

Chambers County Library System – June, 2017

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Once again, this is an impressive growth figure, and truly reflects how the libraries are becoming an integral part of our residents' lives. Kudos to the staff who continue to go above and beyond to make summers at the library a memorable experience for everyone. Our summer program continues to be a sought after activity for kids, teens, and adults. This year we are offering a wide variety of programs for all ages and the response from the public has been overwhelming. We can't thank our patrons enough for supporting their library. But summer isn't over yet! We still have a few more weeks of programs and entertainment! Magic shows, color wars, cooking programs, and our big end of summer parties are still yet to come! It's not too late to participate, so check out what your local branch has planned. The last day to turn in game boards is July 15. Party week for kids and teens will be the week of July 17th.

The first week of our Summer Reading Program we consider "Kickoff Week". We invite some of our local officials to help pass out sno-cones, balloons, tattoos, or whatever we might need help with that day. Local officials who visited included JP 4 Blake Sylvia, Commissioners Senac, Nelson and Gore, County Treasurer Nikki Whittington, representatives from the County Judge's office, District Clerk's office, and hot dogs provided by the Sheriff's Office along with visits from Deputy Dan and K9 Maddie.

In June we held almost 60 events for kids, teens and adults. For the little ones we had the Song Solutions Science Guy, Reptiles from REPCO (a wildlife conservation facility), First Responders, Daffy the Clown, and Texas A&M Chemistry Roadshow. The teen programs included a county wide teen event at White's Park, Taco Tuesday, Painting Parties, Color Wars, Jungle Food Jamboree, and movie days. The adults enjoyed painting classes, DIY Travel kits, Wine and cheese making, and of course book club! July will be just as busy with our summer parties taking place the week of July 17.

During summer we are provided with 10 weeks of summer help. Our hardworking kids include: Sandra Pescador, Ana Gonzalez, Karson Kaiser, Madison Mendez, Hannah Waldrop, Emily Bennett, Cheyenne Evans, and Camryn Burkhalter. Their help is invaluable this time of year, assisting the staff at programs, keeping the books on the shelves, and much more. We always appreciate the court's generosity by allowing us these extra hands during our busiest time of year.

June is the time of year we prepare budget packets for the upcoming budget year. Each year we work very hard to prepare our packet for Commissioners' Court. Throughout the year we make notes on items, personnel, or services we would like to add and present this to court for consideration. For 2018 we're asking for a personnel increase. It's obvious we're a busy library, but not only do we feel the need for extra help on the front lines, but more so in our Technical Services department. We call Technical Services the "muscle" of the library system. This administrative unit is where items are shipped/received, cataloged, processed, inventoried, and all the online services are maintained behind these doors. This and much more is handled in Technical Services and where a lot of the behind the scenes work sometimes goes unnoticed by the public. There are numerous steps that have to be done before a physical or digital resource reaches your local branch.

Assistant County Librarian Annie Vass attended the American Library Association in Chicago, Illinois the 22nd-27th. This was her first national conference, and during her time there she was able to attend sessions on the administrative side of libraries, as well as sessions that provided information she could bring back to the entire staff. It's always a benefit

Year 2017	June
Books	22865
Vertical Files	0
Magazines	234
Newspapers	47
Permits	0
Total Print Circulation	23146
AudioCassettes	6
AudioCDs	816
Cassettes (Music)	0
CDs	8
CD-ROMs	1
DVDs	3577
Kits	12
Microforms	0
Optical Disks	20
Total A-V Circulation	4440
E-books	0
Equipment	140
Puzzles	0
Rooms, Meeting	55
Public Computer Logons	2427
Database Logons	5217
Total Other Circulation	7839
Total Juv Circulation	
Total Circulation	35425
Remote Logons	6309
Number of Juv Programs	25
Children at Juv Programs	3359
Adults at Juv Programs	2347
Total at Juv Programs	5706
Number of Adult Programs	8
Total at Adult Programs	63
Computer/device assistance use	113
Total at adult computer classes	0
Number of YA Programs	11
Teens at YA programs	102
Adults at YA programs	22
Total at YA Programs	124
Number of Outreach programs	0
Children at outreach programs	0

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Adults at outreach programs	0
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Patron Visits to Library	21002
Site visits: Anahuac	5537
Site visits: Winnie	5414
Site visits: Mont Belvieu	10051
Interlibrary loans returned	137
Interlibrary loans sent	7
Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	71
Intralibrary loans to Winnie	45
Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	226
Year 2017	June
Volunteer Service Hours	199.5
Hours Open for Patrons	660
Family Card Totals	
Patron cards: Anahuac	2971
Patron cards: Winnie	3408
Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	6437
Patron cards: Blocked	1891
Collection development:	
Book titles added	448
Book titles withdrawn	0
Previous total	84922
New book title total	85370
Magazine titles added	0
Magazine titles withdrawn	30
Previous total	1297
New magazine title total	1267
Audio-visual titles added	40
Audio titles withdrawn	0
Previous total	5730
New audio-visual title total	5770
Other item titles added	2
Other item titles withdrawn	0
Previous total	1612
Other item title total	1614
TexShare Cards Issued:	0
Reference question	242
Wireless logons	659