



Library Director's Report

September 2024



LTSP Priority 1: Expanded Programming

Unstated Goal: Increase STEM/STEAM Programming at the library.

Mad Science OKC brought their Adventure Dinoshow to the library on 7/17/2024. This program was part of our Elementary STEM summer program. More than 100 patrons attended the fun, educational, interactive program. Participants began the afternoon watching volunteers from Mad Science OKC put on an informative and hilarious show in the Great Plains Room. The afternoon concluded with interactive learning stations in the foyer area on the first floor.

This event was made possible with the help of a grant from Park Avenue Thrift.

“It brings a lot of people together in our community across a huge spectrum of very diverse people. These STEM events help kids learn to not be afraid, to try new things, to experiment, and to have something not work out the first time and then try again. Those are great skills to learn.”

~ Susan Shewey, Children’s Librarian



Oklahoma Art Institutes Tour de Quartz Art Show

LTSP Priority 3: Partnership and Outreach

Goal 1: The library will partner with other local organizations in order to provide relevant and high quality services to the residents of Garfield County.

LTSP Priority 1: Expanded Programming

Goal 3: Lifelong Learning & Programming

Objective 2: Establish periodic events to enhance appreciation of the arts and literary expression or allow for development of such skills.

The Tour de Quartz Art Show is currently on display on the first floor of the library. The show consists of paintings and photographs created by high school students at the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute at Quartz Mountain this past summer. Students are selected for the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute through competitive statewide auditions. Every accepted student attends the program on a full scholarship. The show includes three artists from the Enid area.

We would like to congratulate the young Enid artists who participated in the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute this summer.

Graydon Bruyn

Drawing & Painting
Oklahoma Bible Academy

Kyndall Ray

Drawing & Painting
Oklahoma Bible Academy

Ramey Wilkins

Drawing & painting
Oklahoma Bible Academy

Kaidence Spurrier

Film & video
Enid High School
(not included in the painting/photograph art show)



Summer Reading Recap

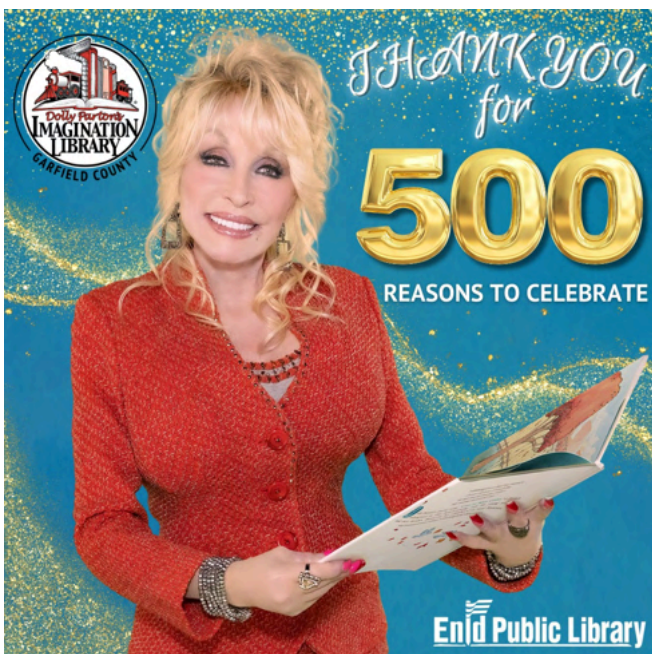
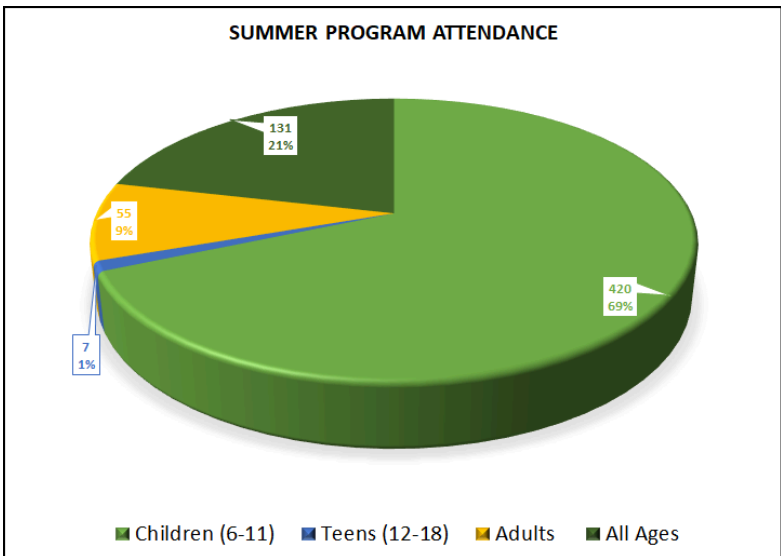
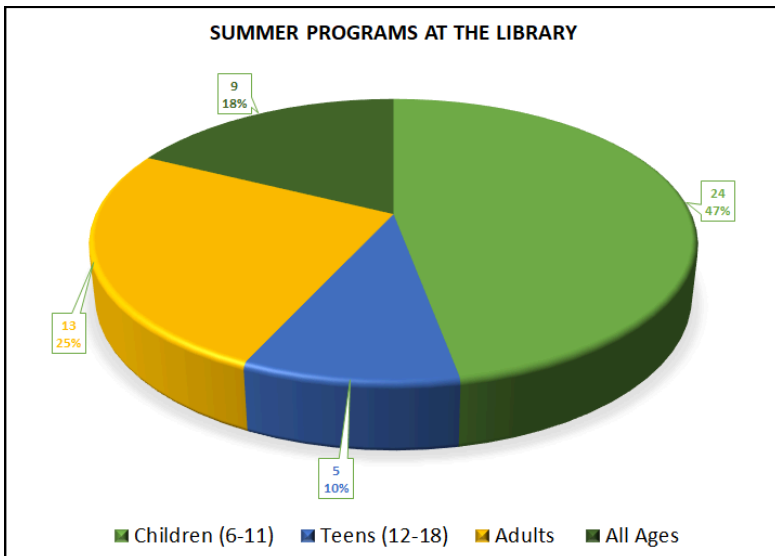
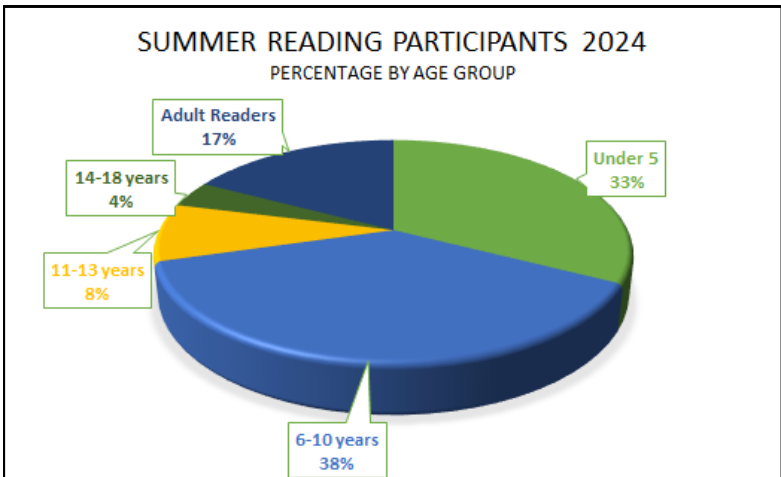
Summer Reading at the Public Library of Enid and Garfield County saw more than 1,500 participants in more 50 Summer Reading programs. Summer Reading programs featured activities including author talks, interactive storytelling sessions, community book discussions, arts and crafts, and more – all designed to encourage patrons to read more, discover a new hobby, learn more about themselves or the world around them, and take part in what the library has to offer.

When looking at program attendance, it is important to note that children’s programming, programs designed for children ages 11 and under, will always have higher attendance because youth under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Also, this year many of the programs listed as All Ages were designed with teens in mind but also encouraged parents and other family member to attend with their teens.

The library hosts reading challenges for all age groups. Two hundred, sixty-four community members took part in the summer reading challenges this summer.

Books Read: 696

Minutes Read: 196,693



Thanks to the generosity and support of our partner organizations, more than 500 Garfield County children under the age of 5 are now ready to start receiving books from the Dolly Parton’s Imaginations Library!

We would like to say a huge thank you to St Matthew’s Episcopal Church for a very kind donation to get the Imagination Library up and running in Garfield County.



PLEGC By the Numbers

By borrowing materials from the library,
community members have saved

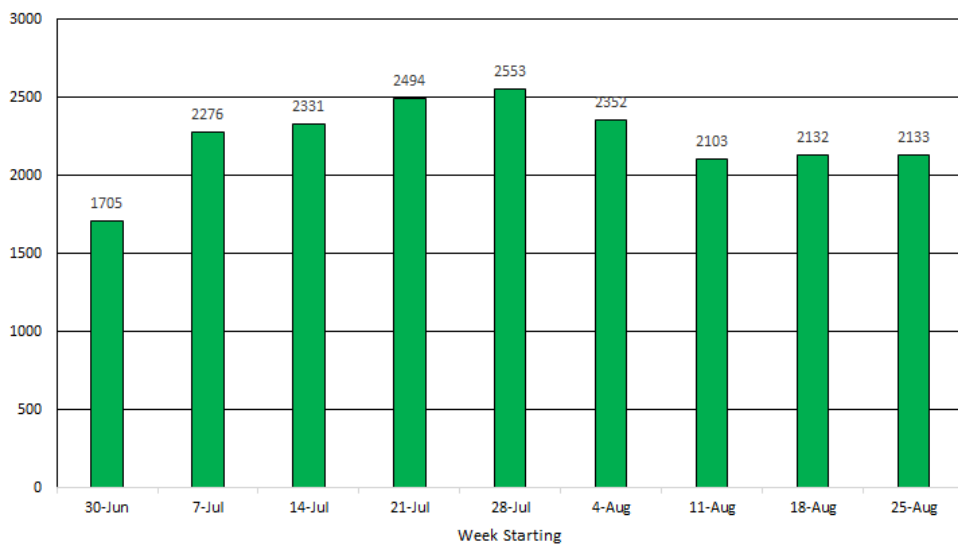
July
\$148,845.52

June
\$132,393.08

So Far in 2024
\$1,055,997.33

This is money community members are able to spend in other ways.

PATRONS IN THE LIBRARY; 20,079
by week



Patrons in the Library

In July and August, the library served an average of 2231 patrons each week.

Everyone is happy to have the public access computers back!

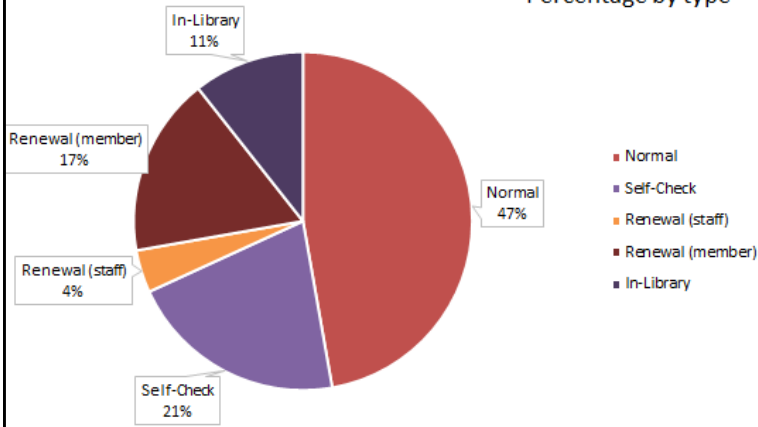
In July and August, public access computers were used 3,174 times for a total of 1,279.25 hours.

Circulations by Type

Many of the issues with the self check out system have been resolved. The system has not been replaced. Upgrades should be considered in the near future.

Normal circulations are those items checked out at the service desk.

July Circulations; 11,607
Percentage by type



August Circulations; 10,246
Percentage by type

