

Doland Community Library Report

July 2021

There were 279 visitors at the library this month, out of those 216 visited the library during the Summer Reading Program activities, the rest were visitors to the library at other times.

The six-week Summer Reading Program is completed! I was extremely pleased with attendance especially since there are so many activities in the summer and families still wiggled in a visit or two to the library! Twenty three people attended the Clay Animal craft, 21 came to listen to Paxtyn Moes talk about his chickens, 27 for the animal crafts (sidenote..I won't be doing that one with little people again, thank goodness for the volunteers!), 41 were here for Hansen's goats and the Underberg sisters' rabbits (there was a great turnout for this especially because there was a basketball camp right before it, I'm hoping in the years to come that I can partner with other organizations to help attendance for all programs), 20 for the Kindness Rocks (rocks have been hidden all over and if a kid finds one they can bring them to the library for a piece of candy and are asked to hide it again to spread kindness), 26 for Entomology with Kadin LaBrie and 24 for the lady bug masks, butterfly feeders and insect rocks. 66 people who participated in at least one event, 59 kids, 1 teenager and 6 adults. Thoughts on the program...WOW!! It was a great six-weeks and so much fun! I heard so many positive comments and was so impressed with the attendance. I'm already mulling around ideas for next year. I am also going to host one more craft day in August to use up a few more of the kits. I limited kids to one on some days because the craft was available all day and I wanted every kid who came in to be able to make one. There will be three bookmarks printed from the bookmark contest (People's Choice, Library Board Choice and Librarian's Choice) and that will cost roughly around \$200. I also want to have a root beer float party to end the program and hand out prizes. I have been crunching numbers and looking for deals on prizes to see what I can purchase. Every participant will receive a Dairy Queen Blizzard and then something extra for the kids who completed the program. Each year I learn what works and doesn't work and it helps fine tune the program. I can not express the joy in words on how wonderful it is to see those little people enjoying all the things I had imagined and planned!

I will continue Storytime through the summer. The daycare has been great in making sure the kids come over along with several other kids. As long as there is at least one person there, I will continue it until school starts.

Jackie Hulscher and Chris Hanten filled in for me this month one day, Angie Remily was lined up to do it, but she had a funeral at the last minute. Angie did fill in for me another day though. Big thank you to these ladies for holding the fort down! I will be gone one day in August.

Kevin & Danielle Teigen gave the library \$50 to use as needed, along with a very nice Thank You note. The Divich Family sent another \$200 towards there \$800 dollar pledge for 2021. The school purchased 30 books for the library.

The Library Board will meet in August to discuss the 2022 Budget along with a few of the projects that has happen at the library since our last meeting. If you have any questions, comments or win the lottery, feel free to contact me. Natasha Noethlich, Librarian