

Ralph D. Graf Library of Mulberry

Crawford County Library System

In November, The Ralph D. Graf Library of Mulberry was living in a state of gratitude . We stayed busy despite the holidays. We had BACA come and read to the kids. Also, our Mr. Rogers Neighborhood sweater drive went well. We had 47 sweaters donated. Book Talk has grown this month from 10 people to 12 and our weekly string lesson has grown also. We keep adding programs to the library to help people get new skills and educate the public with different interest. Our roof was replaced at the library in November.

December was a wonderful month at the library. We had donations of musical instruments and k pods plus snacks. On the 9th there was a Christmas concert for all of the kids taking string lessons. Jacob from Mulberry did Jesus Loves Me on his guitar. On the 12th we had volunteers come and stuff goodie bags to hand out for when Santa came to the library on the 16th. The Last couple of months have been exciting and I can not wait to see how January and February of 2024 turns out.

Thank You for letting us serve you at the Ralph D. Graf Library of Mulberry

Visits	
Nov.	1528
Dec	1345
Check Outs	
Nov.	1113
Dec.	1140
Check-Ins	
Nov.	914
Dec.	849
Programs	
Nov.	133
Dec.	224
Passive Programs	
Nov.	195
Dec.	320
Computer Usage:	
Nov.	58
Dec.	78
Wi-Fi	
Nov.	856
Dec.	865





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January 9, 2024

Director's Report

November was very busy at the Alma Public Library! We took part in the Mister Rogers Sweater Drive and collected fourteen coats and sweaters. They were donated to Stepping Stone School and Cedar Ridge. It was Dinovember at the library with dinosaur themed Storytime and crafts. Special guest programs included Arkansas Archeological Survey, Delta Dental, and a native plants program by Timothy Hammer. We had local author Barbara Jones come and talk to our book club about her new book. We also celebrated National Pickle Day with a pickle tasting event. We ended the month with a Dino Party. We had games, food, and fun.



In December, we had the Scott Family Amazeum come and do a maker fashion program out of recyclables. Mr. Steve House, our stringed instrument teacher, had a winter stringed instrument concert with all his students from Alma, Mountainburg, and Mulberry. We also had Breakfast with Santa.

In January, we will have karaoke, jewelry making, candle making and bingo for books. Mr. Steve will continue to offer free stringed instrument lessons on Mondays. The Scott Family Amazeum will do a Playdough Impression program for storytime on the 18th. On the 27th, we will have our 2nd annual Unbirthday Party.



My staff has been busy with various projects. Kara goes to Stepping Stone Schools and Pediatric Plus for weekly Storytime. She also goes to the Alma Boys and Girls Club weekly after-school with a craft to do with them. Eden goes to Cedar Ridge every other week and to Alma Health and Rehab monthly with crafts and activities. Amanda keeps all the displays updated and leads adult programs at the library. Emilee has been working hard to put genre labels and series labels on all our large print and paperback books. We, with the help of our volunteers, are organizing the warehouse books into genres and eventually by author within the genres to make shopping easier during book sales.

We greatly appreciate the time and effort that you all put into helping the library. Thank you for all you do.

Reeca Mayer































Branch Director, Alma Public Library

November Door Count	3762	December Door Count	3386
November Check Outs	2687	December Check Outs	2561
November Programs	62	December Programs	51
November Program Participants	801	December Program Participants	702

Hours:
 Mon-Thur 8:30-5:30
 Fri 8:30-6:00
 Sat 10:00-2:00

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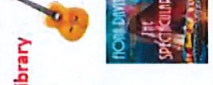















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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Book Sale available all month by appointment</p>	<p>1 CLOSED </p>	<p>2 CLOSED </p>	<p>3 4:30p Friends of the Library Meeting </p>	<p>4 10:30a Story time It's a New Year! 3:45p D&D 4p Kid's Craft </p>	<p>5 10:30a Babies & Me Storytime 4p Karaoke </p>	<p>6 10:30a Storytime & Kraftivity It's a New Year!</p>
<p>7 3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons 6p Book Talk- The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett </p>	<p>8 3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons 6p Book Talk- The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett </p>	<p>9 3:30p Teen Time 5:30p CCLS Board Meeting @Van Buren  Crawford County Library System</p>	<p>10 </p>	<p>11 10:30a Story Time Lego Challenge 3:45p D&D 4p Kid's Craft </p>	<p>12 10:30a Babies & Me Storytime 4p Jewelry Making </p>	<p>13 10:30a Storytime & Kraftivity Lego Challenge</p>
<p>14 CLOSED </p>	<p>15 CLOSED </p>	<p>16 3:30p Teen Time </p>	<p>17 </p>	<p>18 10:30a Amazium Playdough Impressions 3:45p D&D 4p Kid's Craft </p>	<p>19 Popcorn Day 10:30a Babies & Me Storytime 4p Candle Making </p>	<p>20 Penguin Awareness Day 10:30a Storytime & Kraftivity Penguin FUN </p>
<p>21 3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons </p>	<p>22 3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons </p>	<p>23 3:30p Teen Time </p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 10:30a Story Time Directed Drawing 3:45p D&D 4p Kid's Craft </p>	<p>26 10:30a Babies & Me Storytime 4p Bingo for Books </p>	<p>27 10:30a Unbirthday Party </p>
<p>28 3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons </p>	<p>29 3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons </p>	<p>30 Draw a Dinosaur Day Opening at 10:30a 3:30p Teen Time </p>	<p>31 Hot Chocolate Day </p>	<p>Puzzle Table Available all Month </p>	<p>Aerobics Every Week Day at 8:45</p>	

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Sat 10:00-2:00

FEBRUARY

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
4	 Book Sale available all month by appointment	Aerobics Every Week Day at 8:45am		1 10:30a Storytime 3:45p D&D 4p Kid's Craft 	2 10:30a Baby & Me Storytime 4p Karaoke 	3 Feed the Birds Day  10:30a Storytime & Kraftivity	
5	3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons 	3:30p Teen Time 4:30p Friends of the Library Meeting  FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY	7 14 Friends of the Library Valentines Bazaar Love Your Library Day 4p Love Your Library Party 	8 10:30a Storytime 3:45p D&D 4p Kid's Craft 	9 10:30a Baby & Me Storytime 4p Jewelry Making 	10 National Umbrella Day  10:30a Storytime & Kraftivity	
11	12 Friends of the Library Valentines Bazaar 3p Free Stringed Instrument Lessons 6p Book Talk— The Spectacular by Fiona Davis 	13 Friends of the Library Valentines Bazaar National Pancake Day 3:30p Teen Time 	15 10:30a Storytime 3:45p D&D 4p Kid's Craft 	16 10:30a Baby & Me Storytime 4p Candle Making 	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day  10:30a Storytime & Kraftivity	23 10:30a Baby & Me Storytime 4p Bingo For Books 	24 10:30a Storytime & Kraftivity
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Mountainburg
Crawford County Library System

Branch Report

January 09, 2024

Arkansas PBS Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive! During the month of November, the Mountainburg Public Library and Arkansas PBS partnered together to sponsor the Mister Rogers' Neighborhood Sweater Drive as a tribute to Fred Rogers and his example of being a caring neighbor. The Mountainburg community donated 68 new or gently used sweaters, coats, hats, and gloves at the library which were then distributed to the senior citizens in the community at the Mountainburg Senior Center during the month of December.

The Mountainburg Public Library also received several children's coats and sweaters that were donated to the Mountainburg Elementary School.



"How to Catch a Dinosaur" Story Walk in the Park! As part of the Dinovember Celebration! in November, Sarah created a "Story Walk in the Park" adventure for children and their families to enjoy while walking through the Mountainburg Dinosaur Park. Children and their families could walk along the trail in the park and read the story "How to Catch a Dinosaur" step-by-step and page-by-page!!



Library Connections Team! Julia and Sarah have been invited to serve on a Library Connections Team along with District leaders, school leaders, and school librarians from the Mountainburg Public School District. The purpose of the team is to ensure an effective partnership between the school system and the public library to fully serve the Mountainburg Community. The team will focus on three objectives: Promoting a Culture of Literacy, Developing Strong Partnerships: School with Library and School & Library with Parents, and Prepare students to be "Kindergarten Ready."

Donations! In November, the Mountainburg Public Library received a \$5,000 donation in memory of Mr. Al Willroth. During the last years of Mr. Willroth's life, the librarians made sure Mr. Willroth had access to the books he loved and enjoyed. According to Mrs. Willroth, having access to books helped Al maintain his sanity! In December, the Town of Chester donated the left-over toys and backpacks from their "Santa in the Park" event to the library. The donated toys and backpacks will be used as prizes for upcoming programs and the 2024 Summer Reading Program.

In December, the library participated in the Mountainburg Christmas parade. Sarah and Amber waved and threw candy as they drove the Crawford County Library System van down the parade route. The library also hosted a "Santa Day at the Library" event which was filled with lots of holiday cheer for the 164 participants who attended. On December 21st, the library hosted a special Story Time program that included a special reading of "The Polar Express." Mr. Wayne Porter, a retired train conductor, and his wife, Mrs. Anne, read "The Polar Express" to all in attendance and brought train memorabilia for the children to look at and take photos with. The sixty-five participants also got the chance to make a train craft, enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and donuts. The event was "whistles" of fun!!

Looking ahead to January and February, programming is being scheduled and may include, but not limited to: Pine Cone Bird Feeder Crafternoon, Appreciate a Dragon Day, National Popcorn Day, Solar Eclipse Presentations, National Take Your Child to the Library Day, and a Valentine Party Extravaganza!

Our Friends of the Library met in November and December and were busy planning for the upcoming Christmas Bazaar and Sweetheart Bake Sale. During the December meeting, it was announced that the Christmas Bazaar that was held on Saturday, December 02nd at the library raised \$705 and was the best event ever!

As always, thank you for the time and care you put into helping our library to be a wonderful place. We greatly appreciate each and every one of you!

Statistics	Items Checked Out	Door Count	Programs	Programs Attendance
November	1,169	1,331	46	795
December	1,030	1,539	33	828

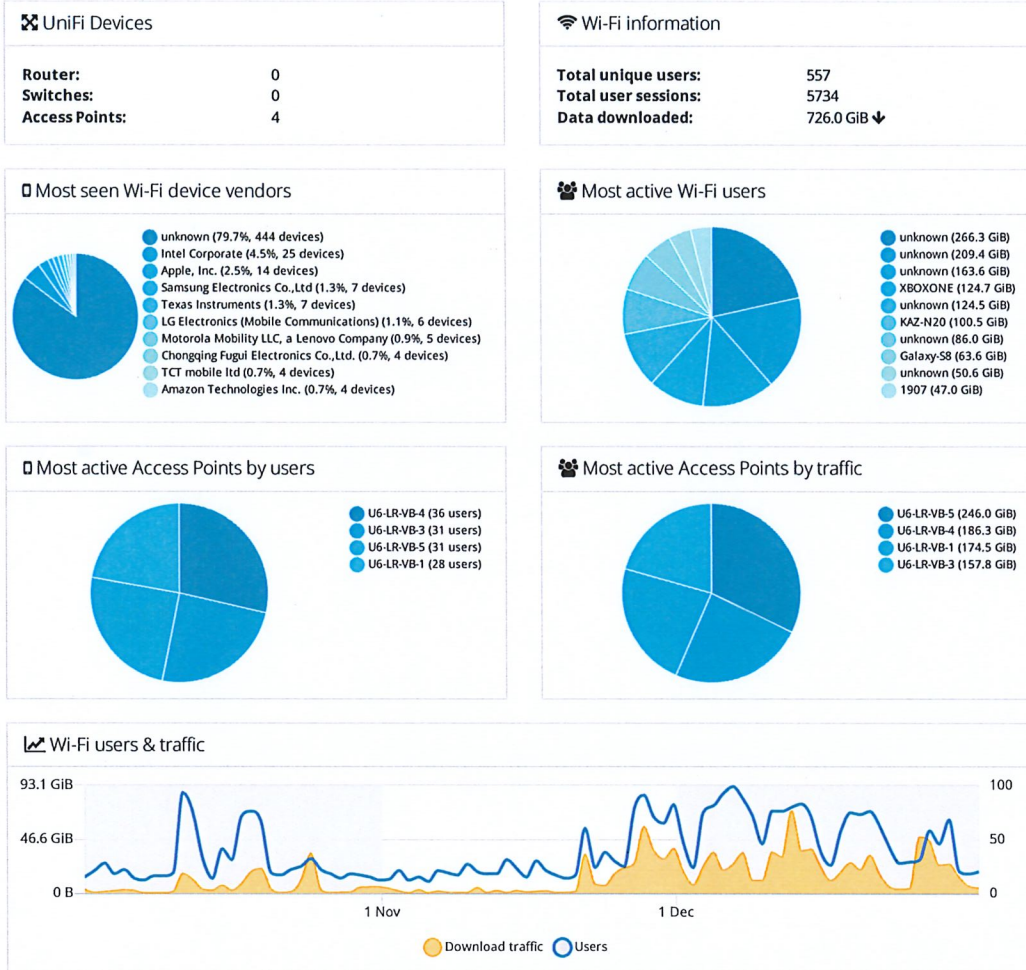
Sincerely,

Julia Watkins, Branch Director, Mountainburg Public Library



Monthly report for December 2023

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The last two months have been a blur between the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, finishing out 2023, and planning for 2024.

November Highlights

Between Pinecone Turkey Crafts, Story Time, Book Club, Adult Craft Night, and Home Schoolers Amazing Race, Misty and I were able to attend a few virtual trainings.

- Homeschooling Webinar- Serving the growing population and engaging homeschoolers in our communities.
- Youth Services Workshop- Prepare youth services programmers for the 2024 Summer Library Program
- Public Library Survey- Orientation for the new collection platform, Counting Opinions, for Arkansas Public Library Survey.

December Highlights

- We had a Grinch Story Time and a Berenstain Bears' Christmas Story Time which were especially fun. We gave out goodie bags to all the children filled with crayons, activity books, candy, stickers, bookmarks, and a small novelty toy.
- Three Kindergarten Classes from Cedarville Elementary visited the library and sang carols. We had a full house by the time all the adoring parents and grandparents came to see their children perform.
- Our Polar Express Program was a hit! The kids enjoyed hearing the story of the Polar Express while sipping hot cocoa and enjoying cookies.

2024!

January 16th will be the first of four programs planned at Cedarville to promote the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse arriving on April 8th. At each program, participants will be given free Solar Eclipse Glasses. I applied for a grant through STAR Net and received 1,000 solar eclipse glasses. CCLS was also given 19,200 pairs from the Arkansas State Library to distribute to the branches for the big event.

January 18th Winnie the Pooh Day
January 19th National Popcorn Day
January 29th National Puzzle Day

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2023	Items	Patron	Planned	Program
	Checked-out	Library Visits	Programs	Attendance
November	1,084	905	24	247
December	894	951	21	223

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023



ADULT & CHILDREN PROGRAMMING



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November and December were busy months at the library. November's total number of adult programs was 21 with 164 attending and total children's programs were 21 with 149 attending. Computer users were 248 and our door count was 3,609.

December brought in a lot of volunteers who used their time to put up trees and decorations up. They helped set up and decorate for the Christmas Tea and prepared and served food to 71 guests. It was a great success.

The total number of adult programs for December was 18 programs with 131 attending. Total children's programs were 18 with 458 attending. The Library's Breakfast with Santa and the Grinch was a huge success with staff and volunteers working together. The computer users count was 236 and door count was 4,123

We are looking forward to the New Year, continuing with and adding new programs.

