

Chambers County Library System – April, 2017

April started off with a birthday celebration to mark the one year anniversary of the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library. We opened our doors one year ago on April 11, 2016. To celebrate, we had local authors, movies, and refreshments. Members of the Friends of CCLS operated the bookstore, welcomed the public, and opened several new Friends memberships. Over 100 people stopped by to wish us well, and for those who hadn't seen the library, they were treated to a tour by the staff.

The Friends met on the 6th for their first quarterly meeting of the year. Instead of discussing a year's worth of material at the annual meeting, it was decided to hold shorter meetings throughout the year. This has proven successful with more participation and ideas from Board members. Fundraising events are in the works for the fall.

In programming news, the branches held after school Easter parties for the little ones with egg hunts and visits from the Easter Bunny himself. The Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch in Winnie held an adult craft program on macramé on the 18th, Storytime and Babygarten continued at the branches, with movie nights, craft club, and book clubs rounding out the month.

Some special programs included an "LOL Comedy Night" at Anahuac. Several self-proclaimed comedians shared a joke or two with the group. April 30th marked the 21st anniversary of The Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day). Libraries across the state hold programs for children and families to celebrate reading, and to emphasize the importance of literacy for children of all cultures and backgrounds. Staff member Aquilia De la Cruz held a bilingual program reading the book, *Biblioburro* written by Jeanette Winter. Families enjoyed crafts, games and refreshments.

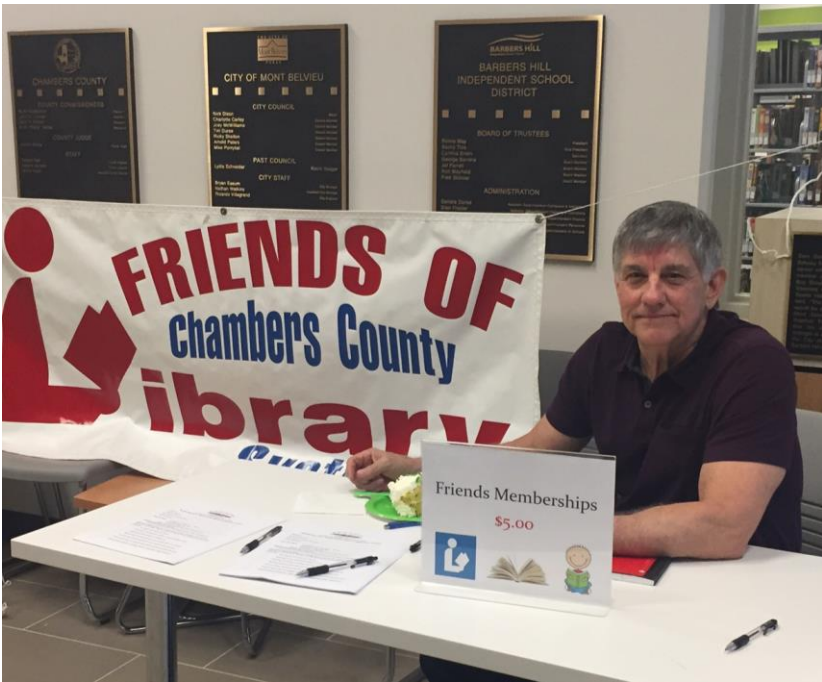
County Librarian Valerie Jensen and Assistant County Librarian Annie Vass were special guests at the Walmart Distribution Center's partner meeting for a grant check presentation. The library received \$1,500 to be used for the 2017 Summer Reading Program. Walmart has been a faithful partner with the library for over 10 years. Their support helps provide supplies and program needs for the kids, teens, and adults during the summer program.

Teen programs at Anahuac included Anime club, and a Library Cosplay Café program on the 29th. Teens gathered to watch anime, play videogames, and attend a cosplay competition. Mont Belvieu teens also continue their anime club meetings each month.

Staff members Annie Vass and Aquilia de la Cruz attended a United Way Community Initiatives Committee meeting to report on tutorials for the 2016-17 school year. After school tutorials have been in place for the past several years at Anahuac for students in need of extra help in subject areas of math and reading. Many of the kids in attendance have transportation needs, which is provided by the Sheriff's Office. Volunteer tutors give their time each week to help middle school students with their homework needs. The program has proven to be successful, with many of the kids advancing their grades each six weeks.

The Chambers County Historical Commission held a Historical Marker dedication ceremony in Smith Point on the 29th. Smith Point Community Church was honored for their 100+ year history of serving as a church and school in Chambers County. Over 100 people gathered to celebrate the occasion, along with a speech from pastor Michael Graves and music from the Swamp Angel Brass Band from Liberty.

And finally, GED prep classes continue at each of the Chambers County Libraries. Classes will continue at Anahuac and Mont Belvieu during the summer. Registration dates and times will be available soon.



Friends Board member Bob Baillio takes charge of the membership table at the Goss birthday celebration

Teen author Jennifer Jones



Deputy Dan strutting his stuff at the library!



Graphic novelists, Patrick Yarbrough and Travis Huffman with Last Sentry Comics



LOL Comedy night at Anahuac



The Easter Bunny visits Anahuac!



Rain, rain, go away storytime at Mont Belvieu



Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch staff dressed up for Character day!



Members of the Chambers County Historical Commission along with County Librarian Valerie Jensen at the Smith Point Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony



Christina Columbus with Walmart presents a check to Annie Vass and Valerie Jensen for the Summer Reading Program.

Year 2017	January	February	March	April
Books	9178	8639	9996	8941
Vertical Files	0	3	0	0
Magazines	180	208	199	128
Newspapers	23	34	29	31
Permits	0	0	0	0
Total Print Circulation	9381	8884	10224	9100
AudioCassettes	1	0	1	2
AudioCDs	171	226	302	214
Cassettes (Music)	0	0	0	0
CDs	2	4	22	2
CD-ROMs	0	3	1	0
DVDs	1697	1732	2155	1458
Kits	11	12	13	15
Microforms	0	0	0	0
Optical Disks	24	4	9	8
Total A-V Circulation	1906	1981	2503	1699
E-books	0	0	0	0
Equipment	114	39	85	74
Puzzles	0	0	0	0
Rooms, Meeting	65	51	111	78
Public Computer Logons	1817	1773	1899	1760
Database Logons	3553	3290	4210	3898
Total Other Circulation	5549	5153	6305	5810
Total Juv Circulation				
Total Circulation	16836	16018	19032	16609
Remote Logons	5005	5482	4529	3212
Number of Juv Programs	30	27	36	29
Children at Juv Programs	224	280	391	328
Adults at Juv Programs	182	195	271	217
Total at Juv Programs	406	475	662	545
Number of Adult Programs	7	5	5	7
Total at Adult Programs	49	26	21	220
Computer/device assistance use	91	103	85	73
Total at adult computer classes	0	0	0	0

Number of YA Programs	2	3	2	3
Teens at YA programs	27	3	18	3
Adults at YA programs	3	0	4	0
Total at YA Programs	30	3	22	3

Number of Outreach programs	3	3	1	3
Children at outreach programs	270	200	0	64
Adults at outreach programs	20	9	2	53
Total at outreach programs	290	209	2	117

Patron Visits to Library	9877	9780	10445	9278
Site visits: Anahuac	2741	2848	2829	2714
Site visits: Winnie	2531	2460	2568	2032
Site visits: Mont Belvieu	4605	4472	5048	4532

Interlibrary loans returned	153	106	140	134
Interlibrary loans sent	8	5	12	3
Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	32	13	31	33
Intralibrary loans to Winnie	40	30	29	37
Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	177	71	104	86

Year 2017	January	February	March	April
Volunteer Service Hours	150.5	180.5	195.25	243.5
Hours Open for Patrons	602	569	687	577

Family Card Totals				
Patron cards: Anahuac	2884	2893	2906	2916
Patron cards: Winnie	3283	3283	3306	3318
Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	6113	6156	6221	6233
Patron cards: Blocked	1815	1857	1870	1894

Collection development:				
Print titles added	0	258	88	186
Book titles withdrawn	53	0	0	0
Previous total	84065	84012	84270	84358
New print title total	84012	84270	84358	84544

Magazine titles added	0	1	0	0
Magazine titles withdrawn	53	0	377	13
Previous total	1613	1613	1614	1237
New magazine title total	1560	1614	1237	1224

Audio-visual titles added	25	207	171	91
Audio titles withdrawn	0	0	0	0
Previous total	5192	5192	5399	5570
New audio-visual title total	5217	5399	5570	5661

Other item titles added	6	8	0	0
Other item titles withdrawn	0	0	2	0
Previous total	1606	1606	1614	1612
Other item title total	1612	1614	1612	1612

TexShare Cards Issued:	0	0	0	2
Reference questions	273	301	272	203
Wireless logons	592	581	602	522