

Christine's Report
August 5, 2025

Patrons:

July: 769 (adults: 579; juveniles: 190)
(walk-ins: 734; phone: 31; e-mail: 3; delivery: 1)

New Library Patrons: 5

Computer: July: 36

Requests for materials: July: 68

Circulation of materials:

July: 2,059 (395 more than in 2024) (juvenile: 852; adult: 1104; young adult: 103)
OverDrive: 434 (17 more than in 2024)

Staff activities:

Christine

- virtually attended MORE Directors Council
 - 2026 MORE Budget passed unanimously
 - MORE has used the same integrated library system software since 1999. Our current contract ends in December, 2027. IFLS will be looking at other options since the integrated library system industry continues to develop and there may be better/cheaper options available
 - we may be seeing some effects from the Federal budget for next year – The state is working on some things to replace federal funds - John Thompson will keep us posted.
- started review and update of current library procedures with input from Colleen, Karla, and Pam
- Polk County Board of Supervisors is seriously considering cutting back on ACT 150 reimbursement rate – Clear Lake would lose about \$16,000. There is a General Government Subcommittee meeting at 8:30am on Wednesday, August 13th that Library supporters are encouraged to attend. The regular County Board of Supervisors meeting is Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00pm. The City of Amery drafted a resolution that is being sent to the Polk County Board of Supervisors (See attached).
- IFLS is doing cleanup projects for the MORE database – every once in a while, Directors will be getting an e-mail regarding which section needs attention (EX: recently it was Large Print books – Clear Lake only had 2 that needed attention. All other books were correct.)
- ordered books
- purchased and processed dvds
- weeded several items – poor condition, no longer circulating, content no longer relevant
- cleaned scratched dvds and books on cd

- boxed up weeded and donated books and books on CD for annual library fundraiser at the Polk County Fair – We can spend \$152 from the money raised.

Christine and Colleen

- organized Take & Make projects – have enough to get thru June, 2026.
- processed books

Colleen

- planned several upcoming Adult programs
- requested books for Summer story times that will have guest presenters

Pam

- worked on the library website
- offered a July Take & Make and 34 left the library
- hosted 2 programs at the Chalet – 51 attendees
- wrote article for Chronicle

Pam and Colleen

- posted to Facebook
- offered 4 story times – 45 attendees

Possible closed dates:

- August 29th

Pam put this as her last day but Village Staff leaves early afternoon and Cricket is out of town so no one would be around to say goodbye/collect keys. (Board decided that Karla and Pam should work their normal hours. Pam can turn keys in to Becky/Al on Tuesday, September 2nd since Christine will be at the Elementary School Open House.)

- October 7th – Christine on vacation; not a courier day (Board decided that Library needed to be open. Colleen could close at 6 pm on Monday and Tuesday.)

Sample reference questions: Fish identification books for juvenile male; age of book man found in his mother's collection (1905); information about the Ice Age Trail; fantasy books for adult female; The Summer I Turned Pretty read-a-like