



Chambers County Library System – June, 2019

Every June we begin with our annual Summer Reading Program. Months of prep and planning gets us to this point, and the results never disappoint. This year we went with a Summer in Space theme. Kids, teens, and adults have had the opportunity to attend some great programs, win prizes, and of course read, read, read! In June alone, we had over 27,000 items circulate, and over 15,000 people walk through our doors. People love their library and it shows.

To give you an idea of our busy summer, here's a quick rundown of events we held in June:

- Hot dogs with the Sheriff's Office
- Smoothies with the Outreach Coffee Shop
- Sno-Cones with the County Treasurer
- Popsicles with the Commissioners
- Popcorn bar with the Librarians
- Stuart the Chicken Express chicken
- Planetary Prize Wheel
- Astronaut Photo booth
- Balloon animals
- Craft day with the Chick-fil-A cow
- Astronaut training program
- NASA space program
- DIY lightsabers
- Cookies & canvas
- First responders day
- Galaxy painting
- Tie dye shirts
- Color wars
- Orbit the Astros mascot
- Houston Astronomical Society
- Galaxy slime
- Splatter art
- Adult trivia night
- DIY your own apron
- Escape Room space game
- Wine tasting
- Movie days
- Book clubs

Our first week is considered "Launch Week" where we encourage summer reading signups. We also invite out some of our local elected officials to help pass out goodies to the kids and interact with the patrons. We appreciate the time they took from their busy schedules to learn more about our Summer Reading Program.

Our newest program at the Sam and Carmena Goss branch is the Cork Dork Book Club. Yopez Winery in Beach City asked to partner with the library for a monthly book club paired with good wine and good company. Anyone is welcome, and book titles are available at the library and online for eBook and audiobook users. The next meeting is August 6 at 6:30 at the Yopez Vineyard.

One of our most popular programs by far this summer has been the Houston Astros mascot, Orbit. Even with the busy baseball season, Orbit managed to make the rounds to all the libraries in Chambers County. His fast-paced show was educational AND fun. Orbit took pictures with everyone who attended.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has a 'Libraries in the News' email that goes out each week. This email features news, programs, or other interesting happenings at libraries around Texas. Their latest issue featured a promotional video from the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch staff showcasing their acting talents. The video will be on the library's website for a few more days if you want to check it out.

Teen Librarian Shelby Fielding was asked to do an all-night Escape Room for Barbers Hill's Project Graduation. Shelby has done several successful Escape Room programs for the library, which prompted the school's request. Her efforts paid off with a gift of a graduation photo and a \$500 donation to the library.

Branch Librarian Aquilia De la Cruz did an outreach program at the Wellness Center's Summer Bash. Aquilia, along with her summer help, showed kids how to make ice cream in a bag while doing the chicken dance. The kids (and parents) had a blast.

In historical news, A. Lynette Parsons works part-time for the library doing database entry and digitization for historical items located at the museum, library, and the Chambers County Museum at Wallisville. Over the past couple of years this collection has grown to over 25,000 items in the library's digital collections software, Montage. The items that are being digitized have been buried in vertical files and boxes at the museum for years, and it's our job to bring them back to life. We have several success stories where people find historical articles, family lineage files, and most recently a mason with the Cedar Bayou Masonic lodge found items that were very useful to his group. He was very excited and will be back to do more research.

And finally, we even found time during our busiest month to meet with our architects for the new library in Winnie. The plans are taking shape and we will be moving forward very soon, so stay tuned!

Until next month!

Year 2019	June	Adults at Juv Programs	1154
Books	20238	Total at Juv Programs	3107
Vertical Files	0	Number of Adult Programs	10
Magazines	188	Total at Adult Programs	68
Newspapers	49	Computer/device assistance use	66
Permits	0	Total at adult computer classes	0
Total Print Circulation	20475	Number of YA Programs	9
AudioCassettes	10	Teens at YA programs	102
AudioCDs	430	Adults at YA programs	23
Cassettes (Music)	0	Total at YA Programs	125
CDs	1	Number of Outreach programs (K)	1
CD-ROMs	4	Children at outreach programs	15
DVDs	1696	Adults at outreach programs	50
Kits	9	Total at outreach programs	65
Microforms	0	Number of Outreach programs (A)	0
Optical Disks	8	Adults at outreach programs	0
Total A-V Circulation	2158	Children at outreach programs	0
E-books	0	Total at outreach programs	0
Equipment	122		
Puzzles	0		
Rooms, Meeting	107		
Public Computer Logons	1305		
Wireless logons	390		
Database Logons	3296		
Total Other Circulation	5220		
Total Juv Circulation			
Total Circulation	27853		
Remote Logons	4569		
Number of Juv Programs	25		
Children at Juv Programs	1953		

Patron Visits to Library	15731
Site visits: Anahuac	3792
Site visits: Winnie	3329
Site visits: Mont Belvieu	8610

Interlibrary loans returned	118
Interlibrary loans sent	16
Intralibrary loans to Anahuac	39
Intralibrary loans to Winnie	24
Intralibrary loans to Mt Belv.	231
Volunteer Service Hours	145.5
Hours Open for Patrons	632

Family Card Totals

Patron cards: Anahuac	2565
Patron cards: Winnie	3000
Patron cards: Mt Belvieu	6724
Patron cards: Blocked	2086

Collection development:

Book titles added	265
Book titles withdrawn	0
Previous total	91481
New book title total	91746

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

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

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

TexShare Cards Issued:	0
Reference question	485