



Columbia County
Rural Library District

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Report to the Library Board of Trustees, March 20, 2023

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Quote of the Month

The library was a doorway to freedom, to free thought. When you're being taught, "you can't, you can't, you can't" ... the library says, "you can, you can, you can." And I did. – Patricia McKissack, children's author who chronicled African American history and Southern folklore in more than 100 early reader and picture books.

Staff and Programming

Discovery Kids

Attendance at DK is holding steady at 7-8 kids and 4-5 adults per week.

Family Story Time

February's story time hosted one family, two kids and one adult. About a month prior to our event, Dayton Elementary scheduled a food-and-games night at the same time. Before the start of each school year, we consult the schools' calendars and plan our programs around them. We will be working with school administration to keep in touch regarding such changes going forward.

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. Last week two new Dayton residents signed up for library cards.

Seed Library

The seed library continues to be a hit with the community. Last week a librarian from the Washington State Library stopped by to learn about our children and youth programming and to offer her support. She was impressed with our seed library and that Nancy's Dream Garden had donated so many seeds.

Community

Library Success Story

A patron was very excited about one of the new books we have available. Her children are so engaged, by the subject, voice, and mood of the book that they built a family read-aloud night around it, baking cookies and listening to the audio book together. The patron already has another new acquisition series picked out to keep her kids interested in reading.