

# Doland Community Library Report

June 2021

There were 298 visitors at the library this month. The library was closed for the week of June 7 thru 11 so that the school could buff the floors and I could attend schooling.

The outdoor library area picnic tables finally arrived on June 28 after calling relentlessly for a month. I did get Uline to knock some of the shipping off. Once they arrived one of the base poles for the tables was dented so I called Uline again and had them knock off another \$100. Louie fixed the base. Louie, Cameron and I assembled and set the tables. The cost for the two tables was \$1773.69 along with concrete (bill coming for that, should be around \$60, will be sent to City Hall). The funds were paid for out of the City Library Savings Account. I have more plans for the area, but for now I am going to wait to see if I can write a grant for the funds or hopefully receive a donation. It looks great and I have been using it for all my story times and several activities. There have also been other people who have used the area.

The Summer Reading Program is off and well attended! There were 56 people here for the Kickoff Party and Costume Parade (if I do it again, I am going to round up a few people to stand on the street and wave at the kids as they walk by), 40 Fairy Gardens were made, 44 people here to listen to the two Game Wardens & Highway Patrol officer, 31 hedgehogs and 26 people here to learn about pigs. I am just finishing up week three of six. Parents, a few teenagers, Betty and Chris have all been wonderful at helping me when the activity is one that needs extra hands. The Doland Firemen and Doland City sponsored 62 Dairy Queen Blizzards and I am crunching numbers to see what funds are left from the Stephanie Miller Summer Reading Grant after the remaining craft supplies are purchased for prizes.

Another free program offered to our library that the State pays for is called Read Squared. It is an app that helps families follow their reading progress through an app. I was leery of starting another new thing, but the Tech coordinator talked me into grabbing the opportunity while it was available. I have been shocked at how popular it has been with our patrons! I have 45 participants registered on it!! The only bad thing is I am still trying to figure it out!

I attended the Library Institute at NSU June 6 through the 11. I have already implemented several of the things I learned, such as Canva a way to make my social media posts more professional. There is so much available through the State with the databases offered for free and diving into that was daunting. I have talked to Mr. Hulscher about offering a way to share some of that information with our teachers and students. It is also something our community could use; I need to figure out how I can present it without it feeling overwhelming. I was also able to snatch one of the last nine spots in the State to sign up our library for Inter Library Loans (this program was presented by one of the speakers). Our patrons will be able to check out books from around the State and I will probably charge a small fee for shipping. I passed the class with an A and am now a Certified Librarian but will need to attend these classes for the next three years to graduate from the program (which I plan to do). I will be certified for the next three years and will need to get 30 college credits during that time. The State offers several opportunities to get those so I should be able to continue to stay certified. After having the chance to talk to the State employees and several other librarians I have realized our library is really missing out on Grant opportunities because we are not accredited. I am already doing several of the things to accredit our library and this would mean more work for me, but I can see great benefits by doing it. I plan to discuss it with the Library Board in August and get their thoughts on the matter.

I will be taking a few days off this summer and have lined Angie Remily up to fill in for me. If you have any questions, comments or win the lottery, feel free to contact me. Natasha Noethlich, Librarian

