

Chambers County Library System – July, 2017

Summer Reading Snapshot:

Minutes read – 333,800

Program attendance (kids) – 6,588

Program attendance (teens) – 182

Over 57,000 items checked out in June and July

Another successful Summer Reading is in the books at Chambers County! The six week program ended on July 22 with a total of 1,537 kids, 200 teens, and 119 adults participating. A record 70 programs were held during June and July for the public. Kudos to the staff who works tirelessly to make sure we continue to provide the best service possible to our public.

Some of those programs included the Texas A&M Chemistry Roadshow, Outdoor movie night, Silly Singing Science guy, and Magician James Wand for the kids. Teens had great programs this year including Snack wars, Color wars, and a Luau! End of summer parties for the teens were also held with games, prizes and of course food. The adult program took an impressive jump in attendance and participation. Adult activities included Taste Your Way Around the World, Crafting, Safari Painting, Wine 101, and regular book club meetings.

Special thanks to our sponsors who donated their time, money, and coupons for the Summer Reading Program. Without their contributions we would not be able to provide the quality programs we offer each year. A big thank you to the Friends of the Chambers County Library System for being the major underwriters for the program, and also to Walmart, Entergy, and Dollar General for being this year's corporate sponsors.

The Friends have been busy lately. They found a little time to do an online fundraiser through the Macy's Charity Challenge. By donating \$5 or more to the Friends, you receive a shopping pass to use at Macy's during the month of August. All the proceeds will continue to benefit library programs and events. Regular Friends volunteers also staff the bookstore at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch. The bookstore is open most days on an irregular schedule depending on availability of volunteers. The store stays busy and boasts a steady profit each week.

We found a little time at the end of July to hold our monthly staff meeting. We usually don't meet during our summer program for obvious reasons, but our discussion topics started to add up! The monthly meetings allow the management staff time to discuss items of concern, upcoming events, get updates from the County Librarian, and talk about what's going on at their branch.

The library continues to take the lead cataloging and digitizing local history items from the library's collection, the museum at Anahuac and Wallisville, and items on loan from the museum at Mont Belvieu. Under the Local History collection on our new website, the public will find several links to sites of interest. One of the newest additions is our Digital Collections. This site is where images, documents, and artifacts are cataloged. Most recently we have added oral histories from residents of the county. Hearing voices and stories from locals who have passed on is such a unique history to preserve. All this is accessible from the library's website at www.chambers.lib.tx.us.

And finally, July is the time we prepare budget packets for the upcoming budget year. Each year we make notes on items or services we would like to add for the citizens of the county. This year we're looking at adding security at each of the libraries and personnel increases.



Drawing winner at Anahuac for completing her game board!



Singing Scientist visits Mont Belvieu!



Ron Grantham from Winnie wins a t-shirt for one of the weekly drawings



End of summer party at Anahuac



Teen winner at Anahuac!



Kids enjoy the photo prop at the end of summer party at Anahuac!



Taste Your Way Around the World at Anahuac!



Color wars for the teens at Winnie!



Art class with Mary Abshire at Winnie!

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

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