

OCPL Director's Report

September 2023

1. Programs and Services: Programs were well attended in July and August. Children's programming continued to be our biggest draw, at least until the end of July. (Actual attendance numbers may be found in the End of Summer Reading report.) The Critter Keeper was a huge draw at the Walhalla Performing Arts Center in July. Summer Reading ended with a bash at South Cove County Park. Kerry Leeper Brock, the Community Resource Associate, has been coordinating a program or series of programs each month based on the theme for that month (e.g., women's health, heart health, etc.). In July and August the library conducted programs on Know Diabetes By Heart, mental health and more.

2. Usage Statistics and Narratives: Usage statistics for July and August as well as individual branch/department narratives are attached.

3. Finance and Budget: OCPL budget figures for FY23 to date are attached.

4. Personnel and Training: Darcy Arnall left the OCPL at the end of July to pursue a new opportunity. Fortunately, the County lifted the hiring freeze on positions which opened after June 6, 2023. We have not received a great deal of applications from qualified applicants. We are also continuing to make sure that we can retain Kerry Leeper Brock once the CRPH grant has expired in May of 2024. We have also started planning for the fall staff training day on October 9. We will have Tiffany Hayes from the State Library present to us on customer service basics and creating a good work culture. We will also have Zac Smith from Oconee County Emergency Services do a class on CPR and AED (automated defibrillators). We also plan to have someone from First Light (formerly Foothills Alliance) to do a brief presentation on what the library can do to help with the crisis of human trafficking.

5. Building and Grounds: With some drastic changes to the county budget situation, the ADA-compliant ramp at the Seneca Branch is probably no longer on track for completion. We are working with Brittney Martin, the county's grant writer, to find funding outside of the normal revenue stream. There were some issues with the grounds at the Seneca Library, but the response from the county facilities team has been better recently.

6. Technology: Beanstack for tracking summer reading turned out to be very popular. It is more user friendly than ReadSquared was. The library has slowly been replacing aging PCs for staff, and has now begun replacing PCs in the public Internet areas. We have also continued to work with county IT staff on how to make USB drive accessible again. There is a good chance that the library could be isolated on its own server and that would alleviate many of the security concerns.

7. Friends of the Library: Used book sales have continued each Thursday from 11:00 to 3:30 p.m. The Friends had excellent sales figures in July and August.

July

Basement Sales	\$1,536
Books on the Alley	1,603

Lobby	266
2nd Party	98
Online	173
Cafe Sales	44
Seneca	24
Total	\$3,744

August

Basement Sales	\$2,288
Books on the Alley	1,260
Lobby	326
2nd Party	213
Online	195
Cafe Sales	101
OCPL LFL	170
Seneca	15
Total	\$4,568

8. Oconee County: County Council has voted (third reading is September 19) on an amended budget for fiscal year 23-24. The library expects to see slight decreases from the June 6 budget in utility and sewer/water funding (but will not impact operations...this was just overestimated amounts from year past).

9. State Library: The State Library will be assisting with our staff training day on October 9. Tiffany Hayes, the Director of Library Development, will be training staff on customer service and workplace culture. We are working with Leesa Aiken, the library agency head, on crafting the legislative agenda for public libraries in FY25.

10. Community Involvement: Director and various staff members are involved with Healthy Oconee Coalition, First Steps, Hispanic outreach, Clemson Extension, and others on projects dealing with health and wellness, diabetes prevention, visits from the Mexican consulate, and other projects. We will be participating in the second annual Hispanic Heritage Festival on Main Street in Walhalla on Saturday, September 16.

11. Other: Staff members have been supportive and cooperative during recent changes, and it is very much appreciated.

OCPL Bimonthly Report
Library Usage Statistics
Director: Blair Hinson

	July 2022	July 2023	Change	Aug 2022	Aug 2023	Change
Visits to Library	13,449	13,813	2.7%	13,256	13,300	0.3%
Material Circulation - Adult	13,677	13,238	-3.2%	14,573	13,606	-6.6%
Material Circulation - Youth	1,303	1,145	-12.1%	1,279	1,023	-20.0%
Material Circulation - Juvenile	11,213	10,689	-4.7%	10,808	10,087	-6.7%
Total Material Circulation	26,193	25,072	-4.3%	26,660	24,716	-7.3%
Internet Uses	835	740	-11.4%	1,009	865	-14.3%
Internet Hours of Use	371	328	-11.6%	469	432	-7.9%
New Cards Issued	214	229	7.0%	225	249	10.7%
Programs - Adult	5	5	0.0%	6	1	-83.3%
Programs Attendance - Adult	126	50	-60.3%	75	5	-93.3%
Programs - Youth 12-18	1	5	400.0%	1	0	-100.0%
Programs Att - Youth 12-18	25	39	56.0%	3	0	-100.0%
Programs -Juvenile 6-11	11	12	9.1%	1	0	-100.0%
Programs Att -Juv 6-11	239	226	-5.4%	32	0	-100.0%
Programs - Children 0-5	13	7	-46.2%	8	0	-100.0%
Programs - Att - Children 0-5	308	255	-17.2%	148	0	-100.0%
Outreach Activities	13	17	30.8%	10	15	50.0%
Outreach Act. Attendance	1,158	1,261	8.9%	210	212	1.0%
Public Training Sessions	0	0		0	0	
Public Training Participants	0	0		0	0	
Public Training Hours	0	0		0	0	
Staff Training Sessions	0	0		0	2	
Staff Training Participants	0	0		1	2	100.0%
Staff Training Hours	0	0		2	2	0.0%
Number of New Volunteers	1	2	100.0%	0	1	
Number of Vol Hours	44	49	12.6%	41	50	22.0%
Meeting Room Use	34	65	91.2%	31	58	87.1%
Meeting Room Attendance	422	1,009	139.1%	179	326	82.1%
Number of Web Site Hits	12,949	14,050	8.5%	12,691	12,620	-0.6%
Wi-Fi Users	275	263	-4.4%	280	258	-7.9%
Wi-Fi Sessions	1,981	1,765	-10.9%	2,021	1,967	-2.7%
CloudLibrary	2,968	3,546	19.5%	3,306	3,689	11.6%
Flipster	111	174	56.8%	95	102	7.4%
Kanopy	1,376	2,098	52.5%	2,493	2,358	-5.4%
Ancestry.com Hits	66	380	475.8%	405	223	-44.9%
Interlibrary Loans	38	43	13.2%	56	83	48.2%
New Material Added	0	568		0	996	

OCPL Budget 2023-2024 9-12-23

Account Number	Description	Budgeted	Spent	Percent	Balance
Local Budget					
010-206-30024-00000	Equip. Maintenance	2,703	2,703	100%	0
010-206-30025-00000	Professional -Staffmark	140,000	20,168	14%	119,832
010-206-30041-00000	Telecommunications	1,000		0%	1,000
010-206-30056-00000	Data Processing	29,477	26,350	89%	3,127
010-206-30059-00000	Copier Click Charges - Xerox	8,500	1,234	15%	7,267
010-206-30080-00000	Dues	750	194	26%	556
010-206-30084-00000	School, Training, Sem.	3,000	750	25%	2,250
010-206-30090-00000	Honorarium	900	900	100%	0
010-206-33022-00207	Bldg Maint - Walhalla	7,829	4,899	63%	2,930
010-206-33022-00208	Bldg Maint - Seneca	4,753	2,937	62%	1,816
010-206-33022-00209	Bldg Maint - Westminster	3,309	2,361	71%	948
010-206-33022-00210	Bldg. Maint - Salem	2,020	1,464	72%	556
010-206-34043-00207	Electricity - Walhalla	25,000	1,865	7%	23,135
010-206-34043-00208	Electricity - Seneca	16,000	1,125	7%	14,875
010-206-34043-00209	Electricity - Westminster	15,500	1,014	7%	14,486
010-206-34043-00210	Electricity - Salem	5,000	5,000	100%	0
010-206-34044-00207	Water - Walhalla	1,700		0%	1,700
010-206-34044-00208	Water - Seneca	1,200	185	15%	1,015
010-206-34044-00209	Water - Westminster	1,200	101	8%	1,099
010-206-40031-00000	Sm Capital Equip (Loc)	2,800	1,042	37%	1,758
010-206-40032-00000	Operational	6,000	2,816	47%	3,184
010-206-40032-00000-A	Youth Services	2,000	122	6%	1,878
010-206-40033-00000	Postage	500		0%	500
010-206-40034-00000	Food	500		0%	500
010-206-40045-00000	IT Equipment				0
010-206-40101-00000	Books (Local)	85,000	34,225	40%	50,775
010-206-40102-00000	Periodicals (Local)	22,200	17,857	80%	4,343
010-206-40103-00000	AV (Local)	11,300	2,893	26%	8,407
010-206-80206-00000	Automobile Maint - Library	1,500	345	23%	1,155
010-206-81206-00000	Gasoline - Library	4,000	395	10%	3,605
010-206-82206-00000	Diesel - Library	3,000	504	17%	2,496
TOTAL LOCAL FUNDS		408,641		0%	275,192
013-206-60010-00000	Gift's	59,381			59,381
013-080-00805-11001	Nettles Trust	67,760		0%	67,760
TOTAL MISC. FUNDS					127,141
State Aid Budget					
240-206-30056-00255	Data Processing (State)	\$13,558.61	6,415.88	47%	7,142.73
240-206-30080-00255	Dues (State)	\$500.00		0%	500.00
240-206-30084-00255	Schools, Training (State)	\$2,000.00		0%	2,000.00
240-206-40031-00255	Sm Capital (State)	7,065.42		0%	7,065.42
240-206-40032-00255	Operational (State)	\$15,000.00	568.32	4%	14,431.68
240-206-40045-00255	IT Equipment	\$8,500.00	1,530.64	18%	6,969.36
240-206-40111-00255	Books (State)	\$81,500.00	1,929.38	2%	79,570.62
240-206-40112-00255	Periodicals (State)	\$32,356.00	20,621.37	64%	11,734.63
240-206-40113-00255	AV (State)	\$16,600.00	1,259.31	8%	15,340.69
Total State Aid Funds		\$177,080.03		0%	144,755.13

Bookmobile and Outreach Narrative, July/August 2023

Christie Johnson, Bookmobile Manager

Operations

In July, 22 regularly scheduled stops were completed. Four volunteers worked with me, along with three Walhalla staff members.

In August, 26 regular stops were completed. I had 4 regular volunteers and 2 Walhalla staff members to assist. I also was pleased to have Liz Kuemmerer, our library board chair, ride along on one preschool visit.

Outreach

I participated in West Union's Back to School Bash on July 22. It was a successful outreach day. I saw over 150 people on the Bookmobile, signed up 13 new patrons for library cards, and gave out plenty of information about the library. This event was packed with people getting free school supplies, free haircuts for kids, and getting lots of good community information before kids head back to school. I hope to participate again next year.

The Bookmobile participated in the End of Summer Reading Bash at South Cove County Park on July 26. I had approximately 260 people come to the Bookmobile and get a free book.

August was quieter on the Outreach front, with no special events. We added a new preschool to our regular Outreach rotation, and made two visits there. I look forward to this partnership with Golden Corner Preschool.

Collaboration

In August, I attended two meetings of our OCPL Volunteer Appreciation Committee. We are planning our Volunteer event, which will be in September.

Statistics

Category	July 2023	August 2023
Stops	22	26
Hours Open	29.25	26.25
Total Attendance	605	265
Outreach Stops	14	15
Outreach Visitors	537	212
New Cards	14	1
Volunteers/Hours	4/30	4/33

Branch Services Narrative**July - August 2023****Sue Andrus****Professional Development**

I have begun planning for the fall staff in-service on Friday, October 9. I will be contacting First Light to have them bring information to the staff about human trafficking, and what the library can do to help spot problems or assist those who need help.

Adult Programming

I have been working on a Craft Exchange for September. Crafters with supplies or unfinished projects can come and swap with other crafters.

Staffing Information

We have only had a few applicants who are qualified for the Youth Services position. Most of the applications are from people who only have a high school diploma or other degree and not Library Science.

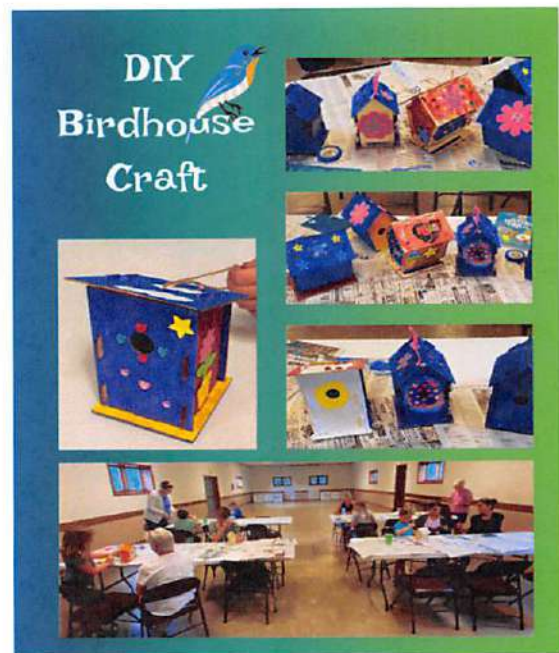
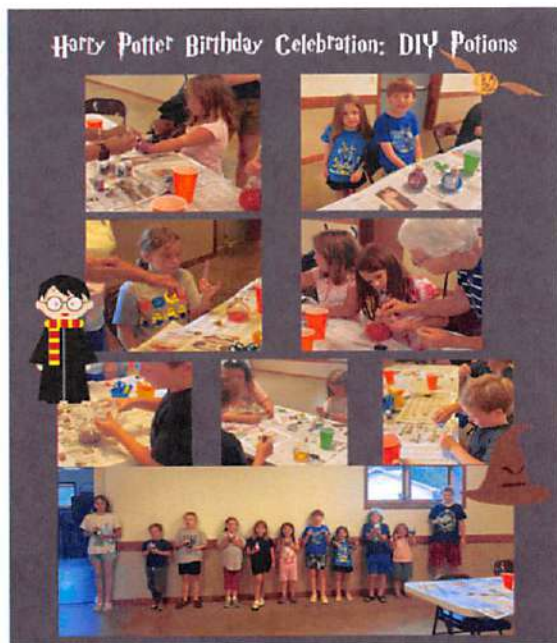
Programming, Operations, Staff Development, etc...

- ❖ July wrapped up events for Summer Reading. We had some quite successful programs for all ages.
- ❖ We had ten attendees for Story Time in July.
- ❖ For July, our LEGO Club was for elementary ages. There were three in attendance.
- ❖ There were fifteen in attendance for our Summer Family BINGO event.
- ❖ Our birdhouse craft on the 24th brought in thirteen attendees.
- ❖ Our last program for the summer, Harry Potter Birthday Celebration: DIY Potions, was our most popular with twenty in attendance. Each child received a free copy of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, their own potion to make and take home, and a themed cupcake that sorted them into their Hogwarts house.
- ❖ For the month of August, like other branches, we decided to take a break from programming to recover from Summer Reading events. We did, however, continue our Tech Help Tuesdays and hosted a pop-up seed library for the week of the 7th-11th.
- ❖ Seventy-nine seed packs were distributed during the pop-up seed library during the first week of August.
- ❖ Since we had a break from programming in August, we focused some of our extra time on staff webinar training. Abigail focused on further training to assist patrons with Tech Help Tuesday. She completed the Top Ten Skills for Teaching Tech to Patrons webinar in August. Kayla completed the Make, Do, Share: Build a STEM Learning Community webinar, in preparation of Salem's new STEM Club program.

Resource Allocation

- ❖ The FOTL gift money has helped fund a new program that will start in September. The STEM Club program will introduce elementary ages to robotics, coding, and more on a monthly basis. Several technology-based kits and accessories were purchased for this new program.
- ❖ The aforementioned gift money has also provided us with a new cart for our Juvenile/Young Adult section.
- ❖ As mentioned before, there was more time for projects while programming was paused for the month of August. We were able to weed the adult fiction section and make room for upcoming titles.

Stats	Jul	Aug
Visits	1690	1822
New Cards	14	17
ILLs	3	2



Ann Rogers Memorial Room
July/August 2023
Quientell Walker, Local History Associate

Narrative

OCPL 75th Anniversary Digital Exhibit:

Progress is being made on the digital exhibit. The Oconee History Museum has written a presentation, and I have reviewed it. Only slight changes were made, and we both working on answering a few remaining questions. Progress is being made on digitizing more pieces of the OCPL Archive. One item of particular interest is the 1948 Scrapbook.

SC Digital Library:

I have scheduled a meeting with our representative with the South Carolina Digital Library. The meeting is set for September, and I hope to have several questions answered. In particular, I am concerned about ensuring that I am creating usable metadata.

I recently discovered that in the previous South Carolina Digital Library Project someone had omitted two pages from one of the digitized books. My plan is the review all of the previous digitized books, and ensure that all have the correct number of pages. At this time, I believe it would be best to rescan the entire book, then to attempt recreating the original scan settings.

Family History Month:

October is Family History Month. I plan to teach three classes at Walhalla. The classes are:

Genealogy Basics: Getting started with Genealogy
Genealogy Basics: Introduction to Ancestry Library Edition
Genealogy Basics: Travel Genealogy

I have contacted the Oconee History Museum, Seneca Area Museums, and the Pendleton District Archive. I hope that I will be able to deliver these classes at their locations.

2023 SCLA Conference:

With encouragement from Blair, I will be delivering a presentation with representatives from the Oconee History Museum and the Pendleton District Archive at the annual SCLA Conference. The subject of the presentation is genealogy through partnership. We will discuss how genealogy and local history researchers can be aided through partnerships between libraries and museums.

Rogers Room Statistics:

I am unable to provide pertinent statistics for the ScanPro machines. This due to the switching the machines, thus producing irrelevant data.

Statistics Recorded	July 2023	Aug. 2023
Walk-in	6	20
Phone Call	3	14
Mail	0	0
Email/Online	5	3
Books	6	27
Microfilm	1	50
Map	1	0
SC Room Classes	-	-
ScanPro 3000 Scan Count	x	x
ScanPro 3000 Printer Count	x	x
ScanPro 3500 Scan Count	x	x
ScanPro 3500 Printer Count	x	x
Questions Completed	18	54
Outstanding Questions		
Volunteer Hours	7	15

Facilities:

- We put black tarp over the mulch bed next to the loading dock so that weeds will stop growing. We have not had time to implement a plan for this bed. We will try to plan for next season this winter.
- No one responded to my idea of spreading weed and feed on the grounds as a solution for Maintenance not having time to cut the grass often enough. However, after this and my noting that we receive several complaints during the summer, they started cutting more often. That seems to have solved the problem for this season.
- On Sunday August 27th the carpets were sprayed with water and cleaner.
- After keeping the list of trash left in the book return for a couple weeks, we have not had a problem since. Issues with large amounts of trash left around at night have subsided. Should a problem arise again, I will contact the police to increase their patrols again.
- We caught the person who was messing up the bathroom and successfully trespassed him.

Operations:

The end of summer painting class was full and everyone enjoyed it. We are doing this quarterly.

Our June blood drive did not meet our goal, but we will have another in October per a request from the Blood Connection.

Summer reading went well. Emily visited the St. Mark UMC after school/day camp program to award certificates to their readers who completed the challenge. July Bingo was a success, and we took a break in August. We will do Bingo again in September.

We continue to weed books systematically in line with industry best practices. The staff is working hard to keep the shelves maintained. Jonathan has implemented a new shelf reading schedule since we are back to 7 people on staff.

Groups using the meeting room include multiple HOA boards, Mentor Oconee, Oconee Writers Association, America’s Boating Club, Baby Read, and others. The study rooms remain popular.

Staffing: One of our part-time Staffmark employees had a baby in August, so she is on leave until October. We determined that giving the employee 8 weeks of (unpaid) time off would be about the

same length of time it would take to hire another person and begin training them. (There are far fewer applicants for part-time positions than in the past, and it takes several weeks to find a qualified candidate.) We had one new Staffmark employee join us in August. We are back to 7 on staff until the employee on leave returns.

Statistics	July 2023	August 2023
Visits to library	5090	4958
New Cards Issued		
ILL		

Walhalla Library

July - August 2023

Tucker Brown, Circulation Manager

Meeting Room:

July – BabyRead, Guardian ad Litem, Friends of the Library Board, Favor Upstate

August – Continuum of Care, Kids in Parks, BabyRead, Guardian ad Litem, TriCounty Home Educators, Cane Creek Coalition

Study Room:

July –33 uses

August – 44 uses

Facilities:

At the beginning of July, the Friends of the Library noticed that one of the shelves in their workroom had begun to lose its structural integrity. A quick examination noted that there was extensive termite damage so Facilities was called to determine the best course of action. After removing the damaged shelf, exterminators sprayed around the foundation to kill any remaining termites before facilities sealed along the edge of the wall to stop future access for insects. Employees who frequent the basement and the Friends of the Library have been told of signs to look for in the future that may indicate termite activity and that any of these will necessitate further treatments.

The following month had facilities returning to work on the air conditioners at Walhalla. Although they had performed preventative maintenance earlier in the summer, the air conditioners began having problems with leaks and shutdowns in the first week of August. While the issue took a few days of troubleshooting to straighten out, luckily the shutdowns were limited to singular air handlers each time so the air inside the building stayed cool. The issue turned out to be clogs in the main drain line so fixing the system was swift. Afterwards, the ceiling tiles that had been stained by the leaks were replaced by facilities as well.

Statistics:

Category	July 2022	August 2022
Visitors	4543	4372
New Cards Issued	76	69
ILL	23	34
Hours Open	200	223

Westminster Report for July and August 2023

Community, Staff, and Programming

- We celebrated Christmas in July with our adult craft and painting wooden signs. We had 6 out of 12 registrants attend.
- Thirteen teens participated in our first ever Cupcake Wars program. Participants were given two cupcakes and had to decorate them using the supplied candy and icing. They created their best monster cupcake and one based on a book or movie. The teens blew us away with their talent and creativity in their designs.
- Our second Nerf Night of the summer was for kids. We had 16 attend.
- Program provided by the youth services department included story time and I Read to Animals and were well attended. The staff love having the dogs come to the library as much as the kids!
- Displays for the month included books that staff did not like and DVDs that will make you cry.
- Staff have done an exceptional job shelf reading the collection in the aftermath of a busy summer.

Building Management

- The library's Facilities Maintenance staff who cleaned the library left her position. The county currently has a hiring freeze so there may be some issues that arise in the cleaning schedule at the library. Greg and Marty have been doing an exceptional job filling in.
- The city of Westminster utilities finished clearing the brush along the side of the library. It looks much better and makes it a lot easier to pull out onto Abbey Street.
- A power outage in Walhalla made us have to close early.
- An outside company came and cleaned the carpet on August 26.

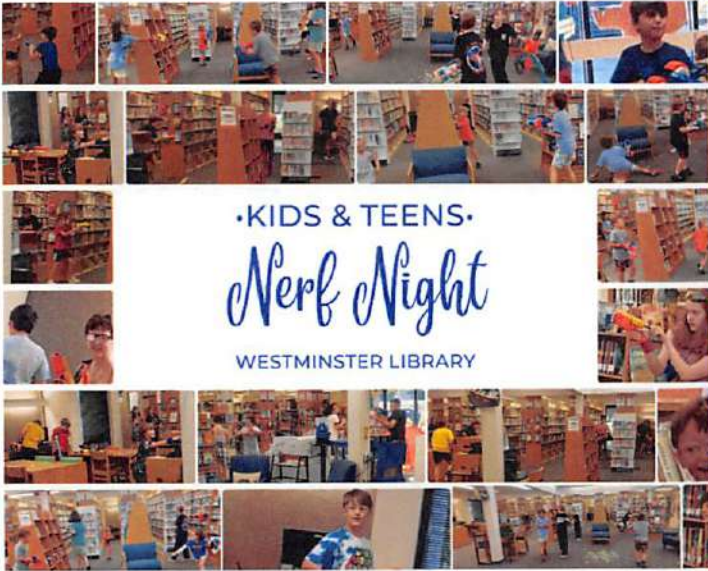
Resource Allocation

- Four Betty B. Watkins Pop-up Seed Libraries were held during the month of August with over 800 seed packs picked up (BKM – 72, SA – 79, WA – 399, SE – 350). We received a \$20 monetary donation as well as a donation of 585 packs of seeds! We are thankful for the community's support in this good cause.
- Three Reminisce Kits were sent to the Seneca Branch for staff to highlight the resource during the Caregiver Support Group that met there.

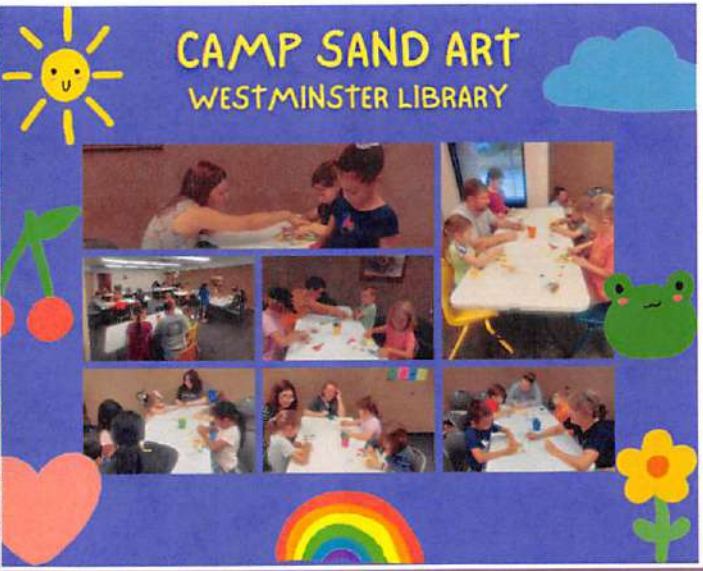
Use Statistics

BBW Seed Library	Packs Given out Library Locations Only	All Locations Library +OHM +Outreach
Inaugural Year 2021	755	2,000
Second Year 2022	2,644	4,212
January 2023	18	NA
February 2023	NA	NA
March 2023	762	
April 2023	465	
May 2023	169	
June 2023	173	
July 2023	115	
August 2023	988	

Branch Statistics	July	August
Door Count	1885	1883
Meeting Room Use	21/207	12/34
New Users	12	33
Program Attendance	35	NA



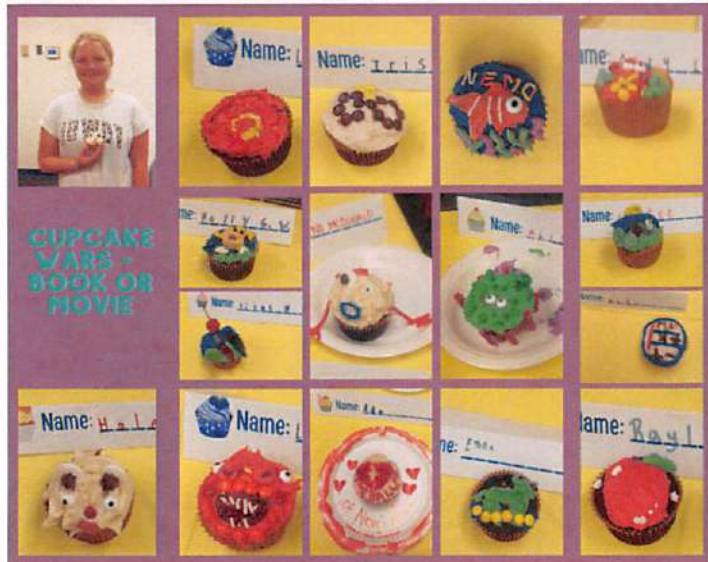
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Nerf Night
 WESTMINSTER LIBRARY



Christmas in July Craft



CUPCAKE WARS
 WESTMINSTER LIBRARY



CUPCAKE WARS -
 BOOK OR
 MOVIE



CUPCAKE WARS -
 MONSTERS

Youth Services Department
July - August 2023
Darcy Arnall, Youth Services Librarian

Summer Reading 2023

Summer Reading 2023 officially wrapped on July 26th, and it was a wonderful year! We ended the program with 1,232 participants, 467 completions, and 712,866 total minutes of reading among children, teens, and adults.

We turned in our statistical data to the State Library at the end of August and compiled our own Summer Reading report at the same time. In the spring, Cliffs Residents Outreach (CRO) donated some funds to SRP, and those funds were used for our Read to Succeed book bag giveaway and summer programming at the Salem Library. We had good outcomes from both programs, and we shared that information with CRO. In August, we submitted the reimbursement request and end-of-project report for the LSTA Summer Learning Grant to the State Library. We fulfilled the budget obligations in the application with our two programs at the Walhalla Performing Arts Center and the purchase of a Cricut die cut device.

Programs

In the second half of Summer Reading, we continued to have excellent participation and program attendance from our patrons. Storytime will take a break for a few weeks in August so that DJ and I will have time to plan for the fall, complete some professional development, and finish back-office projects.

We had our second performer program at the WPAC on July 11th. The Critter Keeper brought a wide assortment of live animals and taught about conservation, pet care, and animal science. Fortunately, our locally-focused marketing strategies and experience from last year served us well this year. We had a good crowd of 415 people at the event.

We presented a wide variety of programs in July, all of which were well-attended, but a couple of events were especially noteworthy. Because Sensory Playtime was a hit in June (and even last year), we did several programs in July. Because of its popularity, that program has been added to our regular school-year rotation. The other stand-out program was for teens. For the past couple of years, the library has hosted escape room programs in the summer, and they have been well-attended. Previously, we used pre-packaged, escape-room-in-a-box games, and while they were fun, the games were sometimes difficult to solve and not conducive to large groups. In the spring, I started researching different options, and I discovered printable escape rooms that could be purchased on Etsy. We bought a wizarding-themed game and decided to host the program after hours so that we could use the main part of the Walhalla library. There were lots of different clues and puzzles included in the kit, and we hid those items in various places throughout the stacks. The teens split up into teams and raced to complete the puzzles first and find the clues and free the headmaster. This program was so fun! There were a few hiccups along the way, and we learned some best practices for use with future escape room programs. The printable escape room required a lot more preparation, but the result was well worth it.

We wrapped up our Summer Reading activities on July 26th with the End-of-Summer Bash at South Cove County Park. We invited several community organizations to participate in this event, and they all did a wonderful job helping make the party special. Oconee County Emergency Services brought a fire truck and sprayed water from one of their hoses over the beach area for the kids to play in. Oconee Humane Society brought several very sweet, adoptable dogs that the children enjoyed petting and playing with, and the Friends of the Library brought some of their mystery bags of books to sell to the attendees. Oconee County First Steps set up a booth to register children for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the Oconee County Sheriff's Office brought their drone and equipment for the kids to explore. The staff at South Cove are always incredibly generous with their facility for this event, and we appreciate it very much! Being able to use the park at no cost to us is an amazing resource for our Summer Reading Program. It is difficult to calculate how many people attended the Bash, but based on the count we were able to get, we think that about 500 people attended, and we gave away roughly 500 books.

Because June and July are always incredibly busy for Youth Services, we took a short programming break in August to regroup from the summer, complete all necessary reports for the State Library, and plan for the fall.

Collection Development & Maintenance

YS collection development is starting out well for the new fiscal year. During the programming break in August, we spent some time working on special collection projects, including Vox books, bilingual book packs, and math kits. Bilingual book packs have been an ongoing project for several months, but we were struggling to decide on the best design for the kits. We finally think we found a good solution, and the book packs are now awaiting cataloging. A year or more ago, Leah Kelley suggested adding math kits to our collection, and now that the collection management department has completed some of their other large projects, they want to tackle math kits. Leah has started researching books and activities that align with the South Carolina Department of Education math standards for grades K-5. Designing, compiling, and cataloging the math kits will be a multi-month project, but Leah has already made excellent progress. It is not unreasonable to estimate that these kits could be in circulation within this school year.

Community Outreach

We have arranged monthly story time visits with several locations this year including Golden Corner Preschool, St. Mark's Child Development Center, Pennsylvania Children's Center, The Learning Center at Open Door Baptist Church, and Trinity Baptist Preschool.

Program Attendance

LEGO Club	50
Storytime	315
Sensory Playtime	55
Critter Keeper	418
I Read to Animals	187
Explorers Club	33
Escape Room	25



SUMMER READING

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2023

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

1,232

REGISTRATIONS

People who signed up for the program

467

COMPLETIONS

People who read for at least 600 minutes

38%

COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

Percentage of registrants who completed the program



REGISTRATIONS

People who signed up for the program

Bookmobile	Salem	Seneca	Walhalla	Westminster
8	48	463	435	278
Ages 0-5	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18+	
237	535	124	336	

1,232
REGISTRATIONS

PARTICIPATIONS

People who logged at least 1 minute of reading

Bookmobile	Salem	Seneca	Walhalla	Westminster
5	23	244	252	163
Ages 0-5	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18+	
141	284	68	194	

687
PARTICIPATIONS

COMPLETIONS

Percentage of registrants who completed the program

Bookmobile	Salem	Seneca	Walhalla	Westminster
5	11	151	184	116
Ages 0-5	Ages 6-11	Ages 12-17	Ages 18+	
77	188	53	149	

465
COMPLETIONS

LOGGING

One completed reading log = 600 minutes of reading

KIDS (UNDER 18)



TOTAL (KIDS AND ADULTS)



BRANCH LEADERBOARD

1	SENECA LIBRARY	292,700 minutes
2	WALHALLA LIBRARY	241,125 minutes
3	WESTMINSTER LIBRARY	135,305 minutes
4	SALEM LIBRARY	29,813 minutes
5	BOOKMOBILE	13,923 minutes

SCHOOL STATS

We ask the registrants to report what school they attend, if applicable. These are the statistics for all of the Oconee County grade schools.

School	Registrations	Completions	Minutes Logged
Blue Ridge Elementary	10	6	10,217
Fair-Oak Elementary	35	19	14,755
Foothills Christian School	7	4	7,227
Homeschool	186	99	139,026
James M. Brown Elementary	44	7	8,312
Keowee Elementary	22	7	10,484
Northside Elementary	38	8	40,345
Oconee Christian Academy	7	0	418
Orchard Park Elementary	33	7	15,628
Ravenel Elementary	56	26	30,346
Seneca High School	12	2	2,360
Seneca Middle School	25	8	13,567
Tamassee-Salem Elementary	32	11	8,529
Walhalla Elementary	52	10	14,066
Walhalla High School	12	4	3,541
Walhalla Middle School	41	9	14,472
Westminster Elementary	52	18	19,087
West-Oak High School	13	8	8,263
West-Oak Middle School	19	7	6,907

MOST REGISTRATIONS

**RAVENEL
ELEMENTARY**

MOST COMPLETIONS

**RAVENEL
ELEMENTARY**

MOST MINUTES LOGGED

**NORTHSIDE
ELEMENTARY**

EVENTS

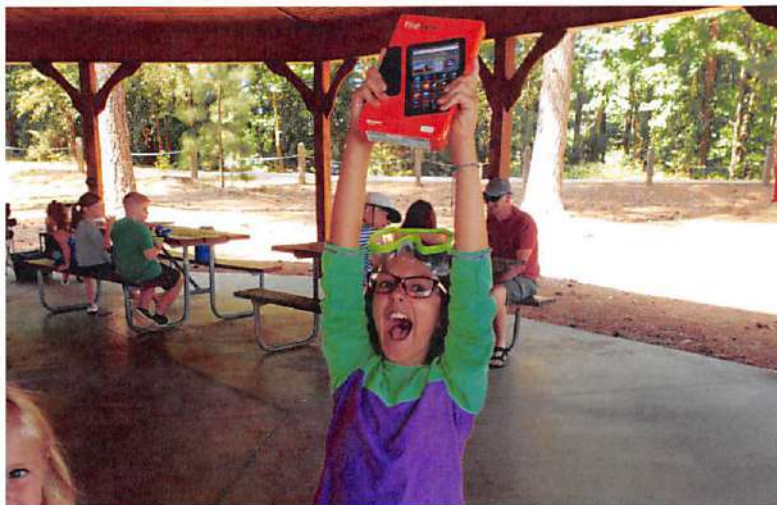
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Summer Reading Events
in June and July

2,638

Event Attendees





OUTREACH



DJ and Darcy visited 6 Oconee County elementary schools in April and May to promote Summer Reading. We did our promotional program for:

3,065 people

GIVEAWAY BOOKS



We gave away free books at several programs throughout the summer. The total number donated was approximately:

1,002 books

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