

**Chambers County Library System – February, 2018**

February 5<sup>th</sup> was the first day for tutorials at the Chambers County Library in Anahuac. Selected students from Anahuac Middle School visit the library each week to get one on one homework help from volunteer tutors. Transportation assistance continues to be provided by the Chambers County Sheriff's Office, while the school shuttles students to the library. This will make the 4<sup>th</sup> year of tutorials hosted by the library.

On the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Anahuac staff hosted a fundraiser in partnership with the Friends of the Chambers County Library System. In its 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Painting for a Purpose was a huge success. A \$30 fee was charged with the money going towards programs/services at the library. The sold out class of 60 people enjoyed a night of painting with friends, drinks, and fun at White's Park. Total raised was \$1275. Congrats to the Friends, the staff, and the public who will soon reap the benefits of more programs at the library.

Starting in February, a staff swap began taking place at all county libraries. With right at 20 employees working at 3 different locations, this allows staff members who don't get a chance to work together the opportunity to do so. Our aim is to get staff to see the different demographics at the locations, get to know staff better, and to share ideas with each other. So far we've had great feedback. It's also helpful when and if we have staff shortages. By the end of March, we will have swapped 13 different staff members to either Anahuac, Winnie, or Mont Belvieu. We will start round 2 of our staff swap soon.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly staff meeting. Staff meetings focus on bringing the management staff together to discuss any issues or concerns as well as discuss any new business. In February we took advantage of some training from library consultant, Catherine Hakala-Ausperk. The webinar topic was Build a Better Team. We will be featuring more webinars and training at future staff meetings.

Local resident, Tina Smith hosted a Black History Month display at the Anahuac and Mont Belvieu branches. Her impressive collection includes material covering genealogy, inventors, and local history. Local author Mike Ebow joined Ms. Smith with signed copies of his book. The display generated quite a bit of interest from patrons.

The tweens and teens were treated to a few programs during February. Anahuac held a DIY Valentine LOVE board craft program, while Winnie teens held their monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting, and enjoyed an Anti-Valentine's Day party. Mont Belvieu teens were entertained with a chocolate lovers program, and a popsicle stick art program.

The little ones had a treat this month as well. After school Valentine's Day parties included a special guest. Clifford the Big Red Dog made an appearance at all 3 libraries. The kids loved seeing a book character come to life and some were even lucky to get a picture with Clifford himself.

Adult programs at the branches included the following. Anahuac held a Millennials Rising vision board craft program. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, representatives from Bayside Clinic and the Wellness Center spoke about the resources available to the public. Winnie adults held an adult coloring night with a Mardi gras theme. And Mont Belvieu adults enjoyed an afternoon at the movies, and also an after-hours library date night.

The Library Advisory Board met for their quarterly meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Two policies were discussed and voted on, as well as discussion of old and new business.

Until next month!

Valerie Jensen, County Librarian



Painting for a Purpose at White's Park with Anahuac staff



Tweens get crafty at Anahuac!



Mont Belvieu tweens & popsicle art!



Tina Smith with her Black History Month display at Mont Belvieu



Valentine's Day party fun at Winnie!

Year 2018	January	February			
<b>Books</b>	6911	8275	<b>Number of adult outreach programs</b>	1	1
<b>Vertical Files</b>	0	0	Children at outreach programs	0	0
<b>Magazines</b>	98	90	Adults at outreach programs	4	0
<b>Newspapers</b>	73	37	<b>Total at outreach programs</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Permits</b>	1	0			
<b>Total Print Circulation</b>	<b>7083</b>	<b>8402</b>	<b>Patron Visits to Library</b>	<b>8074</b>	<b>9739</b>
<b>AudioCassettes</b>	1	2	Site visits: Anahuac	2191	2847
<b>AudioCDs</b>	184	186	Site visits: Winnie	1977	2210
<b>Cassettes (Music)</b>	0	0	Site visits: Mont Belvieu	3906	4682
<b>CDs</b>	2	41	Interlibrary loans returned	108	108
<b>CD-ROMs</b>	4	4	Interlibrary loans sent	8	8
<b>DVDs</b>	1405	1338	Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	41	52
<b>Kits</b>	12	23	Intralibrary loans to Winnie	32	30
<b>Microforms</b>	0	0	Intralibrary loans to MB	64	125
<b>Optical Disks</b>	3	2	<b>Year 2018</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Total A-V Circulation</b>	<b>1611</b>	<b>1596</b>	Volunteer Service Hours	106.5	146.5
<b>E-books</b>	0	0	Hours Open for Patrons	573	577
<b>Equipment</b>	40	55	<b>Family Card Totals</b>		
<b>Puzzles</b>	2	1	Patron cards: Anahuac	3064	3067
<b>Rooms, Meeting</b>	91	129	Patron cards: Winnie	3471	6474
<b>Public Computer Logons</b>	1270	1555	Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	6776	6806
<b>Wireless logons</b>	410	498	Patron cards: Blocked	1986	2024
<b>Database Logons</b>	3598	3637	<b>Collection development:</b>		
<b>Total Other Circulation</b>	<b>5411</b>	<b>5875</b>	Print titles added	203	314
<b>Total Juv Circulation</b>			Book titles withdrawn	0	0
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>14105</b>	<b>15873</b>	Previous total	86637	86840
<b>Remote Logons</b>	3064	3064	<b>New print title total</b>	<b>86840</b>	<b>87154</b>
<b>Number of Juv Programs</b>	30	30	Magazine titles added	58	21
Children at Juv Programs	171	301	Magazine titles withdrawn	0	0
Adults at Juv Programs	136	235	Previous total	1204	1262
<b>Total at Juv Programs</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>New magazine title total</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1283</b>
<b>Number of Adult Programs</b>	8	9	Audio-visual titles added	3	40
Total at Adult Programs	72	44	Audio titles withdrawn	0	0
Computer/device assistance use	48	51	Previous total	6020	6023
<b>Total at adult computer classes</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>New audio-visual title total</b>	<b>6023</b>	<b>6063</b>
<b>Number of YA Programs</b>	9	9	Other item titles added	2	3
Teens at YA programs	43	40	Other item titles withdrawn	0	0
Adults at YA programs	5	7	Previous total	1613	1615
Total at YA Programs	48	47	<b>Other item title total</b>	<b>1615</b>	<b>1618</b>
<b>Number of Juv outreach programs</b>	2	3	TexShare Cards Issued:	2	0
Children at outreach programs	150	154	Reference questions	235	138
Adults at outreach programs	4	18			
<b>Total at outreach programs</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>172</b>			

