

Director's Report for June 22, 2023

- I haven't heard anything from City County Health yet about possibly moving the book drop box.
- The Middle Room renovation is nearing completion, and we are looking forward to the installation of the cupboards and such when they come in.
- The Summer Learning Kickoff went well with 230 people attending the event. We have a total of 125 people that signed up for Summer Learning by using the QR Code Melissa created. The breakdown is 47 adults, 6 teens, and 72 kids. Creating this form of online registration will help us recognize those actually participating in the program and help us determine how many complete the program. So far, every program that requires registration has been completely full and other programs have been well attended. I have included a stat sheet created by Melissa that compares our Facebook and Instagram reach for 2022 to 2023. Be aware that June stats for 2023 only include the first half of the month.
- Hilde and I met with Kerry Peuser and Luke Gulbranson from Michael J. Burns Architects LTD about the library roof and other issues. They are very interested in working on this project and I have been in contact with them almost daily. They are looking for the original drawings of the library but so far, we have not found them. They seem to be very thorough in their assessment of the roof and other building issues. They will be sending us a contract for the work they are doing.
- The videos and social media posts by Clutch Media (Spencer Dobson) are giving us great exposure to the public and we have received great comments. ++
- The updated proposal from Connect Interiors came in under our budget limit so we are excited to move forward.
- Madeline Luke confirmed that she will organize the pie & ice cream social fundraiser during Rally in the Valley on Saturday, June 17th.
- I have hired Victoria Hammel to help during the busiest times on programming days. We were swamped! Her prior experience is a great asset since we have been so busy it is hard to fit training in. We have another new staff member, Beth Mehus, who is a college student and will be helping us out on Saturdays.
- I have interviewed one more applicant that may fit well and help with our staff shortage on Saturdays as well. She is continuing her college education and has entered with the intent of getting her graduate degree in Library and Information Science and is very interested in working in the library.
- We had a couple of college students volunteer to help clean out the book barn. They loaded a 6 x 10 ft. trailer full of odds and ends that were no longer of use to the library. Kevin took it to the city dump. Bonnie was very happy to see there is plenty of room in the book barn for the gardening equipment now!
- The refurbished book browser into a magazine rack is finished and works very well!
- We once again participated in the Rally in the Valley Parade. Sara lined up a truck from Miller Motors and we used the Tulp trailer. We had some great parade throws this year and new banners with our new logo to display on each side of the truck.