



Staff Report—Autumn Baumann, Circulation Services Supervisor

June was a busy month for the library! Between the lunches and programs going on things have really been picking up for the Summer! The circulation department has been short staffed for the past couple of weeks due to staff vacations mixed with staff illness, but I think staff has been making the best of it.

CSS Meeting: The next Circulation Services Subcommittee Meeting is July 9. In my last report, I let you know about the Patron Statistical Classes (PSTAT) clean-up report that we discussed at our May meeting. Patron Statistical Classes, referred to as PSTATs, define a patron's place of residence. This report will be coming out yearly, at our July meeting we will be discussing the workflow for how this process will look.

Trafsys:

TRAFSYS TRAFFIC DATA			
	May	June	Gain
Front Door	5,104	6,143	20%
Children's Door	1,311	1,925	47%
Total	6,415	8,068	26%

Meeting Room Bookings:				
Meeting Room	Number of Meetings	Number of Attendees	Study Rooms	Number of Uses
Sanderson	9	49	Left	49
Bidwell	3	46	Right	44
Teen	7	66		

Trafsys: The Circulation Data will be available at the meeting. SCLS did not have the reports available before this report was due.

Staff Report—Ann Vickman, Youth Services Librarian and Technology Coordinator

The first month of the 2024 Summer Library Program has set another record. Last summer we had 418 children registered for the program, this summer we have 526 children registered and we still get new registrations almost daily. The Children’s Department is busy every day with our “regular” library families and lots of new faces. We are also seeing good attendance at the programs.

Partnering with John Muir and the Boys and Girls Club for their summer programs has boosted our registration numbers. The weekly visits to both organizations haven't been the most fruitful during the actual visit, but it does seem to prompt later visits to the library from families who haven't been regular visitors. We'll be brainstorming ideas to make some changes to that aspect of partnering.

This summer has also seen a new business partnership with Pizza Ranch. The \$5 Fun Zone cards they provided are one of the top incentives selected by the kids. We are collaborating with the ADRC on a family program, in conjunction with a story walk held during the week of June 24-29. On June 28, we had a viewing of the *Grandpa and Lucy* movie featured in the story walk. We provided snacks during the movie and then the kids decorated cards that were collected and distributed at local memory care facilities.

On June 25 we had a hula hoop program presented by Danielle Lee from Hoop Elation out of Madison. We held the program at Goodyear Park and invited the Boys and Girls Club to attend. One of the staff members from Northwoods let me know they would be bringing a group as well. It was a good thing that Danielle brought 100 hula hoops with her; we had 117 people at that program. It was fun watching the kids and grown-ups showing off their hula hooping skills.

We're confident the final three weeks of the Summer Library Program will be as successful as the first month has been. Thank you for your continued support of library programming.

Staff Report—Whitney Parrillo, Adult Services Librarian

Summer is fun for adults at the library as well! In June, we hosted a Wisconsin Author Adventure series. Every Saturday for four weeks we had a local author come to speak to our patrons. The authors shared stories from their writing journeys, the world of publishing, and what it's like to write about Wisconsin.

Going along with our adventure theme, we partnered with the Ice Age Trail Alliance to offer guided trail walks along the Portage sections of the Ice Age Trail. The walks were very popular and well attended by hikers of all ages. Patrons that would like to explore the Ice Age Trail or other local parks can check out our Ice Age Trail backpack. The backpack contains trail guides and maps, binoculars, field guides, first aid kit, and a compass—making it easy to get out and explore Wisconsin wildlife this summer. Patti did a great job planning and advertising these programs and a lot of the staff pitched in to help execute them seamlessly!

The Summer Reading Program is popular with our adult patrons. I'm so glad that we offer a reading program for adults! It's a great way to incentivize reading and get people into the library. I think it draws in new patrons and helps us to create new library card accounts. I've also had new people sign up for book bag subscriptions this summer!

Joe is busy making new book displays throughout the library and he is enjoying the creative aspect of his task. He is ready to take on the duties of volunteer coordinator; Debbie will continue to help him for a while. I'm excited to have a full Adult Services department again and I really appreciate all the work that's been done this summer to engage patrons with fun programming and displays.

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