

Waynesboro Public Library  
 Monthly Report  
 May 15, 2018

**Circulation statistics:**

	4/18	4/17	YTD18	YTD17	YTD16
Items Checked Out	16,251	15,004			
Items Checked In	19,507	19,887			
Renewals	5,431	4,422			
In-House Transactions	1,019	1,099			
Items Borrowed from VLC	1,707	1,703			
Items Loaned to VLC	1,315	1,278			
E-books	489	465			
Audio Books (downloads)	531	422			
Videos (Streamed)	64	95			
Total Circulation	25,492	23,210	258,742	258,103	254,966
E-magazines	41				
Borrowers Added	35	76			
Computer Use	1,954	1,836			
Library Visits	11,827	11,207			
Items Added	552	614			
Items Deleted	1,415	2,464			
Total Collection			123,797	130,463	145,661

**Technology:**

City IT Department signed a contract with Comcast for Internet access to the TLC Circulation servers in Staunton. The Comcast network is supposed to be faster speed and also lower in cost. The Lumos Network provided access in the past.

Staff: Ms. Elzena Anderson, Assistant Director, participated in a round table webinar sponsored by the Library of Virginia about her experience at Public Library Association's Convention in Philadelphia. Elzena attended the PLA Convention in March of 2018.

Zahir attended the annual public Library Directors Association meeting at Stonewall Jackson Conference Center in Staunton from April 19-20. Dr. Ann V. Deaton presented a session on Coaching Skills for Virginia's Library Leaders. She covered topics such as why a coaching approach, background on what coaching is and is not; coaching approach with giving advice; Interactive Listening exercise; and Coaching Skills Training Program and feedback.

**Updates from the Library of Virginia included:**

**Digital Content**, Yearbooks digitization project (Karen is preparing our collection for the project)

**Locally scanned collections** (The LVA already has a copy of our scanned materials)

**Trustees Training eLearning Modules:** Self-paced and designed to give board of trustees concise information in their various areas of responsibilities <http://lva.learnpointlms.com>

**Bibliostat Added Capacity:** Search capability for the public library data collected in Bibliostat Collect will enable quick creation of visual data representation (graphics, tables, etc.) for advocacy and information purposes

**Boopise app** will be discontinued in September Description of the training model for coaching skills

Dr. Sandy Treadway, State Librarian presented a report of the Library of Virginia. Dr. Nan Carmack, Director of the Library of Virginia Development and Networking Division, shared the result of a survey on the usage of Find-it-Virginia data bases. The LVA is currently negotiating other contracts for digital content.

**Public Relation:**

A donation of \$100 was received from The First Church of Christ, Scientist for the use of multipurpose room on April 14. Kyle Hausrath, Clerk of the Church, wrote that the community room with its large screen and overhead project was ideal for their

slide talk "The healing power of stillness". Also they were thankful to Ms. Kathy Hiserman for her help in setting up the arrangements.

A Library patron complained of the Library's sign promoting a literary trivia event at Basic City Beer Co. His main concern was the location of the sign saying we are exposing families with children to inappropriate message: we did relocate the sign away from the entrance. He also was complaining that we are promoting a private business.

The Valley Consortium libraries are sponsoring quarterly team trivia nights at area breweries, the most recent one was held at Basic City Beer Co. Patrons do like these fun and entertaining programs and the events were well attended.

### **LOCAL HISTORY/GENEALOGY (Ms. Karen Vest):**

NUMBER OF VISITORS TO LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY ROOM: **59**

LOCAL HISTORY/GENEALOGY INQUIRIES: **30**

The month of April brought visitors from the local area and surrounding counties. We also assisted a visitor from Boston, Massachusetts. Requests included obituaries, family records, city directories, school yearbooks, historical maps, military resources and newspaper articles on microfilm.

The individual from Massachusetts was researching Virginia Civil War Soldiers. He was pleased that we had a vast amount of resources pertaining to the Civil War in Virginia. We also assisted several individuals with historical maps, including Sanborn maps of the local area and topographical maps of local counties.

We began the process of RFID tagging the historical collection. Volunteers and library staff assisted in the project. Prior to tagging, the archivist weeded books that were no longer needed in the collection.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the archivist and FOL genealogy liaison, Ramona Gordon attended a DNA lecture and historical house study during Brocks Gap Heritage Day in Fulks Run, Virginia. We visited several vendors, obtained two free family history books and also purchased a book pertaining to Rockingham County. Rockingham County resources are requested often because of our close proximity to Harrisonburg.

### **Adult Services Librarian (Ms. Becky Lamb):**

In April, Adult Services reached 275 people through twenty programs.

Midday Music featured "Reggae: The Sounds of Jamaica" with Chris "Peanut" Whitley, a musician who has toured internationally with bands from the area and Jamaica, but now lives in Waynesboro. This program attracted a mixed-ages audience of 75.

We also held two off-site outreach programs in April, both in collaboration with the other Valley Libraries. "Local Library Resources for Genealogists" provided an opportunity to promote the resources in our local history/genealogy collection with thirty members of the Augusta County Genealogical Society. Library Brewery Trivia was held at Basic City Beer Co. and yielded 46 participants. This is a quarterly program that rotates between local breweries and library hosts.

Exhibits in April included photography by our own Cheryl Elliott and *Strong Men & Women in Virginia* which is a traveling exhibit from the Library of Virginia that celebrates outstanding African-Americans for their contributions to the Commonwealth. For *Money Smart Week*, we distributed free resources about personal finances, provided through a collaboration with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Finally, the Changing American program series received the Outstanding Adult Program award for libraries serving a population under 30,000 from the Virginia Public Library Directors Association.

Youth Services (Ms. Jamie Kollar):

### **Regular Programs**

**Swing & Sway:** Kids and parents sang, danced, and balanced bean bags on their heads in this active and engaging music and movement program. Most participants stayed after for Chat & Play.  
Avg. attendance: 23.

**Story Times:** Preschoolers came with their caregivers for stories, songs, and crafts. Groups from Willow Tree Academy and the YMCA came regularly.  
Avg. attendance: 12 + caregivers.

**Mother Goose:** Babies and toddlers enjoyed board books, songs, and shakers with their caregivers.  
Avg. attendance: 8 + caregivers.

**Story Night:** Kids listened to a story, had a snack, and practiced their reading with therapy dogs.  
Avg. attendance: 7.

**Masterminds:** School-age kids put together bead animals, built with pipe cleaners, and experimented with magnet blocks. As expected, with the end of the school year nearing attendance has been somewhat less.  
Avg. attendance: 4.

**Masterminds Jr.:** Toddlers and preschoolers built with Duplo and magnet blocks.  
Avg. attendance: 3.

**Volunteer Club:** Teens checked off their school-mandated volunteer hours and enjoyed a snack while they worked.  
Avg attendance: 3.

### Special Programs

**Stories With a Twist:** Storyteller Barb Lawson entertained kids and families with stories from around the world.  
Attendance: 54.

**Board Games:** Immediately after Barb Lawson, kids and parents joined us upstairs for a variety of board games.  
Attendance: 20.

### Outreach

**Children:** Regular mini-bookmobile visits to Parkway Apartments and the WARM Shelter continued. Groups from Willow Tree Academy joined us at the library for story time; our regular attendees from the YMCA have finished for the year.

**Adult:** Groups from The Arc and C&C Associates, which serve adults with developmental disabilities, attended a special adult Swing & Sway every other Tuesday.