

**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
<b>Apr-25</b>	376	13	31	18
<b>May-25</b>	386	35	67	7
<b>Jun-25</b>	697	34	111	4
<b>Jul-25</b>	480	27	110	9
<b>Aug-25</b>	675	23	97	14
<b>Sep-25</b>	539	30	154	5
<b>Oct-25</b>	448	25	85	10
<b>Nov-25</b>	656	45	198	12
<b>Dec-25</b>	530	38	115	11
<b>Jan-26</b>	452	72	128	9
<b>Feb-26</b>	454	9	63	24
<b>Mar-26</b>	127	15	87	10
<b>Apr-26</b>	316	18	28	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>6136</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>154</b>

**ADULT PROGRAMMING – Jeanne M, April 2026**

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- 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.
- Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>: Author Showcase with 9 attending
- Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, Storyteller Judy Tarowsky presented “The Girl Who Saved the Bees” 9 attended
- Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Paint Club Acrylic Bumblebee Tutorial 6 attended
- Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Beehive Craft 17 attended
- Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> National Poetry Month reading 8 attended
- Displays: The Sinking of the Titanic, Across 5 Aprils, the Civil War, Staff Picks, Jazz Music, Guess theme, Gardening display to promote seed library. The seed library is very popular

We had several writer-related events, as well as a storyteller who presented a story she wrote, which emphasized the importance of bees to our ecosystem. Our crafts were also focused on bees, with the clay pot beehive being very popular.

**YOUNG READER'S ROOM – Charley J.**

**Completed Projects**

- We hosted three story times a week; two for ages birth through 2 years and one for ages 3-5 years.
- We held our monthly Camp Half-blood Book Club meeting. We finished the book *Battle of the Labyrinth*. The kids are excited to read the fifth book in the series starting this fall!
- Homeschool Music Class continues to be a popular event. Our homeschool families are appreciative of the program.
- We hosted our last Lego Club of the school year. Kids were tasked with building a Lego creation showing what they are excited to do this summer.
- 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 *Bubble Town*. After reading the story together, we painted flowerpots in celebration of Earth Day.
- For our monthly scavenger hunt, we did a space-theme, where kids found pictures of planets around the children's library. We had over 100 children participate in the scavenger hunt!
- We partnered with Monpower for our annual tree planting workshops and tree giveaway to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. We had 50 people participate in the workshops and Monpower gave out around 100 trees at the giveaway!
- 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.
- Brian and I attended the quarterly Wood County Reads meeting, where we collaborated with other organizations in the community on various literacy projects.
- I visited a Kindergarten and first grade class at Madison to read a story, make a craft, and share information about the library.
- We are generously given a grant from the Henry Logan Foundation to buy books for our Summer Library Club and Teen Summer Library Club. I ordered those books through Amazon and Scholastic. Around 4,000 books were ordered!

**Ongoing Projects**

- Researching and ordering books for our children's collection.
- Displaying books throughout the room to keep children interested in new series/subjects. April displays were focused on Easter, Earth Day and Spring.
- Creating a monthly calendar to advertise our events for children ages 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 fairytale books.
- We are consistently working on projects for the upcoming summer program. Some of our current projects have been focused on making more buttons (we should have this finished by the beginning of May), making booklets for our **Adopt a Dino** program, prepping supplies for our shark week crafts, and more!
- 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. **25 members this month.**
- **Game-A-Palooza Jackbox Party** had **13** in attendance. It was a fun filled Game Night featuring Jackbox Party Games! There were many laughs, creative challenges, and friendly competition.
- **Fandom-Fest Frenzy:** had **16** Attend for the Ultimate Rubber Ducky Cosplay Showdown, to turn a ducky into a character from their favorite Fandom or their own original character. We judged their entries based on creativity, execution/skill, and use of items. Those that wanted to parade their dummies before judging got the chance. Wings Ect. very kindly catered the event for all that attended. We also made shrinky dink keychains/charms & DIY stickers featuring our favorite fandoms.
- **Middle Grade Meet up Game Night!** had 7 attend. For this month's Middle Grade Meet Up we played Jackbox Party Games and shared Brownies.
- 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

- "Read it and weep" 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 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 is 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.
- 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!
- Supplies are in, and we are "in the thick of it" prepping for all the fun activities to come!

**TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Teresa W.**

New books cataloged	651
New audiobooks cataloged	0
New music cataloged	0
New DVDs cataloged	78
New Blu-rays cataloged	0
New video games cataloged	15
New board games/puzzles	10
Total items cataloged	754

**MAINTENANCE & JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT – Roy W.**

- Changed ballast and bulbs in LL Men’s restroom.
- Cleaned out LL storage area.
- Fixed drain on rooftop ACC Unit at Emerson.
- Cleaned parking lot drains several times at Emerson.
- Fix and install new locks on restroom trash cans at South.
- Shampoo carpet in YRR and front desk Emerson.
- Replaced bulbs and ballast in Lower Level Hall at Emerson.
- Washed windows at south.
- Worked on landscaping at North. Mulched.
- Clean butterfly garden at Williamstown.
- Hung artwork at South.
- Worked on painting parking lot lines at Emerson.

**GENEALOGY – Jim M. and Kate M.**

<b>Number of Walk-ins</b>	<b>60</b>		
<b>Number of Emails</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Individual Lookups</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Number of Microfilm Reader Users</b>	<b>20</b>		
<b>Number of Genealogy Computer Users</b>	<b>4</b>		
<b>Phone Contacts</b>	<b>52</b>		
<b>Total for March 2026</b>	<b>138</b>		

**Completed Projects**

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

## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – April 2026

- 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 on a class to be held at the Main library in June or July
- I am currently working on 4 projects for patrons. Kate is working on 2 projects.

### TALKING BOOKS DEPARTMENT – Michal Ann L.

- Local Recovery Center/Jail Book Donation Delivery/Local Schools – 6
- Patron Emails: 10 sent: 13
- Calls Received: 25 Calls Made: 20
- Packets mailed out to prospective patrons: 2
- Walk-In Patron Contacts: 10
- Active Patrons: 169
- Patrons Added: 3
- Patrons Suspended: 1
- Talking Books Reference Questions: 5
- Processed Patron Materials: 30 Items returned: 12
- Volunteer: 1 Hours: 16
- Scheduling Events calls: 6
- Current Patron Outreach: 0 Birthday cards: 5 Sympathy Cards: 1
- Other Applications Approved: 0
- Library Fest invitations: 170 Mass Mailing for 8 Counties: 139
- Total Events for the Month: 7 Attendees: 32
  - 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing done.

### BRANCHES - South Parkersburg – Olivia J.

#### Statistics Narrative

April was a full month with fun programs and minor bumps in some maintenance issues. Ashley continued to be out with her new twins and Dawn took several days off which made coverage a bit of a stretch sometimes, thank you to Brian and other members from Emerson who helped South meet their coverage needs

## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – April 2026

### Ongoing Projects

- The Author of the Month was Sophie Cousens.
- Dawn wrapped up story times for both Wee be Jammin’ and Small Fry Story Time in April. May will take a break from programming to prepare for Summer Reading Program.
- Kristy read *The Measure* by Nicki Erlick with her Novel Book Club for April.
- Again, there were no teen programs.
- Read Aloud at Franklin continued.
- The main book display featured books of poetry as April is National Poetry Month and the South branch happens to have a relatively large selection of poetry.
- In Fiction, the end cap displays were “Spring Into a Good Book” featuring books with floral covers and “April Fool: Books with Humor and Heart.”
- In Non-Fiction, the end cap displays were for Autism Awareness Month and Humor month, featuring humorous memoirs and biographies.
- In YA, there was a Fantastic Women in YA display.
- In the Children’s area, various book displays on spring and Earth Day were displayed.
- Once again, there were no signups for Tail-Wagging Tutors so the program did not take place. Spring sports are in session and may be impacting whether children are able to participate.
- Apryl continued working on the Giant Sloth display for Summer Reading Program. This is the heads up now, this sloth is about to become the South Branch’s whole personality this summer. There will be a bracket system for patrons to be able to vote on the sloth’s name.

### Completed Projects

- The Murder Mystery Dinner Party was a huge hit. The Friends of the Library generously paid for the food from George’s Place, which the patrons really enjoyed. The murderer was correctly discovered and the group successfully avoided releasing an ancient curse on humanity.

### Maintenance

There was a day this month where both the women’s restroom toilets and the staff restroom toilet would not flush. This led to the library being closed for a short time while this issue was addressed.

### BRANCHES – Williamstown – Lisa H.

April at Williamstown Public Library had its ups and downs in terms of activity. With the Easter holiday, six days off school for spring break, and even a power outage, after-school attendance was somewhat inconsistent throughout the month. Despite that, we wrapped up Book Bingo, which brought a strong turnout and kept patrons engaged. We also introduced some new programming but continued to offer our regular favorites, which helped to maintain steady interest and participation at our library.

### Completed projects:

- April 30<sup>th</sup> marked the end of “Book Bingo.” Participants were divided into four age levels and read books based on categories listed on their bingo cards. Four winners were drawn on the final day of the month, and excitement was high as prizes were awarded. I would like to extend

## DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES – April 2026

a special thank you to the members of the Williamstown Friends of the Library Committee for their generous donations of prizes and gift cards, which made this program possible.

- We took down Easter decorations and put up spring decorations.
- Created three spring crafts for our craft table, suitable for all ages to enjoy.
- We enjoyed two Story Times with Ms. Edie, including stories and cookies with Edie and a rainstick craft with Lisa during the week featuring rain stories.
- Participated in a Williamstown Friends of the Library Committee meeting. We discussed upcoming programming, SRP prep, and volunteer opportunities in the butterfly garden and workday for SRP, as well as our upcoming “End of School Sidewalk Celebration.”
- We continued our monthly estimation contest. In April, we estimated how many pieces of nerd candies 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 “Teen Game Day at the Library.” Again, Tia and Denette did a great job playing games with a large active group of teens.
- Hosted “Birds of a Feather Paint Together” painting workshop. A local Williamstown artist and library patron hand carved enough birds for two full classes. Patrons had a blast trying something different and beautiful. Artsbridge covered the cost of the first class, a 55+ senior class. Thank you, Artsbridge!
- Our monthly meeting of “Coffee, Cards, and Conversation” was cancelled due to a power outage at the library.
- Weeded new Easy F and NF books.

### 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.
- Started planning for Summer Reading Program in earnest. WL is responsible for creating a shark lab for all four branches during shark week. We also started working on 10 drive-by signs to help advertise the program as well as brainstorming a list of decorations and crafts for kick-off week.

### Maintenance

- Moved tables for programs

### **BOOKMOBILE – Lisa H.**

#### **Statistics Narrative**

The Bookmobile served 1,000 patrons in April. We represented the Library at the YMCA Healthy Kids Day and Jefferson Elementary Center’s “All Things That Fly” family engagement event. Lisa also represented the Bookmobile as one of Jefferson Elementary Center’s community partners for the Local School Improvement Council event on April 30.

**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.