

Christine's Report
March 4, 2025

Patrons:

February: 670 (adults: 538; juveniles: 132)
(walk-ins: 644; phone: 25; e-mail: 1)

New Library Patrons: 7

Computer:

February: 33

Requests for materials:

February: 146

Circulation of materials:

February: 1,696 (adult: 963; juvenile: 684; young adult: 49)
(75 less than in 2024)
OverDrive: 415 (25 more than in 2024)

Staff activities:

Christine

- met virtually with the other MORE Library Directors
- ordered and processed books
- purchased and processed dvds
- weeded several items – poor condition, no longer circulating, content no longer relevant
- fixed spine labels – illegible; missing # in series
- attended webinars: “In the Mood to Swoon”, “Disney Publishing 2025 Preview”, “A Community for All: Disability Inclusion in Library Services”, “Dementia: How to Work with People with Dementia and Alzheimer’s”, MacKids School & Library Spring 2025 Preview, “Graphic Novels for Adults and Young Adults”
- participated in IFLS Group Supply Order
- worked with Andrea Jilek on author visit
- received approval of the Annual Report by IFLS who in turn has sent it to the state for approval
- started writing ACT 150 letters

Christine and Pam

- worked on Upcoming Adult Fiction list

Colleen

- held Houseplant workshop – 1 attendee
- hosted Dementia program at the Community Center – 10 attendees
- planning Seed Starting workshop for March 25th

- working with Valerie Cady (organizer) to have a program on Saturday, April 5th
- working with Sally Johnson to have Green Cleaning program on April 29th

Pam and Colleen

- posted to Facebook
- held story times – 33 attendees
- worked out who will work what hours while I'm away
- signed up to attend In-person Youth Services Workshops

Pam

- organized "Take and Make" craft: 48 left the building
- wrote article for the Clear Lake Chronicle
- worked on website
- attended website training
- worked on supply list for upcoming "Make and Take" crafts
- discussing program offerings with a variety of performers for Summer Reading Program
- working with elementary school on poems for National Poetry Month

Examples of reference transactions: books about tea parties for children, ideas for kids programs at Clear Lake Days, information on wills, hockey books for juvenile male, authors similar to Kristin Hannah

March 25th: MORE services will be unavailable most of the day due to a switch from locally hosted servers to a cloud hosting service

- I have already downloaded an Offline Circulation Program to our staff computers so we will be able to check out items
- Notices will be on Facebook, in the paper and around the Library

Courier: You may have seen our Facebook post about a switch in companies. At the beginning of February, WALTCO informed their drivers and IFLS that they were closing all hubs, except Green Bay, by the end of the month (February). Needless to say, this left IFLS scrambling to find a replacement company. Purple Mountain has bought the Chippewa Falls warehouse which was the local hub for WALTCO. Purple Mountain has been hired on a trial basis of 60 days. 2 other companies have come to the attention of IFLS so there are options. The WALTCO warehouse manager was hired by Purple Mountain as were some drivers. We have been told our delivery days will remain the same but time of delivery will vary.