

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

LIBRARY REPORT.....August 2020

General News

- August Summer Reading events, which were all done at the window saw 50 Adults and 120 children.
- The Library received a \$500.00 Cares Act Grant to purchase PPE and cleaning supplies.
- Library staff continue to hear positive comments from patrons on a daily basis thanking us for being open.
- At the August Library Board Meeting, the Library Board of Trustees voted to implement a Non-Resident Fee beginning January 1, 2021. The fee will apply to those patrons who reside outside of the Forsyth Township proper. More details will be released soon.

Circulation Stats

1,957 books, audio books, magazines, and movies were circulated in our community. This is a 15% increase from July. We loaned 346 of our items to patrons at other libraries in Michigan, and borrowed 267 items from other Michigan libraries. 167 new items were added to the collection, which includes 21 magazines. There were 10 new library cards issued for the month of August. As of September 3, 2020 we have 4,267 users in our system.

Foot Traffic

We had 1,512 visits by patrons in August. The weekday average was 72. The library remains closed on Saturdays at this time.

Electronic Stats

Great Lakes Digital Library - 66 different patrons used this service. Patrons checked out 153 eBooks and 225 audio books for a total of 378 items circulated.

Wi-Fi and Internet – Wi-Fi service continued to be offered 24/7 in the library parking lot. Our Wi-Fi was used 570 times in the month of August. Our website was visited 462 times. Public computers were used 153 times in August with the busiest time being 10:00 a.m. Our Facebook page has 759 followers.

Programs:

- All in-person programming inside the library is suspended due to social distancing guidelines.
- Ninety children registered for our 2020 Summer Reading Program. We gave away 189 books to participants, 125 Craft/Activity Bags, and 99 Prize Bags. Eighty-three adults participated, reading a total of 388 books. Twelve teens participated, reading a total of 100 books. Thank you to everyone who made our revamped program a big success.
- The '*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*' StoryWalk will be offered in Peter Nordeen Park beginning Monday, August 31, 2020 through Sunday, September 6, 2020. Members of the community are encouraged to walk their way through this children's book by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury.

The next regular library board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 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