

## Director's Report May 2021

April patron count: 256

April circulation: 817 items for 981 circulations

May patron count: 266

May circulation: 773 items for 954 circulations

---

Patron count was higher for May but circulation was lower than April. Many people have returned to the library for computer use and printing services, but the onset of the warmer weather has slowed circulation.

Preparations are still underway for summer reading. We are planning crafts in Mott Park Friday mornings in July and August. I have a "Woodland" set up inside the library and throughout the month of June we are having a summer reading kickoff "Nature Scavenger Hunt". Encourage all the young people in your life to sign up for Summer Reading!

An anonymous donor through the Community Foundation of Thompsons County wanted to thank all library workers in our system for keeping libraries open throughout this past year, and so we all received \$50 amazon gift cards. I sent a thank you note on behalf of myself and staff.

The planning committee (Kitty and I) have not met again. We are waiting for the webinar that Sarah from FLLS is planning for June or July.

In regards to the basement cleanout of expired paperwork, I would like to put this on hold until after summer reading when I will have more time. Also, the only items we should have to shred are bank statements with our account number on them. Everything else has already been put out as a matter of public record and should not need to be shredded.

The library garden has been planted and is growing nicely. The new landscaping has been weeded and trimmed (but could use more bush trimming, but not until it cools off a little) and is looking okay. The garden next to the driveway gets my last attention but I am doing my best to keep the biggest weeds out. More thought is going to have to go into the upkeep or renewal of this garden in the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle James