

August 2021 Adult Services Update

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Programming

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Adult Summer Reading Program Booklets are starting to be returned. We have five prize packages to give out to lucky winners. The prize packages include a canvas tote bag, an apron, a water bottle, and a reading light.

As of August 13th, a total of 21,151 points have been collected by participants in the Adult Summer Reading Program. These points are spread across eight individuals who returned booklets or participated in the READSquared version of the event.

Winners will be announced the week of the 16th through the 20th.

JERRY WILSON – MAKING PEACE WITH THE NATURAL WORLD

Jerry Wilson's event was hosted on July 28th in the Mitchell Public Library Community Room. The event was moved to an indoor space due to the projected temperature for that day reaching 105 degrees. Two people attended the event. For those two people, the experience was great. Those individuals were presented with the opportunity to dig into the content that Jerry presented.

BOOK CLUBS

Mystery Book Club has a three-month schedule that we have started to advertise. I know that the people who previously participated in the book club are excited to get back together and talk about *Blood on Snow* by Jo Nesbo.

Zoom Book Club has been officially rebranded for the fall. The Fiction Book Club will start meeting in the community room in September. The first book of the rebranded book club is *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley.

Zoom is still an option for book clubs. It will be an attendance option for all book clubs.

People who would like to attend a book club session but can't for whatever reason can now join the discussion via Zoom. I'm working on a way to allow people to more easily register to call in via Zoom.



CRAFT NIGHTS @ THE LIBRARY

Starting in October, I will be hosting craft nights at the library for adults. Craft nights are a staple program offered by libraries to bring adults of all ages to the library. In October, we'll be doing some festively themed wreaths. In November, I'm thinking about encouraging people to recycle plastic bags by guiding people on making plarn (plastic yarn) for sleeping mats. These sleeping mats are a great way to provide people who are homeless items to rest on or under during the winter.

Operations

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The ALA-sponsored class on serving aging populations started on August 2nd. We just completed our second week in the class. In the third week, we will be using a logic model to create an outcome-based program for a 60+ populace.

NEW BOOKS LIST

Overdrive recently purchased Kanopy, a video/movie streaming service for libraries. I have added movies on the bi-weekly new books list that we publish in the newspaper and the city website to anticipate the addition of films to the platform.

ADVERTISING

I'm looking for ways to expand our advertising to other locations around the community. I've already reached out to the JVCC to bring posters to them for Book Club events. I will be contacting area churches and businesses to compile a list of places we can hang advertising in the future.