



Staff Report—Autumn Baumann, Circulation Services Supervisor

Reports needed to be in earlier this month due to the 4th of July so in order to have the most accurate statistics for you I will provide a separate sheet at the board meeting.

I cannot believe June is over! This month truly flew by, everything has felt fast paced from patrons to just general workload. Karen Kristoff left her position at the library on June 4 so I have had her position posted with an application deadline of June 30. I received 11 applications for this position and will start scheduling interviews.

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

Summer weather just officially showed up and we're over half-way through the Summer Library Program. How did that happen? Every day in the Children's Department we are busy handing out coupons and incentives for completed reading cards that are being turned in. The *Family Story Time* programs on Mondays have been averaging about 40 attendees, and the first *Play Day* at Pine Meadows Park brought out over 50 people. Families have commented that they really like the play day meet-ups at the city parks. Magician Glen Gerard put on an amazing show on June 25 and inspired the kids to wipe out the magic and card trick library books that were on display. We had 119 people join us for his performance. This included a group of 18 children from the St. John's Day Camp who walked over.

The visits to John Muir for Summer School are going well. Families are still registering for the Summer Library Program through school and at the library. There are over 400 children registered for the program and this year we seemed to have a lot of families who signed up on the first few days, which was a positive change. Hopefully that will result in more children completing the program.

The Kinder—5th Grade Playdough program on June 26 was attended by library families, as well as a group of 12 children from the Boys and Girls Club. It was great to see a group of kids from the Club here at the library.

June 26 was Kaylyn Stephens' last day of work in the Children's Department. She was offered a full-time position at another organization so she pursued that opportunity. June 30 Hannah Schehr joined the team in Children's. She is a recent high school graduate and has many hours of volunteer experience with the Endeavor Public Library. Hannah is excited to be working at the Portage Public Library and we are looking forward to her enthusiasm and youthfulness.

Emily from SCLS updated all the patron computers to Windows 11 on June 20. So far everything seems to be working fine after the update. The laptops that were purchased for the library by the City of Portage have been processed and put on the laptop cart for patron in-library use. Again, I've had no reports of problems with the new laptops.

I hope all of you enjoy the 4th of July holiday. I will be spending time with some friends from Texas who will be visiting Wisconsin for the first time ever.

Staff Report—Whitney Parrillo, Adult Services Librarian

I am back from a nice family vacation and ready to take on more summer projects at the library! I just spoke at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon on the topic of banned books, intellectual freedom, and the freedom to read at the Portage Public Library. In the presentation I talked about the Wisconsin library postcard campaign and encouraged everyone to write a postcard to their legislator in support of Wisconsin libraries. In a few weeks, I'll be at the Mercantile to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the store with a children's story time.

I am enjoying the community outreach aspect of my position and I appreciate the opportunities I've had to connect with the people of Portage. These outreach opportunities give me the chance to reach people who may not visit the library or are unaware of all our available resources. By hosting the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the library, we were able to give some new visitors tours of the library. I am so excited to start our Mainstreet Remodel project in August when the new furniture arrives and hope that the refresh also brings new people into the library!

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improving the quality of life for everyone.**