

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director's Report - August 2021

FROM THE DIRECTOR

August is traditionally a quiet month at the library. Summer reading programs are over and low-key programs, such as the virtual pet shows wind down the summer. It is time staff use to turn attention to foundational tasks such as collection development and program planning for the coming school year. We took advantage of this downtime to freshen up the Community Room, patching damage to the walls and repainting.

While the Library frequently hears expressions of appreciation from our patrons we also received very tangible feedback this month from several patrons. F. Hoopingarner made an unsolicited substantial donation in appreciation of great library service. Outreach patron, R. Levy, emailed Supervisor Wall and I moving testimonial for homebound delivery services. And this pat-on-the-Back came from newsletter subscriber:

Keep it up, you guys!! So inventive and exciting. Great imagination and stupendous execution. Just wanted you to know we Waterfordians appreciate all you do!! Andy

L. Waun, Adults Services Librarian, reached a service milestone. A remarkable professional, we have been fortunate to have her on our staff for 5 years.

A new addition to the gardens at the Library's entrance will be a Kindness Rock Garden sponsored by On a Dragon Fly's Wings, Waterford Youth Assistance and the Library. A similar garden has been installed at Hess-Hathaway Park and I attended the Grand Opening celebration there in mid-August.

The Friends of the Library held their first used book sale since February 2020 this month. Despite a smaller amount of stock to sell they raised almost as much as at that last sale in 2020. Used book sales are planned for the 1st weekend in October and December this year as well. The group is planning a general membership meeting in early September. The overall goal is to strengthen lines of communication, reconnect with current members as well as recruit new ones, and offer a variety of activities that will be fun for members and offer an opportunity to get to know each other while working together.

SERVICE UPDATES

The following Service Updates are highlights by our department heads of activities their staff have been involved in this month.

Adults, Outreach, & Teens Services

Submitted by J. Hansen, Head of Adults' & Outreach Services

At the August meeting of the TLN (our library cooperative) econtent committee the members voted to join a reciprocal lending agreement with four other Michigan Overdrive library groups.

This sharing will make more titles available to all and does not cost us anything. It should go into effect sometime this fall. Also at that meeting I was asked to be a selector again of adult eBooks and eAudiobooks for Download Destination (our Overdrive group).

Lindsay continues to weed the fiction. Liz continues to weed the 600s. Lynne finished weeding the 700s.

Outreach circulation detail		Home or Mini-Branch Visits with Materials	
Materials delivered to homes	198	Homebound Visits	41
Materials used at mini-branches NOTE: No count from Whispering Woods this month because they had some water leakage/damage in the area where the library is located.	152	Senior sites: Canterbury-on-the-lake, Lakeland Place	2
TOTAL	350	TOTAL	43

Children's Services

Submitted by C. Walker, Head of Children's Services

We wrapped up the rest of our summer programs in August. The last of our outdoor storytimes were held the first week of August. We finished passing out book bucks by the end of August. Forty-two students redeemed their book bucks this month. Nine students completed their summer reading goals. They were not able to enter the drawing, but they did receive their free book for completing the program.

We reviewed the entries for our Virtual Pet Show. Thirty-three pets were entered: 12 dogs, 10 cats, 2 fish, 1 frog, 2 turtles, 2 birds, 1 guinea pig, 1 hamster, and 2 rabbits. All the pets were adorable and unique. We know how important pets are in a child's life, as they are part of their family. Rather than choosing just one winner, we looked at what was special about each pet. Some pets won by default as being the only entry in their category. For the dogs and cats, we chose best in show and best for individual categories such as best striped cat. Each pet and young owner received a certificate and a treat for their pet. The kids were pretty excited when they picked up their pet's prizes, and the parents appreciated how we made each one feel special.

Our final drawing for the DIA art tour was August 28. We had 16 families participate this summer. We did 8 weekly drawings of participants from July through August. Each won a \$10 gift card to Dairy Queen. All the families that participated told us "That was fun!" or "We really enjoyed that."

We participated in Free Comic Book Day for the first time in over two years along with the adult and teen departments. We had 41 children attend and they each picked out 2 comic books.

Circulation Services

Submitted by J. Deahl. Circulation Services Coordinator & Page Supervisor

The Circulation Department had their first department meeting in seventeen months on Saturday, August 7. The majority of this meeting was spent reviewing procedures and oddball situations that do not regularly come up.

Our new Page, Emily Quinn, started on Saturday, August 14. However, she resigned from her position upon realizing that she would not have the time to work a part-time job and keep up with her schooling. Her last day was Monday, August 30. During Emily's two-week training period, I revised a number of my training methods in hopes of making new Pages feel more at ease while acclimating to their role on staff. The most noteworthy of these revisions was creating brightly colored tags to be included with the materials they shelve. These tags highlight their work so it can easily be reviewed once they leave the area and allows them to work without having someone looking over their shoulder.

Rose Allen's last day was Thursday, August 26. Rose returned to the library in early 2021, following the cancellation of in-person classes due to covid-19. With in-person classes resuming, Rose will no longer be living in the area. We were very fortunate to have her return, even if it was only for a short period of time.

The library served as a collection site for Project Backpack, a program created to help provide school supplies to Waterford School District students in need. We collected two large boxes worth of supplies that were picked up on Saturday, August 21.

DONATIONS THIS MONTH

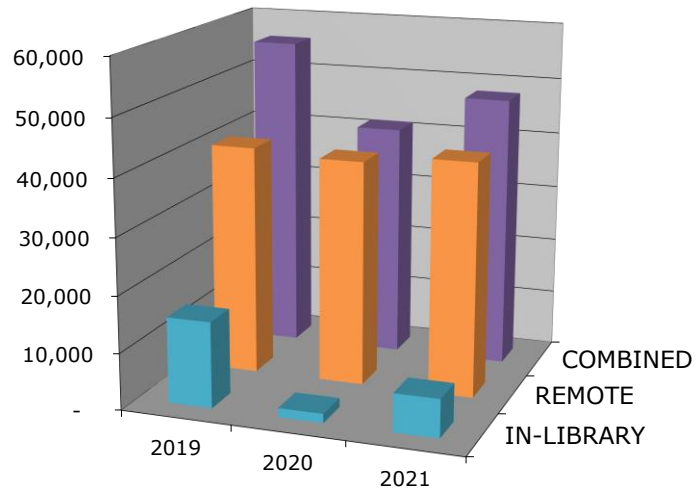
Total \$ 4,580

- \$80, Watkins Lake Book Club, in memory of Joyce Harner
- \$125, Steve Singer, in memory of Donald Beutler
- \$4,375, F. Hoopingarner, unrestricted

PROGRAMS & FACEBOOK REACH

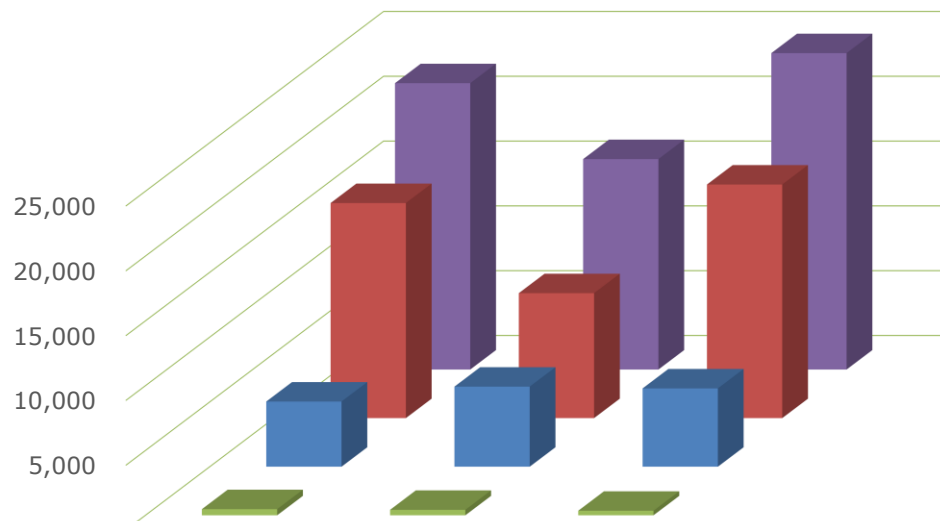
PROGRAM	PARTICIPANTS
ADULTS	
Waterford Genealogy Society (held at Fish Hatchery Park)	20
Evening Book Discussion (no meeting this month)	0
Afternoon Book Discussion (no meeting this month)	0
Weekly Knitting Group (4 sessions)	36
Waterford Writers Workshop (3 sessions)	16
Free Comic Book Day - copies distributed	29
Free Comic Book Day - raffle prize participants	17
Library Garden Club	13
TOTAL	131
TEENS	
Virtual Pet Show - 5 pets entered	3
Virtual Pet Show - voting	48
Free Comic Book Day - copies distributed	15
TOTAL	66
CHILDREN	
Tales & Tails Outdoor Storytimes (2 sessions)	71
Free Comic Book Day	41
TOTAL	112
TOTAL PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	309
FACEBOOK	
People served any activity from our Page	551
	TOTAL REACH/DAY

LIBRARY VISITS - August 2021



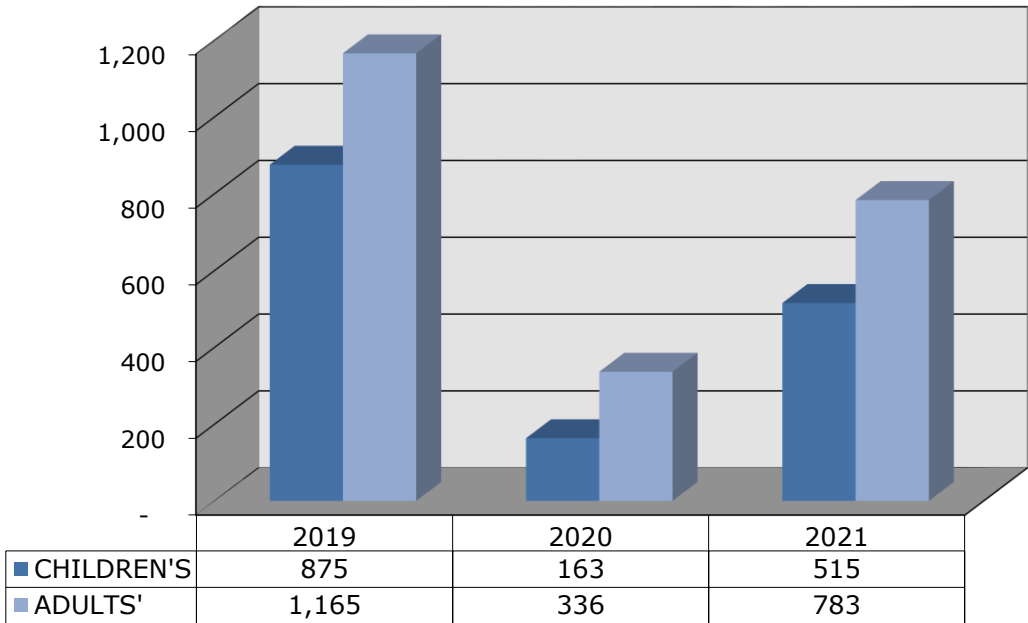
	2019	2020	2021
IN-LIBRARY	15,186	1,617	6,756
REMOTE	40,644	39,736	41,222
COMBINED	55,830	41,353	47,978

CHECKOUTS - August 2021



	2019	2020	2021
OUTREACH	472	420	350
DOWNLOADS	5,026	6,175	6,039
MAIN	16,592	9,638	18,020
COMBINED	22,090	16,233	24,409

REFERENCE - August 2021



COLLECTION - August 2021

