



Staff Report—Autumn Baumann, Circulation Services Supervisor

Jennifer Dickson is no longer working at the library. We were very sad to see her go she was a fantastic member of our team and will be very missed by the staff here.

I have hired someone to fill this position. Gail Henslin will be starting her training on Monday, May 12.

Community Rooms April				
Meeting Room	Number of Meetings	Number of Attendees	Study Rooms	Number of Uses
Sanderson	6	22	Left	63
Bidwell	6	44	Right	58
Teen	4	29	Children's	29

Circulation Data				
Year	Items Loaned	Items Borrowed	Total Circ.	Library Cards
2025	2,879	2,953	8,724	49
2024	2,794	3,000	8,718	55

April's highest traffic day of the week was Tuesday and the highest traffic time of day was 10-11 a.m.

Trafsys Door Counter	April 24	April 25
Front Door	6,075	5,885
Children's Door	1,643	1,586
Total	7,718	7,471

Staff Report—Ann Vickman, Youth Services Librarian and Technology Coordinator

On Saturday, April 5 we had a Family Donut Party to kick off National Library Week. We had 33 people join us for some tasty fun. There were donut-themed games and crafts, and of course, free donuts for everyone to enjoy.

The Checkout Challenge that was held during National Library week was another activity that had patrons moving around the library to complete their five activities. It was great to see adults and children visiting areas of the library they wouldn't typically access during a normal library visit.

The new Children's Circulation Clerk, Regan Perry, started in April and has proven to be a quick study. She has a great attitude and has been very flexible with unexpected shift changes. Another positive note to share is that at the end of April, Judy Keppert was hired as an LTE. She is feeling much better and is ready to pick up shifts in the Children's Dept as needed.

As in previous years, May is the month to promote the Summer Library Program at the schools. St. Mary's classes have already visited the library, and the schedule to visit the John Muir campus is finalized. I'll be reaching out to Woodridge and Lewiston to see if they would like to get something scheduled as well.

You and your families are invited to the Summer Library Program Kickoff Celebration on Thursday, May 29 at 6 pm. We are having Curt Strutz perform his *Dinosaur Dimensions* show at Pauquette Park at the Beasley Pavilion. Families can meet the animatronic dinosaur puppets and register for the Summer Library Program that evening.

Ready or not.... Here comes summer.

Staff Report—Whitney Parrillo, Adult Services and Community Outreach Librarian

Spring is here with a flurry of activity before summer reading starts. In April, we observed Volunteer Appreciation Week and celebrated our many library volunteers with a volunteer appreciation party. We gave away three certificates of appreciation to volunteers who gave over 40 hours of their time in the last year and everyone enjoyed coffee, tea, and pies from the Log Cabin Restaurant. Each volunteer received a potted flower as a gift.

In the last few weeks, I have received several new volunteer applications. We are also preparing for the summer lunch program, recruiting volunteers, and completing training. I'm looking forward to a busy summer of outreach and programming!

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