

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT – Carey C.

Ongoing Projects

- The shifting of the adult fiction collection continues. We have finished general fiction and are now shifting the mystery collection.
- Volunteers and circulation staff are continuing to work on the list of missing items.

	Ancestry	EBSCO Sessions	EBSCO Searches	Chilton
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
Mar-26	127	15	87	10
Total	6236	371	1268	144

ADULT PROGRAMMING – Jeanne M, March 2026

**** A scheduled event on March 5th was canceled, as the presenter hit a deer with his car. He will reschedule at a future date.**

- 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, March 17th Oil Pastel Bird’s Nest tutorial- 7 attended
- Tuesday, March 19th Bees and Beekeeping Mid Ohio Valley Beekeepers Assn. 18 attended.
- Thursday, March 26th Spring Diorama 10 attended
- Saturday, March 21st- True Crime Book Club- a criminal with your first name or a vicftim with Your first name. 4 attended
- Displays_ Women’s history Month in Fiction, Women’s History Month in non-fiction, Staff Picks, Women abound, Guess theme, Gardening display to promote seed library
- The Beekeeping Event was excellent with Murray presenting a power point that covered most aspects of beekeeping. He was well informed and engaged with the audience. It was an informative event.
- The Dioramas are always popular, and the participants all displayed different visions for the springtime.

I am continuing to work on scheduling interesting programs for the spring and summertime. There will be a few surprises in store

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. We encourage the kids to take notes in their books and mark their thoughts to share with the group. I love hearing their thoughts and questions from reading the story. This is a very insightful group of kids!
- Homeschool Music Class continues to be a popular event. Our homeschool families are appreciative of the program.
- The library partnered with Discovery World during Read Across America week to host a fun, STEAM event at the library. It was a blast watching the children's library be overtaken by little robots (provided by Discovery World). 65 people attended this event!
- Our furry friends from the Tail Waggin' Tutors visited the library. We appreciate the consistent partnership we've had with this group and their dogs!
- Our monthly **You Choose Book Club** met and read the story *Space and Beyond*. After reading the story together, we made planet-themed art.
- We held our monthly scavenger hunt that was themed around the popular video game, Mario Bros. We had 200 children participate in the scavenger hunt this month!
- Pokémon Club is becoming a new favorite in our programming lineup! We had a great turn out this month and taught the group to play the popular Pokémon Trading Card Game.
- We hosted a tour with a local homeschool co-op. Many of the kids in this group already had library cards and use the library regularly, so I showed them "behind the scenes". They really enjoyed learning about how books are processed and talking with Brian about running the library!
- We partnered with Criss Elementary School and had 20 of their students visit us to read with therapy dogs and do crafts in the library!
- The library was asked to visit PHS for their annual Easter Egg Hunt and Trunk or Treat event. We were able to give books away during the Trunk or Treat portion of the evening and passed out flyers for our upcoming Summer Library Club. We saw over 250-300 children, not including their parents!

Ongoing Projects

- Researching and ordering books for our children's collection.
- Displaying books throughout the room to keep children interested in new series/subjects. March displays were focused on Spring, Saint Patrick's Day, and Easter!
- 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 labeling the sci-fi books and is starting the fairy tales.
- We are consistently working on projects for the upcoming summer program. Some of our current projects have been focused on making prize packs for the summer scavenger hunt and making buttons that we give away throughout the summer. We make approximately 6,000 buttons to give away throughout the summer.
- 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 three 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. **30 Members this month.**
- **Snack-Otaku! (Snacks + Japanese vibes)** had **19** in attendance. It was a Japan-themed night featuring mochi, ramen, Japanese snacks, and a very anime music playlist. Each attendee got a “blind box” goodie bag, with an assortment of mystery Japanese snacks to try, a set of chopsticks, a carry pouch and chopstick holder, and some pins featuring Japanese words and phrases thanks to the Japan Foundation of Los Angeles. We learned a little bit about Japanese culture, chopstick etiquette and common taboos. The kids got a chance to practice their chopsticks and then competed in a dexterity challenge. We also played Sriracha Yahtzee, and Oh Sushi (a fun twist on Jenga) as a group.
- **Board Games and Brownies had 10** Attend. We played a home brew one-shot fantasy Kitchen RPG called Magical Munchies. They absolutely loved the game and want to do it again in the future. The group were mythical creatures with magical powers running an enchanted eatery. They worked together to cook whimsical dishes, complete orders, and manage chaotic kitchen mishaps. Shenanigans included teleportation, three gnomes in a trenchcoat, a fairy health inspector and a portal in the fryer...
- **Middle Grade Meet Up: Get Lost in the Sauce** had 6 attend. The kids took a personality quiz to discover their inner sauce, then we put their taste buds to the test in a blind tasting challenge featuring chicken nuggets and a sauce buffet to win emotional support nuggets.
- 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.

Ongoing Projects

- "Greeeeeen" books on display thanks to Emily.
- Unusual format books/ think outside the box books on display thanks to Emily.
- 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 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. 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.

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- Plans for Teen Summer Library Club 2026 are finalized, with the theme “Unearth a Story”. Geocaching, D&D portal nooks, A steampunk 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	571
New audiobooks cataloged	0
New music cataloged	0
New DVDs cataloged	103
New Blu-rays cataloged	0
New video games cataloged	8
New board games/puzzles	0
Total items cataloged	682

MAINTENANCE & JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT – Roy W.

- Repair and paint wall at South
- Repair two signs in the Arboretum
- Reset all outdoor lights on timers at Emerson
- Install shelves in Finance Office
- Trim and clean up South landscaping
- Install door close arm at South on meeting room
- Replace flag holder at Williamstown
- Repair toilet at South
- Run CAT5 cable to catalog upstairs at Emerson
- Clean out stair and landscaping in front of Emerson library

GENEALOGY – Jim M. and Kate M.

Number of Walk-ins	50		
Number of Emails	5	Individual Lookups	6
Number of Microfilm Reader Users	14		
Number of Genealogy Computer Users	2		
Phone Contacts	42		
Total for March 2026	113		

Completed Projects

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

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- Finished another GPS (Genealogical Proof Statement) for a patron, in hope it accepted, into the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

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 June or July
- I am currently working on 3 projects for patrons.

TALKING BOOKS DEPARTMENT – Michal Ann L.

- Local Recovery Center/Jail Book Donation Delivery/Local Schools – 0
- Patron Emails: 15 sent: 13
- Calls Received: 25 Calls Made: 10
- Packets mailed out to prospective patrons: 0
- Walk-In Patron Contacts: 10
- Active Patrons: 172
- Patrons Added: 6
- Patrons Suspended: 1
- Talking Books Reference Questions: 10
- Processed Patron Materials: 92 Items returned: 13
- Volunteer: 1 Hours: 12
- Scheduling Events calls: 10
- Current Patron Outreach: 0 Birthday cards: 7 Sympathy Cards: 3
- Other Applications Approved: 0
- Newsletters sent out to patrons & Other Libraries: 224
- Total Events for the Month: 1 Attendees: 6
 - 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 Winter 2027 Newsletter.
 - Working on a church mass mailing about Talking Books/NLS.

BRANCHES - South Parkersburg – Olivia J.

Statistics Narrative

Not a lot happened this month. Except that one of our staff members had two babies! Ashley has been off on maternity leave and we have needed help covering her shifts. The most regular coverage has been from Mel Masters on Wednesday afternoons and Brian in basically wherever he needs to be, though a few other subs have been over too. Before she left, Ashley taught Apryl all about posting things on social media and the website, so Apryl has been overseeing those duties.

Ongoing Projects

- People continued to use the library for various tax related things. There was even one day that the AARP Tax Volunteers conducted their appointments at South due to Emerson being closed for a scheduled electric outage. While we were glad to be able to pitch in this way, it did reveal why the South facility is not really equipped to handle those responsibilities as a regular practice. There simply is not enough space to conduct the appointments on the same scale as what is done at Emerson, and it also removes the only space we can use for programming from us.
- The Author of the Month was Haruki Murakami.
- Dawn continued her story times. Preschool story time has grown to have a good attendance.
- Kristy was back with the Novel Book Club in March; they had read *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson.
- Dawn finished the book the GBYT club was reading in March, they will be taking a break as many attendees will not be able to come due to participating in spring sports. This is the kind of flexibility that can be done in smaller libraries with librarians who build personal relationships with their patrons. Well done, Dawn.
- There were no Teen programs this month as no one was able to assume those responsibilities from Ashley while she is out.
- Read Aloud at Franklin continued.
- The main book display featured books that would fit in various categories from the 2026 Reading Challenge.
- End cap displays in non-fiction included women's biographies and craft books because March was Craft month.
- Fiction end caps including books featuring musicians and instruments and a "Pinch Proof" display including books with green covers.
- In YA, there was a Fantastic Women in YA display.
- in the Children's area, there continued to be a display of Ramadan and Eid until the latter occurred. There were also St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Passover, and Spring books on display. There were a lot of picture books featuring real women historical figures on display as well.
- Tail-Waggin' Tutors was cancelled as there were not enough people to warrant the dogs and their handlers coming in.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner Party is called Death in the Desert and is set during an archeological dig in Egypt during the 1930s. Registration is already full and it should be a good time. Olivia is

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trying to cater the menu to reflect the Egyptian setting, the best option was to get shish ka'bob and shish ta'ouk from George's Place.

- Hygge Club wrapped up with multiple members giving Olivia a hug as they left and asking if the club could be done in the fall too. Olivia is thinking of broadening the season of the club.
- Apryl began working on the Summer Reading Program interactive display. It will include a life-size (or death-size) fossilized Giant Sloth skeleton sketch. This is the state fossil of West Virginia.

Completed Projects

Maintenance - The Guys worked on drippy faucets in the bathrooms, again.

BRANCHES – Williamstown – Lisa H.

March was a busy time at Williamstown Public Library. We were especially excited to launch Book Bingo, a brand-new program that encourages readers of all ages to explore new books and earn fun prizes. As the weather began to warm up, we were thrilled to see more familiar faces returning to the library. From story times and activities for children to everyday visits and checkouts, it was wonderful to see our library filled with energy and community connection as we head into spring.

Completed projects:

- Kicked off "Book Bingo" where participants are grouped into four age levels. Each reader receives a Bingo card filled with different reading categories. When the reader gets a "bingo" (completed column going down, across, or diagonal), a prize from the treasure chest is chosen. Anyone who completes their card is entered into the grand prize drawing for their age level.
- Put up two large Book Bingo displays.
- Put up St. Patrick Day decorations and then put up Easter decorations.
- Created an Easter craft and a St. Patrick's Day craft for our craft table, suitable for all ages to enjoy.
- We enjoyed two Story Time with Ms. Edie, including stories and cookies with Edie and an Easter craft with Lisa.
- We continued our monthly estimation contest. In March, we estimated how many pieces of jellybeans 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.
- Hosted our monthly book club meeting.
- Hosted "Go Green Teen Game Day at the Library" on St. Patrick's Day where we had green punch, green cupcakes and other green snacks. Again, Tia and Denette did a great job playing games with a large active group of teens.
- Went to Williamstown Elementary School and read to Mrs. Mundorff's class for Dr. Seuss week.
- Hosted our monthly meeting of "Coffee, Cards, and Conversation."
- Weeded JF books.
- Put up a new Story Walk at Fenton Park entitled, "Tap the Magic Tree."

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

- Moved tables for programs
- Brought St. Patrick Day and Easter decorations from storage at main branch

BOOKMOBILE – Lisa H.

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The Bookmobile served 1,072 patrons in March. We represented the Library in the annual MOV Easter Parade on March 21. The Bookmobile went out of service for repair on the alternator the afternoon of March 25. We cancelled 4 stops while the Bookmobile was in the shop.

Ongoing Projects

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