

Chambers County Library System – August, 2017

August is usually the time of year we take a deep breath and gear up for fall programming. Our programming may not be as much in August, but the doors are still open, people still need books, computer assistance, and information. So our circulation and walk-in traffic for this month are well within our respectable “average” month range.

The Library Advisory Board met for the quarterly meeting at the Chambers County Library in Anahuac. Members addressed the Meeting Room policy that was up for discussion and heard reports from the County and Assistant County Librarian.

In programming news, each of the branches held “Back to School” events for kids and teens. Anahuac invited Ronald McDonald out for a magic show, Winnie held a Tie Dye program for the teens, and Mont Belvieu kids enjoyed parfait treats, while the teens made homemade funnel cakes.



Ronald McDonald Magic Show at Anahuac

GED Prep class registration began at each location the week of August 21. Evening classes are held to assist students as they prepare to take the GED test at local colleges. This program is funded by the Adult Education division at the College of the Mainland. They fund the salaries for teachers and provide high quality teaching for potential test takers.

The Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch in Winnie held a Dog Photo contest for dogs and their owners. Photo submissions (along with the dog’s biography) were submitted and placed on display at the library. The public voted on their favorite dog, and the luck winner was Baxter “Pugglesworth” Winzer. Baxter claims that he is his mom’s favorite

child. He likes to play, sleep, eat, and do tricks for treats. He loves his family, bike rides, car rides, swinging on the baby swings at the park, and chasing the cat!



Rachel and Madison Winzer with Baxter, along with Commissioner Jimmy Gore and Branch Librarian Cindy Alegria

The much anticipated eclipse took the library by storm on the 21st. Assistant County Librarian Annie Vass had planned ahead by ordering eclipse glasses for each of the branches to share with the public. Little did we know the demand we would receive. We were also given some free glasses from a neighboring library that arrived at the last minute. People were lined up when we opened to get their free glasses. During the eclipse, several patrons joined the staff for the viewing. Book club discussions and movie nights rounded out the programs for the month.



Patrons enjoying the eclipse on August 21st!

On the 25th, the county braced for what we hoped was a small rain event. Hurricane Harvey left its mark on us with over 50 inches of rain and devastated parts of Chambers County and the residents. Shelters were immediately set up with an impressive amount of volunteers and donations. The library provided reading material and movies and later set up as one of the locations for FEMA. To see such leadership and communication from county officials was beyond impressive. Harvey will remain with us for months to come and along with other businesses and organizations, the library is here to help.

Year 2017	June	July	August
Books	22865	12956	7374
Vertical Files	0	0	0
Magazines	234	175	67
Newspapers	47	40	53
Permits	0	0	0
Total Print Circulation	23146	13171	7494
AudioCassettes	6	8	4
AudioCDs	816	362	165
Cassettes (Music)	0	0	0
CDs	8	4	110
CD-ROMs	1	0	0
DVDs	3577	2357	1439
Kits	12	4	8
Microforms	0	0	0
Optical Disks	20	21	8
Total A-V Circulation	4440	2756	1734
E-books	0	0	0
Equipment	140	103	37
Puzzles	0	0	0
Rooms, Meeting	55	100	14
Public Computer Logons	2427	2566	1877
Database Logons	5217	3766	3709
Total Other Circulation	7839	6535	5637
Total Juv Circulation			
Total Circulation	35425	22462	14865
Remote Logons	6309	3626	2822
Number of Juv Programs	25	11	5
Children at Juv Programs	3359	610	70
Adults at Juv Programs	2347	291	30
Total at Juv Programs	5706	901	100
Number of Adult Programs	8	7	4
Total at Adult Programs	63	41	15
Computer/device assistance use	113	102	32
Total at adult computer classes	0	0	0
Number of YA Programs	11	7	2
Teens at YA programs	102	96	8
Adults at YA programs	22	18	0
Total at YA Programs	124	114	8
Number of Outreach programs	0	0	0
Children at outreach programs	0	0	0
Adults at outreach programs	0	0	0
Total at outreach programs	0	0	0
Patron Visits to Library	21002	13196	10395
Site visits: Anahuac	5537	3518	3411
Site visits: Winnie	5414	3245	2491

Site visits: Mont Belvieu	10051	6433	4493
Interlibrary loans returned	137	132	130
Interlibrary loans sent	7	3	15
Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	71	43	26
Intralibrary loans to Winnie	45	40	31
Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	226	86	73
Year 2017	June	July	August
Volunteer Service Hours	199.5	182.5	164
Hours Open for Patrons	660	614	565
Family Card Totals			
Patron cards: Anahuac	2971	2984	2994
Patron cards: Winnie	3408	3437	3457
Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	6437	6516	6579
Patron cards: Blocked	1891	1894	1900
Collection development:			
Book titles added	448	530	240
Book titles withdrawn	0	0	0
Previous total	84922	85370	85900
New book title total	85370	85900	86140
Magazine titles added	0	59	0
Magazine titles withdrawn	30	0	44
Previous total	1297	1267	1326
New magazine title total	1267	1326	1282
Audio-visual titles added	40	62	51
Audio titles withdrawn	0	0	0
Previous total	5730	5770	5832
New audio-visual title total	5770	5832	5883
Other item titles added	2	0	0
Other item titles withdrawn	0	4	1
Previous total	1612	1614	1610
Other item title total	1614	1610	1609
TexShare Cards Issued:	0	0	0
Reference question	242	169	105
Wireless logons	659	531	538