



Chambers County Library System – July, 2019

Summer Reading at a Glance:

- **319,600 minutes read**
- **4,690 program attendance**
- **49,029 items checked out in June and July**

Summer Reading 2019 was out of this world! Summer in Space was the theme with 1,320 kids, 217 teens, and 177 adults participating. The library offered over 100 programs (including GED prep). Quite an impressive number for us! A huge pat on the back to the staff for their hard work over the past 2 months. So much work goes into planning, organizing, and implementing these programs. We also had a record 174 sponsors who donated towards the program. We are grateful to our public, and to our elected officials who support the library and the programs offered. We strive to offer only the best for our library users.

A few of the programs offered in July included the Houston Astros mascot, Magic Dork John O'Bryant, Julian Franklin Productions, pizza making, exotic animals, green screen fun, video games, and more. Book club, movie days, and other ongoing programs continued throughout the summer.

As a thank you to the staff, County Librarian Valerie Jensen and Assistant County Librarian Annie Vass held a movie and pizza night to thank everyone for their hard work during summer. The movie of choice was "The Public", a movie featuring homeless library patrons who try to survive in a public library during a brutal cold front in the Midwest. We encourage everyone to check it out for a glimpse into the day in the life of a librarian!

During the busy summer months, County Librarian Valerie Jensen and Assistant County Librarian Annie Vass attended budget hearings for the library. These hearings allow us to present our requests to the court in hopes they approve the things needed for the library system. Any questions the commissioners or judge might have, we have the opportunity to answer at that time.

At the July 16th court, the library recognized Avalon Lee and Gillian Puppa from Girl Scout Troop 6272. As part of their Silver Award Project, which is the highest award that girls in grades 6-8 can achieve, the girls chose to build a Little Free Library for the library system. Little Free Libraries are a nation-wide initiative to promote literacy to underserved areas of communities. Most little libraries are commonly placed in neighborhoods, parks, or outlying areas of a community. A ribbon cutting was also held on August 14 with members of the Library Advisory Board in attendance. The Little Free Library is currently located at 1204 Stowell Street in Anahuac. Feel free to bring a book and/or take a book!

For the past year, staff members at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch in Mont Belvieu have been working to plan Nerd Con 2, which will be held December 7. Nerd Con was an extremely successful event in 2018 with hundreds of people in attendance to see artists, authors, attend panels, and network with people who share similar interests in comics/manga/anime/pop culture. Efforts made by the planning committee to request funds from Chambers County proved successful with a \$5,000 commitment from the court for promotional expenses towards Nerd Con. Regular planning meetings take place monthly, and we're happy to say that Nerd Con 2 will be bigger and better. The event will be held at Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex. The library is excited to work with coordinators of Eastern Rim Funny Book and Vintage Con to bring together a great show!

A marker ceremony was held on July 23 for the Chambers County courthouse. The 85 year old courthouse finally got the dedication she deserved with a historical marker noting the significance of the building, and Chambers County. A large turnout enjoyed speeches from Commission Chair Sheryl Shaw, County Judge Jimmy Sylvia, Historian Bobby Scherer, and music from the Eastgate Brass Band. It's great to see the marker front and center at the courthouse for all to see. In other historical news, the court approved an updated masterplan of the courthouse to be completed by Architexas, a firm out of Austin. Once the updated plan has been completed, the court will receive recommendations as to what areas of the courthouse needs repairs/improvements.

Until next month!



Summer reading fun!



Nerd Con planning committee



Girl Scouts at Commissioners' Court



Courthouse marker dedication

Year 2019	June	July	CDs	1	4
Books	20238	12958	CD-ROMs	4	3
Vertical Files	0	0	DVDs	1696	1612
Magazines	188	107	Kits	9	7
Newspapers	49	28	Microforms	0	0
Permits	0	0	Optical Disks	8	22
Total Print Circulation	20475	13093	Total A-V Circulation	2158	2231
AudioCassettes	10	14	E-books	0	0
AudioCDs	430	569	Equipment	122	99
Cassettes (Music)	0	0	Puzzles	0	1

Rooms, Meeting	107	49
Public Computer Logons	1305	1492
Wireless logons	390	446
Database Logons	3296	3765
Total Other Circulation	5220	5852
Total Juv Circulation		
Total Circulation	27853	21176
Remote Logons	4569	4235

Number of Juv Programs	25	14
Children at Juv Programs	1953	992
Adults at Juv Programs	1154	413
Total at Juv Programs	3107	1405

Number of Adult Programs	10	6
Total at Adult Programs	68	25
Computer/device assistance use	66	35
Total at adult computer classes	0	0

Number of YA Programs	9	8
Teens at YA programs	102	76
Year 2019	June	July
Adults at YA programs	23	20
Total at YA Programs	125	96

Number of Outreach programs (K)	1	0
Children at outreach programs	15	0
Adults at outreach programs	50	0
Total at outreach programs	65	0

Number of Outreach programs (A)	0	1
Adults at outreach programs	0	0
Children at outreach programs	0	29
Total at outreach programs	0	29

Patron Visits to Library	15731	12574
Site visits: Anahuac	3792	3735
Site visits: Winnie	3329	2898
Site visits: Mont Belvieu	8610	5941

Interlibrary loans returned	118	137
Interlibrary loans sent	16	11
Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	39	61
Intralibrary loans to Winnie	24	30
Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	231	141

Year 2019	June	July
Volunteer Service Hours	145.5	158.5
Hours Open for Patrons	632	674

Family Card Totals		
Patron cards: Anahuac	2565	2576
Patron cards: Winnie	3000	3019
Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	6724	6829
Patron cards: Blocked	2086	2088

Collection development:		
Book titles added	265	254
Book titles withdrawn	0	0
Previous total	91481	91746
New book title total	91746	92000

Magazine titles added	0	0
Magazine titles withdrawn	54	250
Previous total	1541	1487
New magazine title total	1487	1237

Audio-visual titles added	66	82
Audio titles withdrawn	0	0
Previous total	6894	6960
New audio-visual title total	6960	7042

Other item titles added	3	0
Other item titles withdrawn	0	1
Previous total	1630	1633
Other item title total	1633	1632

TexShare Cards Issued:	0	0
Reference question	485	389

