

Forsyth Township Public Library
180 W. Flint St. Gwinn, MI 49841

LIBRARY REPORT.....December 2018

General News

- Santa Claus visited the library on Wednesday, December 12th. He was able to talk with 77 children who all received a free book and a candy cane. Children were able to make crafts and enjoy refreshments. The Library Staff and Board of Trustees would like to thank those who donated books, Towners for donating cookies and the Up North Lodge for their help coordinating the event.
- December programming was attended by a total of 163 children and 72 adults.
- Looking ahead to February and March, the library will once again host an Usborne Books & More Book Fair. Lots of cash and carry items will be available for purchase, plus online shopping will be available. The Book Fair will be held on Thursday, February 28th and Friday, March 1st from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The library will earn free books for the children's collection.

Circulation Stats

1,942 books, magazines, audio books, and videos were circulated in our community. We loaned 252 of our items to patrons at other libraries in Michigan, and borrowed 222 items from other Michigan libraries. 107 new items were added to the collection, which includes 23 magazines. There were 12 new library cards issued for the month. As of January 3, 2019 we have 3,785 users in our system.

Foot Traffic

We had 2,070 visits by patrons. The weekday average was 99 patrons. Our Saturday average was 38 patrons. The Donna Adams Community Room was used 14 times and the Study Room was used 11 times in the month of December.

Electronic Stats

OverDrive - 45 different patrons used this service, including 8 new patrons. Patrons checked out 99 eBooks and 138 audio books for a total of 237 items circulated.

Wi-Fi and Internet – 263 users connected to the Wi-Fi with 85 being unique connections. The library computers were used 330 times this month, the busiest times being between 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Our website was visited 573 times in December.

Programs:

- Story Time returns from holiday break on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.
- After School Lego Club returns Wednesday, January 16th at 4:00 p.m. Lego Club will be offered again on Wednesday, January 30th at 4:00 p.m.
- Kids String Art will be offered on Wednesday, January 23rd at 4:30 p.m.

The next regular library board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in the Donna Adams Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Makela, Director