

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

LIBRARY REPORT..... October 2019

**General News**

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tea Party was a big success, raising nearly \$2,200.00. Guests loved the new venue at the Little Lake Gospel Chapel in Little Lake. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered to make this event possible.
- The library will host the Upper Peninsula Paranormal Research Society on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. They will be here to promote their book *Yoopernatural Haunts*, which features some of the best haunted locales in the U.P. This event is free to the public.
- Library Board President Donna Adams was honored at the Michigan Library Association's Annual Conference in Novi on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Donna was the recipient of the MLA's Heart of a Champion Award, which is given to one person annually who has shown exceptional support and dedication to their local library. Donna was nominated by staff member Leslie Willig. Library Director Leslie Makela attended the luncheon to introduce Donna to attendees.
- October programs were attended by 215 children and 153 adults. In addition, 192 people trick-or-treated at the library this year.

**Circulation Stats**

2,468 books, magazines, audio books, and videos were circulated in our community. We loaned 395 of our items to patrons at other libraries in Michigan, and borrowed 318 items from other Michigan libraries. 132 new items were added to the collection, which includes 20 magazines. There were 18 new library cards issued for the month. As of November 3, 2019 we have 4,130 users in our system.

**Foot Traffic**

We had 2,790 visits by patrons. The weekday average was 114 patrons. Our Saturday average was 44 patrons. The Donna Adams Community Room was used 20 times and the Study Room was used 14 times in the month of October.

**Electronic Stats**

Great Lakes Digital Library - 59 different patrons used this service, including 2 new patrons. Patrons checked out 127 eBooks and 275 audio books for a total of 402 items circulated.

Wi-Fi and Internet – 334 users connected to the Wi-Fi. The library computers were used 379 times this month, the busiest time being 10:00 a.m. Our website was visited 572 times in October. Our Facebook page has 695 followers.

**Programs:**

- Story Time is offered every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.
- After School Lego Club will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
- Kids Fall Art Activity will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.
- The library will be closed Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

The next regular library board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Donna Adams Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Makela, Director