



## Chambers County Library System – February, 2019

February is typically a month where we profess our love to friends and family. But did you know it's also National Library Lovers Month? Our patrons certainly showed us some love by keeping us extra busy! The month started out with Valentine's Day parties for the school age kids at the branches. The Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch in Winnie had a special guest for storytime with Snippy the Horse talking about dental hygiene. The Cat in the Hat made an appearance at the libraries to celebrate National Read Across America day, which usually coincides with Dr. Seuss' birthday. Each of the libraries also honored Black History Month with displays featuring prominent current and historical leaders.

Some of our Children's Librarians hit the road for several outreach programs. Miss Tabi at Anahuac visits Met Head Start each week, and Miss Liz at Mont Belvieu does a monthly storytime at the local Chick-fil-A in Mont Belvieu. It's great to see staff get outside the library walls promoting the library.

The adults were also treated to some fun activities during February. At Anahuac, County Librarian Valerie Jensen held a basic cheesemaking class. At Winnie, adult programmer Mary Abshire held a Yahtzee night, and at Mont Belvieu, Kellee Traylor hosted a Wii bowling tournament for the adults. Other programs for adults included book club, a basic computer class, and craft club. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, the book club at Anahuac celebrated their 11<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Book club coordinator Sue Hawthorne organized a dinner at Saltgrass Steakhouse where the book Educated, by Tara Westover was discussed along with great food and company.

The tweens and teens also enjoyed programs at Winnie and Mont Belvieu with a taste test tournament, and craft programs.

On the 7<sup>th</sup>, key staff members met for a "Nerd Con 2" planning meeting. With the success of last year's event at Mont Belvieu, the planning has already begun to make this year's bigger and better. Over 300 people attended the event and we're looking this year to get even more involvement from the local community. The coordinators of Eastern Rim Funny Book and Vintage Con, James Chisum and Jerry Shafer, have been invaluable to the success of the program. We look forward to working with them again this year.

With Summer Reading quickly approaching, the staff has been pounding the pavement soliciting for donations. We've always had such good support from the community, and this year is no exception. Local businesses, individuals, and organizations donate coupons, money, or their time to help out with our summer program each year.

On the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Library Advisory Board met for their quarterly meeting. Several policies were discussed and updated, along with two term expirations. Members of the board are court appointed to serve as representatives of the library system.

The Friends of the Chambers County Library System held an open house on the 26<sup>th</sup> for the newly renovated Technical Services department of the library. Special thanks to Friends members Jean Forrest and A. Lynette Parsons for hosting the event. We enjoyed showing off our new space to the public.

Until next month!



Storytime at the Chambers County Library in Anahuac



Winnie staff with Snippy the Horse



Storytime at Sam and Carmena Goss in Mont Belvieu, and at Chick-fil-A



Teens at Winnie and Mont Belvieu



Cheesemaking at Anahuac, and Yahtzee at Winnie

<b>Year 2019</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Books</b>	7355	7461
<b>Vertical Files</b>	1	0
<b>Magazines</b>	48	51
<b>Newspapers</b>	0	70
<b>Permits</b>	0	0
<b>Total Print Circulation</b>	<b>7404</b>	<b>7582</b>
<b>AudioCassettes</b>	5	1
<b>AudioCDs</b>	134	163
<b>Cassettes (Music)</b>	0	0
<b>CDs</b>	0	1
<b>CD-ROMs</b>	0	1
<b>DVDs</b>	1208	1716
<b>Kits</b>	9	7
<b>Microforms</b>	0	0
<b>Optical Disks</b>	6	4
<b>Total A-V Circulation</b>	<b>1362</b>	<b>1893</b>
<b>E-books</b>	0	0
<b>Equipment</b>	52	63
<b>Puzzles</b>	0	0
<b>Rooms, Meeting</b>	114	131
<b>Public Computer Logons</b>	1265	1285
<b>Wireless logons</b>	437	439
<b>Database Logons</b>	3878	3583
<b>Total Other Circulation</b>	<b>5746</b>	<b>5501</b>
<b>Total Juv Circulation</b>		
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>14512</b>	<b>14976</b>
<b>Remote Logons</b>	3319	3225
<b>Number of Juv Programs</b>	22	26
Children at Juv Programs	178	437
Adults at Juv Programs	137	176
<b>Total at Juv Programs</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>613</b>
<b>Number of Adult Programs</b>	7	8
Total at Adult Programs	41	42
Computer/device assistance use	1	53
<b>Total at adult computer classes</b>	1	1
<b>Number of YA Programs</b>	4	3
Teens at YA programs	15	14
Adults at YA programs	5	2
Total at YA Programs	20	16
<b>Number of Juv outreach programs</b>	3	9
Children at outreach programs	20	207
Adults at outreach programs	12	45
<b>Total at outreach programs</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>252</b>

<b>Number of adult outreach programs</b>	2	1
Children at outreach programs	0	0
Adults at outreach programs	48	3
<b>Total at outreach programs</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Patron Visits to Library</b>	<b>6982</b>	<b>6842</b>
Site visits: Anahuac	1910	1951
Site visits: Winnie	1714	1728
Site visits: Mont Belvieu	3358	3163

Interlibrary loans returned	114	102
Interlibrary loans sent	5	10
Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	18	43
Intralibrary loans to Winnie	20	24
Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	81	112

<b>Year 2019</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
Volunteer Service Hours	113	109.5
Hours Open for Patrons	629	569

<b>Family Card Totals</b>		
Patron cards: Anahuac	2640	2628
Patron cards: Winnie	3106	3048
Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	6605	6591
Patron cards: Blocked	2023	2098

<b>Collection development:</b>		
Print titles added	185	376
Book titles withdrawn	0	0
Previous total	90430	90615
<b>New print title total</b>	<b>90615</b>	<b>90991</b>

Magazine titles added	0	35
Magazine titles withdrawn	122	0
Previous total	1551	1429
<b>New magazine title total</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>1464</b>

Audio-visual titles added	80	43
Audio titles withdrawn	0	0
Previous total	6684	6764
<b>New audio-visual title total</b>	<b>6764</b>	<b>6807</b>

Other item titles added	3	7
Other item titles withdrawn	0	0
Previous total	1626	1629
<b>Other item title total</b>	<b>1629</b>	<b>1636</b>

TexShare Cards Issued:	0	0
Reference questions	341	680