



The Collection

The ongoing acquisition of materials at the library is one of my main responsibilities here. I pay attention to what is circulating, what patrons are asking for, what publisher lists are suggesting and promoting. I also notice what is NOT moving, what is getting bypassed day after day. I spend a lot of time reading publisher lists and recommendations. Visuals are important to catch the attention of patrons, so changing things around, creating interesting displays all help to draw the eye of a potential reader. Here are some of our recent attempts to attract attention to patrons looking for their next read.

- Special groupings with signage
- Colleen Hoover collection (She is a very popular writer recently)
- Love and Romance Stories
- Biographies and Memoirs
- Facebook photo shots of all new books before they are on the shelf
- More face fronting displays



Memoirs of Interesting People



Colleen Hoover Bestselling Author



Memoirs - a Facebook post

The library policy is that NEW to us books are labeled with a NEW red sticker and shelved in the front section for 6 months. After the six months they are placed in the regular stacks and shelves but have a far less likelihood of being noticed. The six months period is their time to shine and be noticed and hopefully selected to check out. Social media posts of NEW books before they are available for check out also create interest and is a tool we are using to spotlight books. I am always looking for new ideas to shine a spotlight on something new.



Love Stories



Blind Date with a Book



Social Media Report: Post Reach 3779 Post Engagement 418
 New page Likes 56 New Page Followers 66 Top Post "New Books"
 1760 Impressions, Reach 1716 Engagements 88

Lunch Bunch Book Club

Our first Lunch Bunch Book Club was a gathering of 8 patrons and 2 staff. Everyone present had read the latest Ann Patchett book **Tom Lake**. The discussion was led by Val, and everyone had a chance to think critically about the book and share freely opinions, and comments. All were eager and curious about what would be the next book, so a title was suggested and agreed upon by Sharon, and dates were set for the next meeting in early March. Many attendees had positive comments about the new book club and are planning to return.



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Friends of the Library

The Friends met today after a winter pause since the spectacular Santa's Workshop in early December. The meeting was attended by 4 new members who have joined since November. Updates were shared and plans for the new session of Read Better Be Better were discussed. The Literacy committee of the Friend's is a valuable partner in so many ways, and we are excited to launch a new round of Read Better Be Better next month.

Looking Ahead : Summer Hours Begin - April 1-August 1 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

- Summer Adventures Kickoff - May 17
- Summer Adventure Camp - Camp Grace July 31
- Partnerships : Timber Mesa , WM Nature Center, Arts Alliance of White Mountains, Christophers Gardens, Forest Service

Read Better Be Better Starts March 19, 2024



Read Better Be Better®

Data and Stats

January 2024

- Door Count - 1730 patrons
- New cards - 23
- Circulation - 2809 items

Programs Attendance

Lunch Bunch Book Club - 8 Library for All -13
Baby Time - 42 adults, 54 kids, 96 total Lego's - 10
Storytime - 27 adults, 45 kids, 72 total
PAWS - 3 Music and Movement - 21 PL 3 – 20

Technical Report

Juvenile / Young Adult - 41 Books Adult - 95 ILL's - 11
DVD's - Youth - 2 , Adult - 11 Repairs /Replacements - 7 Discards - 192

Donations - Paperbacks 234 Hardback 89 Misc - 38

Volunteers - 4 people , 36 .5 hours

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