

**Director's Report**  
 Rusk County Community Library  
 June 11, 2019

**General:** 4 Baby and Toddler Storytimes with 66 participants; 4 Preschool Storytimes with 41 participants; 1 Homeschool group with 16 participants; 1 SPED Storytime with 8 participants; 1 Field Trip with 26 participants; 4 Elementary School Summer Library Program classroom visits with 837 participants; 3 classroom visits with 43 participants; 1 Make and Take with 125 participants; 1 Scavenger Hunt with 39 participants; Total of 19 events and activities with 1175 participants

Valerie's other activities in May: I'm Worth It/Dude You're Pretty Okay planning meeting; Animanga planning meeting; STEAM Workshop in Eau Claire; Photo op with author Janelle Thompson for newspaper; Final preparation of Summer Library Program brochure and registration

Things for June: Weekly Animanga tween and teen events starting June 11<sup>th</sup>; Weekly Summer Library Program events starting June 14<sup>th</sup>; Family Storytime at Ladysmith Care Community; All day I'm Worth It (girls – June 26<sup>th</sup>) and Dude You're Pretty Okay (boys – June 27<sup>th</sup>) days for tweens and teens; Author visit from Manley Peterson

**Budget:** On track for the year.

**Meetings:** Hollis attended the MORE Directors meeting on May 17 in Eau Claire.

**Staff & Volunteers:**

**Planning:** Hollis spoke with David Voss about the lights in the library, and he believes we can recover some of the replacement costs by going through the special program, and save a large amount of the cost through reduced utility costs. Time is of the essence as this program may not continue. The estimates for upper and lower are attached.

**Other:** We had an incident in the library which resulted in a written complaint at the Ladysmith Police Department. An arrest followed. The police explained to the problematic person that avoiding the library would be wise in the extended future.

**Statistics:**

**Upper Level:** May=6128    **Lower Level:** May=2332

2019		2018	
Checkouts	6,330 (9)	Checkouts	5,956 (9)
Checkins	6,432 (9)	Checkins	6,157 (9)
Renewals	2,385 (9)	Renewals	2,431 (9)
Total Circulation	8,715	Total Circulation	8,387
Items Borrowed	1,787 (8)	Items Borrowed	1,611 (9)
Items Lent	2,311 (7)	Items Lent	2,415 (7)
Net Difference	524	Net Difference	804
% Locally-owned Checkouts	71.77%	% Locally-owned Checkouts	72.95%
New Patrons	27 (13)	New Patrons	20 (17)
New Items	251 (15)	New Items	219 (20)
Pharos Sessions	522 (7)	Pharos Sessions	638 (7)
Wireless Sessions	2,700 (7)	Wireless Sessions	2,222 (14)
Overdrive Checkout	861 (12)	Overdrive Checkout	654 (12)
Freanding Checkout	8 (13)	Freanding Checkout	13 (9)
Website Visits	1,417 (9)	Website Visits	1,367 (8)