, and five Fridays in March 2023. The fifth Wednesday, fifth Thursday, and fifth Friday were paid on the April 5 payday, thus the increase in wages paid for the month. May 2023 has five Mondays, five Tuesdays, and five Wednesdays. The fifth of each was paid on the June 5 payday, thus increasing the wages paid in June.

#### Todd's last day

Due to unexpected moving issues, my last day will be Wednesday, July 13, 2023, instead of Thursday the 14th. Thank you for the opportunity to serve this unique community. It has been an honor.