

Chambers County Library System – August, 2018

August was full of activities and excitement! The libraries were in Back to School mode with programs for the little ones. Anahuac held a Back to School Bash with face painting and a family craft. Mont Belvieu got the kids involved with stories and made their own sack lunch. Since summer reading is over, parents appreciate having more activities for their kids before school is back in session.



Back to School programs at Mont Belvieu and Anahuac

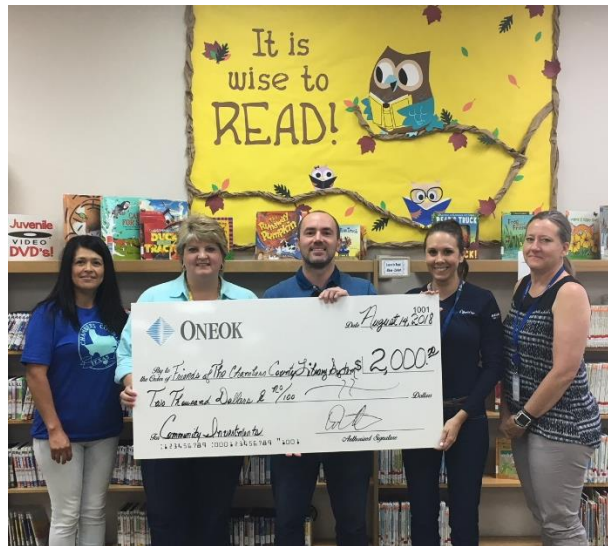
To celebrate National Dog Day, the Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch in Winnie had a month long contest for the public to submit nominees for the cutest dog. Photos and bios of dogs were submitted by owners, and voting took place for several weeks. After the votes were counted, the winner was Hazel. Branch Librarian Cindy Alegria is pictured below with Hazel and owners Ellie, Annie, and Judd Huff.



HSE (High School Equivalency) classes are back in session at Anahuac and Mont Belvieu. Registration usually takes place several times a year, and classes are twice a week at the Anahuac and Mont Belvieu locations. For more information about classes, contact Anahuac at 409-267-2554, or Mont Belvieu at 281-576-2245.

Each year Commissioners' Court sponsors the summer worker program for the county. This year, an exceptional group of student workers were hired at each of the libraries. We didn't want to see them go, but their time was well spent providing the library with over 1,800 hours of help with programs and other tasks that our regular staff can't get to during the year. The salaries provided to these young people help them a great deal as they get ready for college, or just save money for things they need. For many of these young students, this is their first job and we like to think we leave a good impression on them as they jump into the working world. We appreciate the court for their continued support of the program.

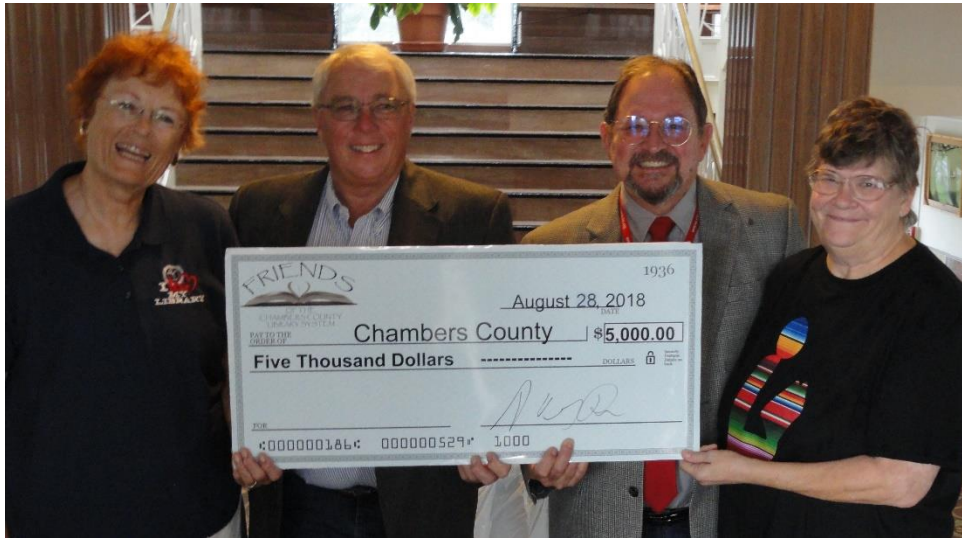
On the 20th, the library received a donation from ONEOK in Mont Belvieu to sponsor the library's Summer Reading Program. Representatives presented a check for \$2,000 to assist with program expenses, which made ONEOK the library's main corporate sponsor for this year's summer program. Volunteers from ONEOK regularly assist with tutorials throughout the year at Anahuac, and we appreciate the work they do for the community.



Pictured are Branch Librarian Aquilia De la Cruz, County Librarian Valerie Jensen, and representatives from ONEOK, Andrew Berna, Arielle Brownfield, and Mary Rakestraw

The Friends Executive Board of the Chambers County Library System held their quarterly meeting on August 9th in Mont Belvieu. Members attended to discuss topics such as final summer reading expenses, fundraising ideas, president and treasurer reports, construction updates, along with other items. By holding quarterly meetings, this helps keep members engaged throughout the year, and also prepare for the annual meeting in January. The Friends board is responsible for fundraising, coordinating book sales, assist with special events/projects, help the community know about the library and its services, and be an advocate for the library to the community. The board consists of nine members.

In other Friends news, a check for \$5,000 was presented to Chambers County as part of their ongoing fundraising efforts towards the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library in Mont Belvieu.



Friends Treasurer A. Lynette Parsons with Commissioners Larry George and Rusty Senac, along with Friends President Jean Abshier Forrest

On the 14th, the Library Advisory Board (LAB) also met for their quarterly meeting. Items up for discussion included updates to the Meeting Room Policy, discussion of the Code of Conduct policy, and the Librarian's report. The Library Advisory Board differs from the Friends Board in a few ways. The LAB discusses and considers any changes to policies. They are also responsible for keeping informed of library needs, and assist with long range plans to meet the Library's requirements of the community. The board consists of seven members.

The library system has been involved in construction and renovations for several years now. Starting with the new Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch in Mont Belvieu, renovations to the Chambers County Library in Anahuac, and most recently the moving of the Technical/Administrative unit of the library system to a new location. "Tech Services", as it has always been called, will soon move to a new location on Stowell St. in Anahuac. This location has been used for several county offices in the past, and we have had the opportunity to completely renovate the building to fit our needs. We are actively moving items to the new building with the assistance of trustees from the county, and we anticipate the final move within the next couple of months. Once Tech Services is out, the Anahuac branch will receive their final remodel to move the public meeting room where Tech Services used to be, and change the existing meeting room into a Children's Storytime room. We are excited to finish up so we can focus on Winnie's quest for a new library!

In programming news, basic computer classes, teen programs, movie nights, and book club continued during August. A special program hosted by the Chambers County Historical Commission and organized by staff member Sue Hawthorne took place on August 23. The program, Local History, Local Wine featured book signings from local historians Myra Norman and Bobby Scherer. James Frascione was also on hand to discuss his Oak Island winery, and County Librarian Valerie Jensen brought homemade cheeses to share with the group. Over 50 people packed the meeting room for a wonderful evening of local history, local wine, and good company.



Images from the Local History, Local Wine program in Anahuac

And finally, we are very excited to announce that Yolie Belt is the new Branch Librarian for the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch in Mont Belvieu. Yoile has been with the library system for 5 years as the Children’s Librarian in Winnie. Along with the experience of working in the system, Yolie brings great ideas and excitement to her new role. We look forward to great things at Mont Belvieu.



Yolie Belt, Branch Librarian at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library

Until next month!

Year 2018	June	July	August
Books	18773	12088	8095
Vertical Files	0	0	0
Magazines	186	96	123
Newspapers	31	50	31
Permits	1	0	0
Total Print Circulation	18991	12234	8249
AudioCassettes	2	3	1
AudioCDs	302	311	177
Cassettes (Music)	0	0	0
CDs	2	1	0
CD-ROMs	4	17	0

DVDs	2044	1416	1683
Kits	9	8	5
Microforms	0	0	0
Optical Disks	0	2	5
Total A-V Circulation	2363	1758	1871
E-books	0	0	0
Equipment	19	36	95
Puzzles	0	0	0
Rooms, Meeting	89	28	98
Public Computer Logons	1717	2081	1711
Wireless logons	543	512	563
Database Logons	3738	3885	4307
Total Other Circulation	6106	6542	6774
Total Juv Circulation			
Total Circulation	27460	20534	16894
Remote Logons	5948	3980	3953
Number of Juv Programs	24	11	4
Children at Juv Programs	1911	735	41
Adults at Juv Programs	997	323	13
Total at Juv Programs	2908	1058	54
Number of Adult Programs	6	6	6
Total at Adult Programs	40	38	84
Computer/device assistance use	54	51	49
Total at adult computer classes	0	2	1
Number of YA Programs	9	9	1
Teens at YA programs	74	62	6
Adults at YA programs	16	12	3
Total at YA Programs	90	74	9
Number of Outreach programs (A)	0	0	0
Children at outreach programs	0	0	0
Adults at outreach programs	0	0	0
Total at outreach programs	0	0	0
Number of Outreach programs (K)	1	1	0
Children at outreach programs	25	23	0
Adults at outreach programs	25	12	0
Total at outreach programs	50	35	0
Patron Visits to Library	16792	12892	8562
Site visits: Anahuac	4731	3965	2037

Site visits: Winnie	3653	2690	2291
Site visits: Mont Belvieu	8408	6237	4234
Interlibrary loans returned	180	118	124
Interlibrary loans sent	5	10	8
Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	74	24	23
Intralibrary loans to Winnie	30	28	20
Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	130	151	83
Year 2018	June	July	August
Volunteer Service Hours	124.75	193	100.5
Hours Open for Patrons	643	633	687
Family Card Totals			
Patron cards: Anahuac	3113	3117	3143
Patron cards: Winnie	3554	3567	3585
Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	7075	7070	7068
Patron cards: Blocked	2005	2038	2040
Collection development:			
Book titles added	391	607	169
Book titles withdrawn	0	0	0
Previous total	88264	88655	89262
New book title total	88655	89262	89431
Magazine titles added	45	56	31
Magazine titles withdrawn	0	0	0
Previous total	1319	1364	1420
New magazine title total	1364	1420	1451
Audio-visual titles added	112	0	33
Audio titles withdrawn	0	0	0
Previous total	6390	6502	6502
New audio-visual title total	6502	6502	6535
Other item titles added	3	0	2
Other item titles withdrawn	0	12	0
Previous total	1632	1635	1623
Other item title total	1635	1623	1625
TexShare Cards Issued:	0	0	0
Reference question	369	119	185