

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

LIBRARY REPORT..... April 2020

General News

- The library remained closed to the public and staff other than essential employees to conduct necessary business.
- The Director continued to work from home planning for the eventual reopening of the library, building the library collection, managing the website and Facebook page, public email account, and attending many meetings and trainings held via Zoom. Other library staff also attended online trainings and webinars from home.
- The library began to offer free virtual library cards to members of our community to allow access to the Great Lakes Digital Library. Overall, 686 people signed up for digital library cards across the U.P. as a result of libraries coming together to offer this service to communities across the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Michigan.

Circulation Stats

45 new items were added to the collection, which includes 31 magazines. There were no new library cards issued for the month though 10 people registered for temporary virtual library cards to gain access to the Great Lakes Digital Library. As of May 3, 2020 we have 4,229 users in our system.

Foot Traffic

No foot traffic to report for the month of April.

Electronic Stats

Great Lakes Digital Library - 79 different patrons used this service. This is a 36% increase over last month. Patrons checked out 209 eBooks, 223 audio books, and 6 streaming videos for a total of 438 items circulated. This is a 14% total increase over the month of March.

Wi-Fi and Internet – Wi-Fi service continued to be offered 24/7 in the library parking lot. 103 users connected to our Wi-Fi in April with 31 being unique connections. Our website was visited 150 times. Our Facebook page has 744 followers.

Programs:

- All in-person library programming is suspended due to the Executive Order from Governor Whitmer.
- A Virtual Author Visit with James H. McCommons is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This event is FREE to the public with registration required. McCommons is the author of *Camera Hunter*.

The next regular library board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Donna Adams Community Room. If the meeting must be held via Zoom that information will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and on our entrance doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Makela, Director