

**Christine's Report
February 13, 2024**

Patrons:

December: 465 (adults: 335; juveniles: 130)
(walk-ins: 446 ; phone: 17; e-mail: 2)

January: 645 (adults: 493; juveniles: 152)
(walk-ins: 619; phone: 23; e-mail: 2; delivery: 1)

Computer:

December: 34
January: 78

Requests for materials:

December: 136
January: 210

Circulation of materials:

December: 1,342 (adult: 877, juvenile: 415, young adult: 50) (286 less than December, 2022
– Due to illness and vacation, library was open limited hours the last week of
December, 2023)

January: 1,903 (adults: 1184, juvenile: 636, young adult: 83 (43 less than January, 2023)
Overdrive: 453 (156 more than January, 2023) – I have heard many patrons say they
got devices for Christmas and are downloading more books

Staff activities:

- Met virtually with the other Polk County Library Directors
- Ordered and processed books
- Ordered and processed books on cd
- Purchased and processed dvds
- Weeded several items – poor condition, no longer circulating, content no longer relevant
- Fixed spine labels – illegible; missing # in series
- Cleaned scratched dvds and books on cd
- Pam posted to Facebook
- Pam held story times
- Examples of reference transactions: authors like Colleen Hoover, graphic novels for 2nd grade male, raising a ghecko, how to make sausage, car restoration
- Christine attended several webinars: Bed bugs: how to prevent and handle outbreaks; Information access for blind and visually impaired people; Neutrality is not an option: book bans, “culture wars,” and advocating for the library; How to be heard (without

screaming!); Board game events and collections in your library; Better the “normal”:
assessing and adapting to changing programming needs; Jeopardy! Libraries!
Democracy!.

- Received \$1,000 from Polk Burnett Operation Roundup for our Summer Reading Program
- Attended Annual Report Workshop
- Worked on and completed the Annual Report
- Assisted Village with grant writing
- Purchased \$1000 worth of books from ABDO and received \$700 worth of free books