

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

LIBRARY REPORT..... March 2021

**General News**

- The Library continues to be open to the public with computers remaining by appointment.
- Saturday hours will resume May 1, 2021 as long as current restrictions allow.
- A total of 40 children enjoyed Take Home Peep House Kits that were offered in the library in March as well as Reading Month Book Packs.
- The Library sent 100 Reading Month Book Packs home with children through the Gwinn Paw Packs program for spring break. Each child received a free book, bookmark, snacks & activity sheet.

**Circulation Stats**

1,283 books, audio books, magazines, and movies were circulated in our community. We loaned 390 of our items to patrons at other libraries in Michigan, and borrowed 202 items from other Michigan libraries. 137 new items were added to the collection, which includes 28 magazines. There were 11 new library cards issued in the month of March. As of April 3, 2021 we have 3,560 users in our system.

**Foot Traffic**

We had 1,023 visits by patrons in March. This is a 31% increase over last month with walk-in traffic being allowed back in the building. The weekday average was 44. The library continues to be closed on Saturdays. The Study Room was used 4 times by patrons.

**Electronic Stats**

Great Lakes Digital Library - 58 different patrons used this service, including 3 new patrons. Patrons checked out 101 eBooks, 201 audio books, 71 magazines and 3 streaming videos for a total of 376 items circulated.

Wi-Fi and Internet – Our Wi-Fi experienced 303 connections with 137 being unique. Our website was visited 808 times in March. Public computers were used 45 times with 3:00 p.m. being the busiest time. Our Facebook page has 802 followers.

**Programs:**

- All programming inside the library is suspended due to social distancing guidelines.
- The Library is offering Family Movie Packs in early April. Checkout a special family movie and receive free popcorn, candy, themed coloring pages & crayons to complete the movie watching experience.
- StoryWalk® will return to the Peter Nordeen Park with “A Frog in a Bog” by Karma Wilson being the first book. Dates will be announced on Facebook and our website.

The next regular library board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. If the meeting will be held via Zoom that information will be posted on our website, Facebook page, and on our entrance doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Makela, Director