

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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July 2023- Library Director's Report

CIRCULATION	July 2023	YTD July 31	June 2023	YTD June 30
2023	2,367	14,261	2,342	11,894
2022	2,626	14,237	2,383	11,611
2021	2,492	13,321	2,126	10,829
PLS LOANS SENT	July 2023	YTD July 31	June 2023	YTD June 30
2023	416	2,705	355	2,289
2022	385	2,792	379	2,407
2021	320	2,274	334	1,954
OWWL2Go Stats	July 2023	YTD July 31	June 2023	YTD June 30
2023	466	3,049	434	2,583
2022	403	2,919	385	2,516
2021	452	2,800	466	2,560

Programs:

7/26-Book Discussion: Fall of the House of Usher by Edgar Allan Poe 4 attendees.

Upcoming Events:

Sat. Aug. 5th @ 10-12- Felting Landscapes w/ Jo Konvinse; 6 registered!

*New! Wed. Sept. 13th @ 6pm- Finding the Origin of the Name of the City of Buffalo mainly with Maps w/ Joe Van Remmen

*New Tues. Oct. 24 @ noon- Alzheimer's Association workshop

We will be the beneficiary of a grant to Arts for Learning from the Wyoming Foundation. They are a 501c(3) and will fund artists for us to host family programs. No dates/artists are known yet.

Meetings:

7/12-Rotary Community Development, 7/18- Great Giveback for Libraries & Rotary Board of Directors.

Outreach

7/19-Proctor Exam

I also updated the Project READ bookmark for the Wyoming County Libraries to be distributed starting in August.

Friends of Perry Public Library collected books on 7/21& 7/22, then held their book sale on 7/28 from 9-7. I have not yet heard a total, but I have a meeting with them for Booked for the Evening in early August so I will ask them then.

Continuing Education

7/7 Small Libraries Summer Symposium, 7/10 Board Q&A with Ron.

Facilities

7/21 Alarm system annual inspection

The fire alarm in the gallery is not lighting up but it is not a failure. This is one of the pieces that we are waiting to replace with the funds from Library Construction Aid. Hopefully, those awards will be announced in Fall 2023.

I have heard from the company who is fixing the ramp and they should be here in the first few weeks of August. I have also heard from the roofing company they will be here in a couple of weeks, but no concrete dates. I received a quote from Hulme for a variety of fixes that we can consider for the drainage & gutter issues. I'm waiting on a quote from Nick Stefaniak for gutter re-sealing.

Miscellaneous:

No reference requests this month.

I spent a lot of time on the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant (due 7/21) and the Empire State Development grant (due 7/28). Both were submitted by their respective deadlines. ESD is expected to be announced this fall and DRI is expected to be announced very late this year or early 2024.

I've also begun working on gathering other grant applications and preparing for when those open this fall.

I also onboarded our new cleaner & groundskeeper, Laura Gifford, and helped onboard our summer employee through Community Action. It has been extremely helpful to have multiple people dedicated to the Summer Reading program. I have not had to worry when last minute meetings & scheduling issues have come up as we have plenty of library coverage to serve patrons.

I used 3.25 hours of PTO.