

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

LIBRARY REPORT..... July 2021

**General News**

- A total of 166 children and 116 adults enjoyed programming provided by the library in the month of July.
- Library staff with the help of Library Board Vice-President Brian Rice started planning the Forsyth Township Public Library podcast. The podcast will release monthly beginning in August with episodes providing a variety of library and community information.
- 119 children, 73 adults and 8 teens participated in the Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program. Sixty-seven children actively participated. Adults read 317 books and teens read 186 books during the six-week program.

**Circulation Stats**

1,852 books, audio books, magazines, and movies were circulated in our community. We loaned 369 of our items to patrons at other libraries in Michigan and borrowed 187 items from other Michigan libraries. 161 new items were added to the collection, which includes 22 magazines. There were 17 new library cards issued in the month of July. As of August 3, 2021, we have 3,618 users in our system.

**Foot Traffic**

We had 1,886 visits by patrons in July. This is a *20% increase* in foot traffic from the month of June. The weekday average was 85. The Saturday average was 24. The Study Room was used 10 times by patrons. The Community Room was used 12 times for library purposes.

**Electronic Stats**

Great Lakes Digital Library - 66 different patrons used this service, including 4 new patrons. Patrons checked out 152 eBooks, 179 audio books, and 1 magazine for a total of 332 items circulated.

Wi-Fi and Internet – The Wi-Fi experienced 720 connections with 216 being unique. The website had 433 visits. Public computers were used 96 times in July with 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. being the busiest times. Our Facebook page has 822 followers.

**Programs:**

- LEGO “Free” Build times will be offered on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room throughout the month of August.
- Story Time is being held at Peter Nordeen Park on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. through August 20, 2021.
- Literature at the Lodge will meet on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The August selection is *We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker.

The next regular library board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. in the Donna Adams Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Makela, Director