

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT – Carey C.

Ongoing Projects

- The shifting of the adult fiction collection is nearly finished. We’ve over three-quarters of the way through the science fiction/fantasy collection. Much appreciation to June for her help with this project.

	Ancestry	EBSCO Sessions	EBSCO Searches	Chilton
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
Apr-26	316	18	28	21
May-26	513	7	48	10
Total	6273	378	1291	146

ADULT PROGRAMMING – Jeanne M, May 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, May 5th- Alpaca Run Farm Visit had at least 150 visitors.
- Saturday, May 9th- True Crime Book Club- 3 attended- hometown criminals
- Saturday, May 16th-Chris Parsons Bigfoot facts 9 attended.
- Tuesday, May 19th Watercolor Landscape Paint Club 9 attended
- Thursday, May 21 Father’s Day Grillin and Chillin wall decor-12 attended
- Displays: Books by authors born in May, Individuals who overcame failure to succeed, Staff Picks, Jazz Music, Guess theme, Gardening display to promote seed library. The seed library is very popular. Both of the craft events are attracting loyal participants, who enjoy the camaraderie as well as the skills they acquire.

YOUNG READER’S ROOM – Charley J.

Completed Projects

- May was devoted to finishing all preparations for our upcoming Summer Library Club. Below, I have listed the various tasks that we completed in May.
 - Made 6,000 buttons to give away throughout the summer.
 - Organized over 4,000 books that we will give away throughout the summer.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –May 2026

- Mounds Week- We prepped 400 templates for our clay art project.
- Lego Week- Sorted materials for each branch and made name plates for kids to use throughout the program.
- History of America Scavenger Hunt Week- Prepped 600 prize packs, organized over 600 books to give away about American history, and made the scavenger hunt for each library branch.
- Adopt a Dino Week- Made 400 booklets/reading logs, sorted beads and supplies to make collars for their dinos, prepped supplies for making dinosaur houses.
- Shark Week- Cut out over 450 sharks for a painting craft and made 450 tins for our “pocket shark” craft.
- Dinosaur Dig Week- Made 400 dino digs, made dino information books, made 400 moss-covered plates for dino displays.
- Gems and Crystals week- Made 450 gemstone suncatcher craft packs and cut out over 1,200 egg carton cups for a geode craft.
- Visited 250 students at Criss Elementary School to promote the summer program.
- Visited 275 students at Madison Elementary School to promote the summer program.
- Visited a local MOPS group to promote the summer program.
- Hosted our only monthly program for May, Pokémon Club. The supplies we received for this club were funded by the ALA and Pokémon organizations, so we are required to meet monthly.

Ongoing Projects

- Researching and ordering books for our children’s collection.
- Displaying books throughout the room to keep children interested in new series/subjects. May’s displays were focused on our Summer Library Club event themes.
- Creating graphics for social media to highlight our upcoming events.
- Relabeling and organizing the children’s chapter book collection. Kira just finished labeling Christian fiction.
- 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

- Young adult programming has taken a month-long hiatus as Jess and I have been preparing for the start of Teen Summer Library Club. Last year we had close to 400 teens participate, and we hope to see a good turnout for all the fun events this year, with much gratitude to the Friends of the Library; without them, we could not make this happen.
- Plans for Teen Summer Library Club 2026 are finalized, with the theme “Unearth a Story”. June will bring Dungeon and Dragons portal nooks, a geocaching scavenger hunt, a steampunk game of life, and A Wax Museum Murder Mystery.
- This Year we plan to have a more low-key kickoff at the start of Summer Programs, with a Last-ish day of school chillout with crafts, snacks, Switch gaming, and Just Dance on the Wii.
- Instead of having two separate programs two days a week, we will be doing a full day of programming with different class times.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –May 2026

- The prizes for this year include Free books and manga, and a cosmic bowling party at the end of summer for those who participate in 4 programs.
- The Calendar is out, and we have had many sign-ups!
- BookDash book display makes its debut thanks to Emily and Colleen, Patrons can pick up a “Meal” from restaurants based on book themes with matching books to be checked out, complete with sticker and baggy, and order description. A fun take on Doordash, but with food for thought.

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.
- The Library Discord server has seen an increase of usage, and we have been able to gauge interests, customize programs, and take advantage of polls.

TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT – Teresa W.

New books cataloged	850
New audiobooks cataloged	0
New music cataloged	7
New DVDs cataloged	71
New Blu-rays cataloged	2
New video games cataloged	10
New board games/puzzles	8
Total items cataloged	948

MAINTENANCE & JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT – Roy W.

- Turn water fountain on, treat water and setup timer.
- Clean parking lot drains.
- Finish painting parking lot lines.
- Clean and remove weeds/brush in ditch at South entrance.
- Spray weed killer at Emerson.
- Shampoo spots on carpet at Emerson.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –May 2026

- Replace ballasts and bulbs in elevator.
- Fabricate sign for Arboretum and install.
- Repair South light bulb in restroom.
- Fix toilet handle at South.
- Put together Summer Reading vending machine for Williamstown.
- Clean all restroom walls at Emerson.

GENEALOGY – Jim M. and Kate M.

Number of Walk-ins	75		
Number of Emails	12	Individual Lookups	26
Number of Microfilm Reader Users	32		
Number of Genealogy Computer Users	3		
Phone Contacts	62		
Total for May 2026	184		

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)
- Completed coursework for Certification as Genealogist with IAP Career College, Now I am working on completing a Genealogist Master Professional Course from them.

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.
- Once Again, 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.
- Still 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 – 7
- Patron Emails: 7 sent: 2
- Calls Received: 10 Calls Made: 8
- Packets mailed out to prospective patrons: 0
- Walk-In Patron Contacts: 7
- Active Patrons: 171

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –May 2026

- Patrons Added: 2
- Patrons Suspended: 0
- Talking Books Reference Questions: 5
- Processed Patron Materials: 63 Items returned: 24
- Volunteer: 1 Hours: 12
- Scheduling Events calls: 0
- Current Patron Outreach: 0 Birthday cards: 5 Sympathy Cards: 0
- Other Applications Approved: 0
- Library Fest invitations: 0 Mass Mailing for 8 Counties: 0
- Total Events for the Month: 1 Attendees: 2
 - 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. 2nd mailing done.
 - Library Fest table layout ready.

BRANCHES - South Parkersburg – Olivia J.

Statistics Narrative

May cannot really be categorized as a “calm before the storm” season, even though there is a programming break. There is still a flurry of preparation for Summer Reading Program, including promotion, craft preparation, and a lot printing. Towards the end of the month, Ashley came back from her leave and everyone participated in preparing for the summer.

Ongoing Projects

- The Author of the Month was Thrity Umrigar, her works on Libby and Hoopla were also featured.
- Kristy read *The Night We Lost Him* by Laura Dave with her Book Club
- No teen programs.
- Dawn went to an end of year Title 1 picnic to promote Summer Reading Program
- Read Aloud at Franklin concluded and Olivia and Dawn also took Summer Reading Program calendars to distribute to their classes, and a few others.
- The main book display featured authors of Asian American or Pacific Islander heritage. Olivia was pleased that some of the books that she had purchased for South’s Classics section were able to be featured.
- In Fiction, the end cap displays were Picnic Basket Reads and Get Caught Reading Month.
- In Non-Fiction, the end cap displays were for Sports month, with athlete biographies, and Be Kind to Animals Month, which featured several different animal books, mostly featuring domesticated pets.
- In the Children’s area, various book displays on Mother’s Day, Memorial Day, and AAPI authors.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –May 2026

- Apryl's Giant Sloth, or *Megalonyx Jeffersonii* is nearly complete. Each staff member (including Mel, who has been an honorary staff member) submitted a name for the Name Battle Brackets.

Completed Projects

Maintenance

- There was a scheduled power outage for two hours during library hours on Tuesday, May 19th, so the library needed to be closed at that time.
- There have been several computer issues including computers failing to complete rebooting once patrons logged off and past materials not clearing once they had been logged out.

BRANCHES – Williamstown – Lisa H.

May at Williamstown Public Library was full of fun and opportunities to learn, create, and enjoy a wide range of programs. From new art programs for seniors to teen game day to gardening projects and visits from local preschools, there was something for all ages. We also celebrated a meaningful milestone for the future of Williamstown Public Library. It was a wonderful month, and we are now busy preparing for an exciting summer. We can't wait to see what June brings!

Completed projects:

- First and foremost, the levy passed! This is a tremendous achievement for our community and opens the door to exciting opportunities for the future of library services in Williamstown. I am incredibly proud of my colleagues and of the leadership of our county library system. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to serving our patrons have built tremendous community goodwill. Our staff has continued to provide outstanding service and meaningful programs for the people we serve, which was reflected in the overwhelming support shown for the levy.
- We hosted four pre-K classes from Williamstown Elementary School and one pre-K class from Leap Ahead Learning Center. We sang a song to get our wiggles out, read a story about Pete the Cat, and looked for Pete's missing buttons around the library. What a fun (and exhausting) day! I showed the children all that the library has to offer, and well as promoted the Summer Reading Program. Each child received a bag of goodies and a card application.
- Traveled to Williamstown Elementary School and Wood County Christian School and spoke in front of each school's student body about the Summer Library Club.
- Created three new spring crafts for our craft table, suitable for all ages to enjoy.
- We enjoyed Story Time with Ms. Edie, including stories and cookies with Edie and a Mother's Day craft with Lisa.
- Our wonderful volunteer Denette taught her first painting class for our seniors. They learned about neuro art and practiced different watercolor techniques.
- We continued our monthly estimation contest. In May we estimated how many pieces of strawberry candy 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 our last "Teen Game Day at the Library" for this school year. Again, Tia and Denette did a great job playing games with a large active group of teens.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –May 2026

- Lisa and members of Williamstown Friends of the Library planted new pollinator plants and milkweed in the butterfly garden. The Williamstown Hill Club planted our beautiful back door flowers.
- Our monthly meeting of “Coffee, Cards, and Conversation” was lively and fun, as always.
- Weeded our new AF shelf.

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 Summer Reading Program and working on our shark smell lab for shark week.

Maintenance

- Moved tables for programs
- Killed weeds in landscaping

BOOKMOBILE – Lisa H.

Statistics Narrative

The Bookmobile served 440 patrons in May, the lower numbers reflect the end of school year. We represented the Library at the Kanawha Elementary School’s family engagement night and Parkersburg South High School JROTC’s car show. We won a prize for the best Bookmobile... granted we were the only one at the event.

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.