

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT – Carey C.

Ongoing Projects

- We have started shifting the fiction collection forward. Once completed, the graphic novels and manga collection will move back close to the sci-fi/fantasy collection.
- Volunteers and circulation staff are continuing to work on the list of missing items.
- Following suggestions from circulation staff, we'll soon implement a "mapping" system for the adult fiction and non-fiction collections to help make locating items easier for patrons. I'll discuss this in more detail later.

	Ancestry	EBSCO Sessions	EBSCO Searches	Chilton
Feb-25	595	15	69	7
Mar-25	416	5	22	11
Apr-25	376	13	31	18
May-25	386	35	67	7
Jun-25	697	34	111	4
Jul-25	480	27	110	9
Aug-25	675	23	97	14
Sep-25	539	30	154	5
Oct-25	448	25	85	10
Nov-25	656	45	198	12
Dec-25	530	38	115	11
Jan-26	452	72	128	9
Feb-26	454	9	63	24
Total	6704	371	1250	141

ADULT PROGRAMMING – Jeanne Michie –February 2026

- Adult Board Games after hours.
- Puzzles for passive programming. It seems as if we have thousands now. Board and Video Games are very popular as well.
- Thursday, February 12th Adult Craft: Pot of Gold at Rainbow's End- 8 plus 1 staff in attendance
- Tuesday, February 17th- 4 leaf clover watercolor tutorial- 10 plus 1 staff in attendance
- Thursday, February 19th-Accupuncture with Sonia Quade- 2 plus presenter in attendance
- Thursday, February 26th- Sundown Towns with Amanda Flowers- 18 plus presenter in attendance
- Displays_ Guess The Theme, Science Fiction Reads for Winter, Self Help display of books, Staff Picks, New Year, New You

I would have enjoyed a bigger turnout for the Acupuncturist. Maybe folks were afraid of being asked to participate.

Dr. Amanda Flowers held an informative and fascinating history of Sundown Towns and the events leading up to their advent. She had a good deal of interaction with the audience and had clearly put

much thought into her content. I plan on inviting her back to cover another issue in the late spring or early summer.

I am still plotting upcoming crafts. Most of them for the months of March and April will center around spring and bees, in anticipation of upcoming Evening With Programs.

YOUNG READER'S ROOM – Charley J.

Completed Projects

- We hosted three story times a week for ages birth through 2 years and ages 3-5 years.
- We held our monthly Camp Half-blood Book Club meeting. The kids played an interesting game of Would You Rather- Labyrinth style, based on the events of our book.
- Homeschool Music Class continues to be a popular event. Our homeschool families are appreciative of the program.
- In Lego Club, kids built valentines using Lego bricks. Their pictures are up in the back of the room for everyone to enjoy.
- Our furry friends from the Tail Waggin' Tutors visited the library. Kids enjoyed reading aloud to therapy dogs at this event.
- We held our monthly scavenger hunt and had 100 kids participate in less than a week!
- We received a free Pokémon Club Kit from the American Library Association to host a monthly Pokémon Club where kids learn how to play the Trading Card Game. We had a great turn out for this event and the kids are excited to come back!
- We hosted our annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover in February. This was our 5th year hosting this event, and it is always a hit! Kids bring their stuffies, we take pictures of them doing silly things in the library, then the kids return the next day to watch me present a slideshow of the pictures we took. The laughs and cheers heard throughout the picture presentation are my favorite. It's quite adorable!

Ongoing Projects

- Researching and ordering books for our children's collection. I visited our Williamstown Branch to analyze the children's collection with Lisa. We are weeding out old materials to make room for some popular chapter book and graphic novel series.
- Displaying books throughout the room to keep children interested in new series/subjects.
- Creating a monthly calendar to advertise our events for children aged 13 and under.
- Creating graphics for social media to highlight our upcoming events.
- Relabeling and organizing the children's chapter book collection. Kira just finished labelling the classics and is working on labelling our sci-fi books.
- We are consistently working on projects for the upcoming summer program. Currently, we are finalizing the button designs and will start making them soon.
- Each week, Becky reads to a second-grade class at Madison Elementary, and I read to a kindergarten and both first grade classes at Criss Elementary. We both enjoy being at Wood County Schools each week to encourage a love of reading amongst their students!

Young Adult- Abigail H.

Completed Projects

- **Hyper-fixation Club** for teens had two meetings this month with one being Sensory Friendly. Teens came after school to share their interests, discuss current hyperfixations of the month, work on hobbies, and of course enjoy snacks and the tea bar. We had three presentations to the

group this month by members, Among us part 1, part 2 and vocal stims. **20 Members this month.**

- **Mystic Gem Scavenger Hunt** had **15** in attendance. The Library Shaman and the Wise Wizard (Teen librarians) summoned the adventurers to hunt for hidden Mystic Gems scattered throughout the realm. (The Non-fiction/YA/Genealogy section) to discover the legendary Scroll of Destiny and unlock their fate. The teens were split up into teams of two to hunt for color coordinated gems hidden in the stacks matching books of the same color. When all gems of the same color were found, it unlocked a clue to find one of seven parts of a scroll in a specific location. When the scroll was assembled, it revealed the location of a key, and then a chest. In the chest was the mystic pickle, that answered the question of each adventurer using the wisdom of the universe.
- **Alien Stage Karaoke** had **19** Attend. This themed karaoke night was based on a popular Korean sci-fi web animation series. All participants were able to create an original character in the style and universe of the show and come take on the cosmic stage to sing and perform as their character. Cosplay was encouraged but optional, and all fandoms and song types were welcome! The costumes and performances were epic. Glow sticks and popcorn were also included.
- **Middle Grade Meet Up: Board Games & Brownies** had 7 attend. We played a one-shot tabletop role-playing game called Turf War. The kids played as scaly little kobolds in a world ruled by dragon crime lords, sent to rob a rival's hoard. The group ruthlessly (and creatively) looted, plundered and stole treasure from their rival's base (a pizza place arcade) that morphed into multi-level backrooms.
- To help support the needs of those that come to our programs, we were able to get multiple sets of noise canceling headphones for times when they may become overstimulated, which are much appreciated, especially with a larger group.
- The Library Discord server has seen an increase of usage, and we have been able to gauge interests, customize programs, and are taking advantage of polls.

Ongoing Projects

- The Rat Oracle book display, with paper fortune tellers to help patrons determine what books they should read was a hit thanks to Emily.
- Anti Romance books on display thanks to Emily.
- Blind date with a Book display continues thanks to Colleen.
- We are creating monthly calendars to advertise our events for teens ages 12 to 19.
- Graphics for programs are made to be put on Facebook, the Library website, other social media platforms, as well as the screens that display upcoming events.
- We are working on brainstorming more sensory-friendly areas, specialized programs, and tailored support to be inclusive of our neurodivergent youth.
- The Discord server continues to be popular. We use it to spread the word on upcoming events and programs. This is a safe space where we foster respect, safety, and friendship for teens of all types of backgrounds. Mods are all members of our Youth Services staff.
- Information on joining the Teen library discord server are on flyers that are available to pick up for patrons. These admission slips outline the rules of joining the server. Patrons must be 13 to be added, if they are under 16, they need a guardian's signed permission.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – February 2026

- Plans for Teen Summer Library Club 2026 are finalized, with the theme “Unearth a Story”. Geocaching, Jurassic Park, A steampunk (life size) game of life, cryptid taxidermy, Curiosity cabinets, Cyber punk RPG, alien specimens and more!
- Thanks to the friends of the library for supporting and funding Teen Summer Library Club 2026! We will have our order in for supplies finalized soon, and we will begin prepping for all the fun activities!

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Teresa W.

New books cataloged	474
New audiobooks cataloged	0
New music cataloged	0
New DVDs cataloged	86
New Blu-rays cataloged	2
New video games cataloged	14
New board games/puzzles	0
Total items cataloged	576

MAINTENANCE & JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT – Roy W.

- Repair and adjust the book drop door at Emerson
- Rebuilt bathroom faucets at South.
- Fastened Catalog stand on Lower Level and ran cat5 wire to PC at Emerson
- Fixed the wheels on 4 of the Friends of the Library wired shelving units in book sale area.
- Repair toilet at South
- Cleaned up bushes and landscaping at Williamstown.
- Installed new camera in book sale/office area on lower level of Emerson.
- Repair Cart at South
- Replaced grip tape on step of play house at South.

GENEALOGY – Jim M. and Kate M.

Number of Walk-ins	48		
Number of Emails	4	Individual Lookups	6
Number of Microfilm Reader Users	10		
Number of Genealogy Computer Users	3		
Phone Contacts	50		
Total for January 2025	115		

Completed Projects

- Completed various obituary requests; and
- Assisted various walk-in family researchers.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – February 2026

- Finished another GPS (Genealogical Proof Statement) for a patron, in hope it accepted, into the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)
- Gave talk with Robin at the Wood County Historical & Preservation Society on using Graphs, charting etc to determine Kinship

Ongoing Projects

- Ongoing sorting of recent books, magazines, newspaper clippings, and scrapbook donations.
- Shelf-reading in the history and genealogy collection is ongoing
- Worked in circulation and workroom as assigned.
- Thank You Kate for learning how to do some things in Genealogy, she's a great addition to the department.

New Incoming Projects

- Genealogy continues to participate in continuing education through online seminars offered by various genealogical institutions.
- Working a class to be held at the Main library in April or May
- I am currently working on 2 projects for patrons.

TALKING BOOKS DEPARTMENT – Michal Ann L.

- Local Recovery Center/Jail Book Donation Delivery/Local Schools – 0
- Patron Emails: 5 sent: 4
- Calls Received: 15 Calls Made: 10
- Packets mailed out to prospective patrons: 0
- Walk-In Patron Contacts: 4
- Active Patrons: 166
- Patrons Added: 0
- Patrons Suspended: 0
- Talking Books Reference Questions: 5
- Processed Patron Materials: 65 Items returned: 15
- Volunteer: 1 Hours: 12
- Scheduling Events calls: 3
- Current Patron Outreach: 0 Birthday cards: 8 Sympathy Cards: 0
- Other Applications Approved: 0
- Newsletters sent out to patrons & Other Libraries: 50
- Total Events for the Month: 1 Attendees: 4
 - Continued Projects: Refining Janet's handwritten notes into a TB's Procedure's Manual
 - Researching a Summer Reading Program/Winter Reading Program for Talking Books patrons.
 - Working on a "Community Resource" option for patrons with disabilities of all kinds to be able to get help and find things to purchase for their individual needs.
 - Currently working on Fall 2026 Newsletter.
 - Working on a church mass mailing about Talking Books/NLS. Wood County finished: Calhoun County next.

BRANCHES - South Parkersburg – Olivia J.

Statistics Narrative

There simply didn't seem to be anything that happened this month that needed to be included as a narrative.

Ongoing Projects

- February finally had federal tax forms available in addition to the state tax forms.
- Two authors were featured for Author of the month. Kennedy Ryan and Helen Huang, both Romance authors of color, each with surprising ties to Autism representation and awareness.
- Dawn resumed bi-weekly story times for toddlers and preschoolers.
- The Novel Book Club continued despite the cold.
- Dawn resumed leading the GBYT group with the book *Maeve Mulvaney has had Enough* by Kelly Mangan.
- Teen Craft this month was Perler Bead Keychains.
- As always, Olivia and Dawn continued with read-aloud visits to Franklin
- End cap displays in non-fiction included memoirs of Black people and seed/planting books.
- Since Lunar New Year was in February and 2026 is the year of the Fire Horse, one of the fiction end caps had a display for books with horses, which is also a category on the 2026 Reading Challenge.
- Apryl had a "Bright Rays for Cold Days" display featuring summer and beach vacation books for people who wish to escape the winter.
- In YA, Ashley displayed graphic novel adaptations of YA books.
- As February not only features Valentine's Day, but also the Lunar New Year and the beginning of Ramadan, not to mention being Black History month, there were displays regarding all of these events in the children's area.
- Tail-Waggin' Tutors came.
- Olivia began work on a Murder Mystery Dinner Party to take place in April. Already several patrons have expressed their interest and excitement.
- Hygge Club continued with the participating patrons feeling more comfortable and conversational with one another, which was the ultimate goal of the club.

Completed Projects

Maintenance

The Guys worked on drippy faucets in the bathrooms.

BRANCHES – Williamstown – Lisa H.

Once again this month, several days of school were missed due to snow, which affected library attendance – especially in the afternoons. Because of the weather, both Williamstown Library Book

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – February 2026

Club and Teen Game Day at the Library had to be canceled. We are looking forward to a wonderful spring with milder weather and many patrons returning to enjoy the library.

Completed projects:

- Created two Valentine’s Day crafts for our craft table, suitable for all ages to enjoy.
- Hosted “Choco-Lot of Fun at the Library” where children cycled through four different chocolate themed stations. We had a deliciously wonderful time!
- Took down all winter decorations and put up Valentine’s Day decorations.
- We enjoyed two Story Time with Ms. Edie, including stories and cookies with Edie and a Valentine’s Day craft with Lisa.
- We continued our monthly estimation contest. In February, we estimated how many pieces of heart chocolates were in a jar. The winner was announced on the last day of the month and received the jar and all of the candy inside.
- We tried something new for us this month, “Blind Date with a Book.” Harriet and Denette (our faithful volunteer) did an amazing job wrapping and decorating 60 books. Patrons seemed to love choosing books from the clues on the cover and “rating their date” using the book review cards.
- Attended Inservice at Emerson branch on Presidents’ Day.
- Attended another meeting at Pickering Associates to discuss plans for the new library.
- Hosted our monthly meeting of “Coffee, Cards, and Conversation.”

Ongoing Projects:

- Continued to monitor the Williamstown Library Facebook page and post upcoming Story Times and programs. Pictures of programs are posted as soon as possible after each event.
- Continued to assist patrons of all ages with projects, copies, faxes, scanning, notaries, reference questions and research, checking out and shelving books and DVDs, and doing anything else that is needed.
- Continued planning for upcoming programming, crafts, and activities.

Maintenance

- Snow removal
- Brought Valentine's decorations to WL and took away winter decorations

BOOKMOBILE – Lisa H.

Statistics Narrative

The Bookmobile served 825 patrons in February. The lower numbers reflect several school delays and closings due to snow, ice, sub-freezing temperatures, and poor road conditions.

Ongoing Projects

- Lisa – setting up stops for events and additional locations.
- Lisa – create book displays.
- Lisa – seasonal books and decorations.
- Lisa -- weed/withdrawal books.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – February 2026

- Lisa – collection development.
- Diane – book deliveries to Senior Living facilities.
- Diane – repair books as needed.
- Diane – assists with decorating.
- Diane – assists with preparing crafts and giveaways for events.
- Bert – manages stop evaluation form and spreadsheet.
- Everyone – places holds.
- Everyone – replenish shelves as needed.
- Everyone – regular stops to preschools, private and public K-12 schools, afterschool centers, and senior citizens facilities.

Maintenance

- Sanitized, vacuumed, and disposed of trash daily.
- Fueled and washed the bus as needed.