

# Ellington Farman Library

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## ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

### for the period from June 2020- June 2021

Our physical building was closed to patrons from March 16 through June 21, 2020 due to the Pandemic. During that time we stayed connected to our community with an updated online presence, free item offerings on our front porch, newsletters, curbside pickup and increased digital title purchases through Libby and Overdrive. Finally, with the smell of sanitizer in the air, starting on June 22, 2020 we were able to physically open safely to a limited capacity. That meant masks required and social distancing in practice. We were able to let a few groups meet in our community room but could only accommodate 8 people due to distancing requirements. This Report to the community specifically concerns what the library has been doing since reopening in June 2020 up through June 2021.

Our 2020 Summer Reading Program looked a little different but we still distributed 84 weekly themed take home Activity Bags to any child in the library. These bags provided a great intergenerational and educational experience as we saw many families working on their crafts together. Each bag contained a reading list, an extra activity, instructions and all supplies for a weekly themed craft and a little candy surprise. Additional funds were raised through the Give Big CHQ 2021 so we can continue this popular program. We had 12 children between the ages of 5-11 officially register for the 2020 the program. We celebrated with them as they read 86 books.

We again closed briefly for 2 weeks in October 2020 due to COVID related matters. The Holiday season passed by sadly with no programming or events that were able to be scheduled.

Although we were not able to host public programs we still were able to offer our Community Room to small groups of less than 9 people. The Adult Book Club and Wednesday Yoga group continued to enjoy meeting.

During this time the staff completed a much needed weeding and reorganizing of our item collection. We slowly weeded our way through Adult Fiction, Adult Nonfiction, Junior Nonfiction and the Junior Paperback sections. We also color coded Adult Nonfiction books according to theme so patrons can easily locate a topic. It is a positive improvement anytime we can help patrons feel comfortable locating their own items.

#### SERVICES AVAILABLE TO PATRONS

FREE WIFI ON 24/7  
PROGRAMS, CLASSES & ACTIVITIES  
6 COMPUTERS AVAILABLE TO PATRONS  
FAX, COPY, SCAN & PRINT AVAILABLE  
MOVIES: DVD & BLU-RAY  
AUDIO BOOKS: DIGITAL & CD  
LARGE PRINT BOOKS  
ADULT, YOUNG ADULT, JUVENILE BOOKS  
CHILDRENS ROOM WITH PLAY AREA  
MAKER SPACE  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
MAGAZINES  
INTERLIBRARY LOAN

#### LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY	11-7
TUESDAY	11-7
WEDNESDAY	11-7
THURSDAY	11-7
FRIDAY	CLOSED
SATURDAY	10-1
SUNDAY	CLOSED

# June 2020-2021

3,229

How many times people have visited our library



In February 2021 we started a monthly newsletter special for our young patrons and their families. The “Farman Bear” Newsletter is filled with poetry, crafts, information and activities centered around a monthly theme All the books on display that month correspond to the theme and children are excited to see what new things await them in the children’s room.

304

Program attendance  
Jan 2021– June 2021  
no in-person programming in 2020



Our library had a positive impact on student learning as we opened our Community Room for tutoring. During the 2020-2021 school year it was used 43 times with our patron computers and free Wi-Fi access proving to be very useful to students as they completed their online classes.

1,028

Total number of Juvenile books checked out



We are once again back to full programming and staff are excited to be functioning again as the community center that we always were before the pandemic limited our activities.

2,126

Total number of Adult Books checked out



The 2021 Summer Reading Program is just starting and the children are back in the library! There are currently 25 children registered with reading logs and 7 families participating in the Summer Family Reading Challenge! They will enjoy a Zumba class, two Audubon visits with live animals, a magic show, crafts, outdoor games and a cooking program. Reading awards will be handed out to children who record their minutes read throughout the summer.

616

Total number of other items circulated  
Includes audio books, dvd's, games, puzzles, magazines, museum passes



Our adult programming and activities are back in full swing as well. The Wednesday Yoga group continues to attract new patrons. The coffee is brewing again for our monthly Adult Book Club and they are able to accept new program participants with no limits. In May our patrons created their own Vision Boards as they learned how to stay focused on their life goals. Everyone is excited to be able to gather for the monthly Potluck Breakfasts that will pick up in July 2021. The community now has multiple ways to stay informed of the monthly library activities. In 2021 we started sending our newsletter out digitally to those who register. Printed copies are still available at the circulation desk. Our online presence continues with our website and Facebook page. We invite you to be a part of your library as we seek to fulfill our mission with renewed enthusiasm for the future!

1,172

Amount of times patrons have used our computers



134

Number of Craft Activity Bags Handed out



519

(UP BY 8.5%)  
Number of patron registrations



## 2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## 2021 STAFF

LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Judith Whittaker

LIBRARY CLERK: Suzanne Sischo

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Lisa Rickard

Board of Trustee meetings are held in our Community Room on the last Monday of the month at 7pm and are open to the public.