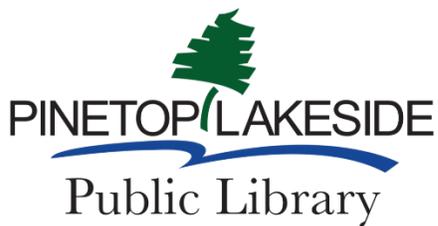


February 2024 Library Report

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Programs last month in February included the first of four **Early Literacy Parent Child Workshop**, led by Tammie. The theme was introducing the 5 critical early literacy skills children need before learning to read.

This was well attended, and we were delighted to attract some new to us families...who learned from the Facebook posts of the event. This is exactly the demographic we are trying to reach, and it is exciting when a new mom and little

one show up. We love to welcome them and share all the reasons why coming to the library with a little one is a great investment of their time. Sharing a love of books is easy for us library folks, but we especially like to come along side parents and support them in their role as their child's first and most important teacher.

Since it's nearly mid-March, I am excited to share the big event this week which will be at the Nature Center on Thursday, March 14 at 10:00.

Miss Tammie has put hours and hours into planning this special story time for kids and their grownups. Friends of the Library will be onsite to help as well. This event called Rainbow Goblins is based on a beautiful picture book and includes classical music pieces along with narration of the story on the large screen. Creative movement, enjoyment of the story (a mythological telling of why rainbows do not touch the ground as they arc across the sky) snacks, crafts, and the Nature Center too! This event is something different and unique and we are hoping for a good turnout. Schools are on break this week, so we are offering this for families who remain in town.



Friends of the Library F O L have resumed in February and had great attendance for both February and March meetings. There are many new members, and they are enthusiastically organized into activities and teams for supporting the library in many ways. They recently donated eggs, and candy and stuffed 500 easter eggs for the Town Easter Celebration . The Friends also wrote and mailed out 43 donation request letters to local businesses for summer reading program prizes. Every week a few of them are here helping with the book donations shelf, the bookstore or other helpful tasks.



Social Media - Crickett and Annie are doing a fantastic job making Facebook posts and creating flyers for the library. The post reaches this month was 4478, Engagement 917, and new page likes 11.

Leading Post – Early Literacy Workshop had a reach of 840 , and 42 engagements (reactions)

The Data showed a big jump in followers from early Feb to late Feb as the Early Literacy workshop drew closer, and many people are sharing our page and as a result we have more followers. Crickett really enjoys doing these tasks and has enthusiastically taken on helping the Nature Center with their social media too.

Coming In 2024 - ILS Change for NCLD

Circulation data from the ILS system used by all the libraries in the County show we had a total of 2637 items.

The current system , SyrsiDynix is one the NCLD has used for the past 20 years. It is pretty outdated and now with a new Library Director, the time is finally here for a change. The district librarians and Director , Jennifer Volkert , have spent months reviewing possible replacements and new software. A decision was made and in 2024 the switch to Polaris will take place. Prior to the change , managing thousands of materials and patron records , ZOOM meetings , trainings and discussions are taking place. My two-lead staff, Mark Mills and Cataloger Bessie Bambulas , have taken on the task of participating in lengthy Zoom meetings to determine critical information needed to migrate our files over to the new system. It may sound a bit confusing , and it is complicated. But fortunately , they both enjoy the technical details and are well equipped to lead our staff into how the new system will be implemented here. The rest of us will get online training in July and the launch for the system district wide is late August.

Lexi , our PAWS for Reading Service Dog has been ill this month and we learned she will be retiring . She so sweetly lent a listening ear to young readers who came to practice their reading skills . We will all miss her and thank her owner Greg for sharing Lexi with us at the library.

Numbers

Door Count - 1895, New Cards - 21
Volunteers - 16 people , 72 hours
Donations - 135 Paperbacks 80 Hard cover
22 Magazines 79 DVD's

Catalogued New Items for Collection

Juvenile / YA books 52
Adult Books 23
DVD's – Adult 22
Interlibrary Loans- Ill's - 16
Discards 72 Repairs and Replacements 13

Attendance at Programs this Month

Lego Club - 16
Library For All- 12
Baby Time – 32 adults, 40 kids, 72 Total
Storytime – 22 adults, 36 kids, 58 Total
PL 3 10 Homeschool Group - Valentines Party- 24

Looking ahead for March and April

- Gardening Classes - Seed Library - Painting Classes with Terri
 - Read Better Be Better Spring Session - March 19 - May 9
 - Lunch Bunch Book Club
 - New Summer Hours April – August
 - Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 6 :00 pm

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