

January 2026 Librarian Report

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• Accomplished and Ongoing Operational Tasks and Projects

- a. Final County Bond 2023 reimbursement received.
- b. First State GO Bond 2022-2026 reimbursement package submitted.
- c. Both county and state library bond POCs expressed appreciation for the changes the librarian introduced to the package structure and the summary sheet that made tracking of the supporting documentation much easier.

• Library Conference Room Art Display

- a. The current exhibit by Dustin Gutierrez will be in place through the last week of February. The exhibit has received multiple accolades from visitors.
- b. An exhibit by Marla Robb will be displayed at the library through March and April. An opening reception and a workshop are planned (dates TBD).
- c. The library has received a verbal expression of interest for the May-June exhibit.
- d. During the month of July, the library will have an exhibit of high-quality reproductions, produced by the National Archives, of some of the foundational United States documents. This exhibit will be sponsored by Barbara Stone and Cliff Elliott, to whom the library expresses our sincere appreciation.

• Facilities and Equipment

- a. The children area upgrade project update:
 - All the shelves have been received and installed.
 - A new arrangement has made the room look brighter and increased available space—to the degree that the library plans to purchase one more matching bookshelf. It will increase the available shelf space, make browsing easier, and provide for collection growth.
 - The library has used this project as an opportunity to deep-clean the floor in the children area. We are also cleaning the children area furniture.
 - The library has started resheling the books. Estimated completion date for this part of the project is February 17.
- b. The library is taking advantage of the knock-off effects of the children area upgrade project to make significant changes in the main reading area, the New Mexico collection, and the YA collection.
 - The YA collection will be moved, leaving the current YA room as a more convenient public computer use and private meeting space.
 - The library has installed a new study corral in the main reading area and is experimenting with maximizing convenience and privacy of the two public computer workstations there.
- c. Due to the extreme popularity of children educational computer workstations, the library has purchased one more educational children computer, with the latest version of the software. This will necessitate significant rearrangement of the entire eastern wall across from the children stacks and reading area. The library's goal is to use this opportunity to improve the ergonomics of all the children computer workstations.
- d. As the capital improvement funds become available, the library will embark on a construction project to replace all the porches, improve the southern wall walkway, and install a new HVAC system.
- e. The library is working with the village IT support on ensuring all software licenses for the library staff computers, public computers, and the library internet infrastructure stay valid and current.

• Programs and Events

- a. January saw 23 events attended by 176 people.
- b. Two brand-new programs launched: *Improv @the Library* and *Poetry Club*.

- c. New programs to start in February: *Crafternoons* and *Writer's Workshop* (the first session scheduled for January had to be cancelled because of weather conditions).
- d. The video gaming club needed one more piece of equipment (purchased, awaiting arrival) and a subscription that needs to be coordinated for reimbursement with FOL. The new tentative time window for the club's launch is end of February-beginning of March.
- e. The library is planning the Summer Reading Program and the second annual Open House (tentative date: September 18).
- f. Upcoming one-time events and series, starting in February: author readings with Benjamin Green and Dodici Azpadu, gardening lectures, a presentation on intellectual property.
- g. The library has accepted an invitation to do a presentation at the annual JVCU meeting in March on fraud awareness and prevention.
- h. All the core regular programs continue to perform well.

- **Professional Development**

- a. The library secured 15 free tickets for its staff members (five tickets for each of the three selected events) for the Santa Fe International Literary Festival in May.

- **Media and Patron Communication**

- a. Successfully ongoing: Facebook and NextDoor posts, newsletter in *After the Thunder*; in the library: hard copy flyers, handwritten book recommendations, topical exhibits.
 - b. In the works:
 - hard copy flyers in various community locations
 - direct mailing
 - outreach events in community spaces

- **Contact-Free & Outside-The-Working-Hours Services**

- a. Curbside pickup, lockers for 24/7 hold pickups, laptops to use outside the library, and reference via phone/ email.

❖ **A huge thank you to all the library staff and volunteers** who make our daily operations, along with such a rich schedule of programs and events, possible!

❖ **The Friends of the Library** continue to be a tremendous support by assisting with the library's operational costs and by funding programming expenses and special purchases. **Thank you for your invaluable contribution!**

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