

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –June 2026

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT – Carey C.

Ongoing Projects

- SHIFTING IS COMPLETE. The graphic novels are now located at the end of the collection near the sci-fi/fantasy. The entire manga collection has been combined and is now located back there as well. We'll need to spread out the collection in a few places to fill the shelves but the bulk of the project has been finished.

	Ancestry	EBSCO Sessions	EBSCO Searches	Chilton
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
Jun-26	819	10	87	12
Total	6706	353	1311	151

ADULT PROGRAMMING – Jeanne M, June 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.
- Thursday, June 4th- Mike Ward and Joy Zimmerman folk concert- 25 attended
- Saturday, June 6th- Library Fest- over 200 attended. True Crime Book Club- 3 attended
- Thursday, June 11th- Four Traits of our Founding Fathers- Ohio Rep. Kevin Ritter 12 attended
- Tuesday, June 16th- Paint Club 4th of July Acrylic-9 attended
- Tuesday, June 16th: An Evening with Lawrence Greene- Juneteenth history and Drumming-12 attended.
- Thursday, June 25th- Wooden W. V. ornaments. 10 attended.
- Displays: Read your way to a Vacation, Must see vacation Sites. Guess theme, Gardening display to promote seed library. The seed library is very popular. Both 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

- Summer Library Club is in full swing with 990 kids signed up and enjoying the fun!

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- We have also given away over 2,000 books so far thanks to generous funding from the Henry Logan Foundation.
- Before the library club began, I met with librarians from the branches to review our activities for the summer and show them everything we prepared for the events. This gave us a chance to ask any questions and make sure we were on the same page before the program started. I also visited Williamstown on their class days to help at the events. I've enjoyed getting to know some of our patrons in Williamstown!
- Library Fest kicked off our summer fun. Morgan did a great job planning this event as always! We manned a table, sharing information about the Summer Library Club. We had 200 people attend and 70 kids participate in the scavenger hunt we made!
- For our Kickoff Week, we had a variety of dino-themed crafts that kids could come in and make! We had around 250 kids visiting us throughout the week for this event.
- During kick off week, we opened registration for our summer events. We have 4+ people on the phones signing people up! Almost all of our classes were full by Wednesday of the first week.
- For our second week of summer fun, we had a program talking about local archeology and mounds. We had a guest speaker, Lawrence Greene. He always does a great job, and we all learned a lot from his presentation!
- Our third week of summer fun was dedicated to Lego building. Kids got to build a Lego dinosaur and its habitat. When the kids finished their creations, I took their picture to put up in the library. Pictures should be in the children's library at the beginning of July for people to see!
- We hosted 2 story times each week for kids ages 5 and under. It has been great meeting some new story time friends!

Ongoing Projects

- Managing our Summer Library Club is an ongoing task that takes up much of our time in the summer. When kids check out a book, we check off their visit for the day and give them a prize. Each time kids check out, they get to pick a free book from our cart. They also get a token to our vending machine and get a button for their library backpack. Kids love the vending machine! This act of checking kids out and giving out prizes takes up much of our time. We typically have lines of kids waiting to check out on our busiest days!
- We are also partnering with Wood County Schools for their annual Golden Ticket Program. Wood County students come into the library to find books to read on their reading lists. We help them find books and when they finish reading them, we also give them tickets. Kids can then take those tickets to a WCS book fair where they get free books for completing their reading lists.
- Researching and ordering books for our children's collection.
- Displaying books throughout the room to keep children interested in new series/subjects. Our summer displays are dedicated to our summer program themes; dinosaurs, rocks, fossils, sharks, and summer!
- Creating graphics for social media to highlight our upcoming events.
- Relabeling and organizing the children's chapter book collection.

Young Adult- Abigail H.

Completed Projects

- The Teen Summer Library Club has begun with lots of excitement! With much gratitude to the Friends of the Library; without them, we could not make this happen. For the month of June, we had about 200 teens participating in and attending programs.

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- Instead of having two separate programs two days a week, we had a full day of programming with different class times with the theme “Unearth a Story”
- Thanks to the Henry Logan foundation, when Teens attended a program, they got a free book to keep, and this year we had the addition of Manga which has been incredibly well received!
- The prizes for this year include Free books and manga at programs, and a cosmic bowling party at the end of summer for those who participate in 4 programs.
- This Year we had a more low-key kickoff at the start of Summer Program, with a Last-ish day of school chillout to celebrate the end of the year and the start of summer fun, with crafts, snacks, Switch gaming, and Just Dance on the Wii. We had 43 attend and many signed up for programs.
- **Unearth Hidden Realms: Dungeons and Dragons Portal Nooks** had 46 attend. Teens built book nooks inspired by fantasy, myths, and ancient worlds with Dungeons & Dragons mini figures they got to paint and customize.
- **Unearth Hidden Treasures: Geocaching Scavenger Hunt** had 43 attend. We learned about the world of geocaching and how to use clues and coordinates to find hidden ‘caches’ around the community. Then we explored the arboretum for a special library edition scavenger hunt to find color coordinated loot bags hidden throughout the area.
- **Unearth A steampunk game of life** had 33 attend. Teens joined us for a custom home brew game inspired by the game of Life, but with a steampunk and role-playing twist. Inspired by real-life history and dystopian elements, players made choices, faced surprises, and uncovered their Steampunk story with every roll of the dice. They learned about not only finance but career planning, teamwork, and real-life laws and events in a fun engaging way.
- **Unearth a Mystery at the Museum** had 36 attend. Teens joined us for a Whodunnit Mystery Party. Each attendee took on the personality and role of a famous historical figure at a wax museum that comes alive at night thanks to a magical artifact. At one point in the night, the artifact was stolen, and it became a high-stakes hunt to find the thief. Everyone had a motive, and the group dug up clues, called out lies, and spread rumors to reveal the mystery of whodunnit. Qdoba provided chips and queso.

Ongoing Projects

- “Book-Dash” book display continues 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.
- “The Great Outdoors” books on display thanks to Emily.
- “Among Us” Mystery 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.

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- 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	726
New audiobooks cataloged	0
New music cataloged	0
New DVDs cataloged	48
New Blu-rays cataloged	1
New video games cataloged	0
New board games/puzzles	0
Total items cataloged	775

MAINTENANCE & JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT – Roy W.

- Transported tables and chairs to Williamstown for end of year party.
- Replaced rotten wood on picnic table in back lot. Trashed one from front. Too rotten.
- Hang banner at South for Summer Reading.
- Clean lower parking lot for Library Fest.
- Turned water on in Arboretum and checked for leaks.
- Changed wheels on tables at Williamstown.
- Helped move and setup NY Times microfilm cabinets.
- Replaced bulbs in Genealogy room.
- Put up banner for new Williamstown Library.
- Replaced flags at Emerson and South.
- Fix door counter at South.

GENEALOGY – Jim M. and Kate M.

Number of Walk-ins	63		
Number of Emails	4	Individual Lookups	12
Number of Microfilm Reader Users	32		
Number of Genealogy Computer Users	2		
Phone Contacts	55		
Total for May 2026	156		

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, he was accepted, into the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)
- Completed coursework for Certification as Genealogist with IAP Career College, Continuing work 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 3 projects for patrons. Kate is working on 1 project

TALKING BOOKS DEPARTMENT – Michal Ann L.

- Local Recovery Center/Jail Book Donation Delivery/Local Schools – 4
- Patron Emails: 2 sent: 1
- Calls Received: 10 Calls Made: 5
- Packets mailed out to prospective patrons: 0
- Walk-In Patron Contacts: 7 2 appointments 30 minutes each.
- Active Patrons: 171
- Patrons Added: 0
- Patrons Suspended: 0
- Talking Books Reference Questions: 5
- Processed Patron Materials: 200 Items returned: 21
- Volunteer: 1 Hours: 16
- Scheduling Events calls: 0
- Current Patron Outreach: 0 Birthday cards: 8 Sympathy Cards: 0
- Other Applications Approved: 0
- Library Fest totals: 45 packets given away. 7 with disabled loved ones. 3 patrons stopped to say hello!
- Total Events for the Month: 1 Attendees: 2
 - Continued Projects: Refining Janet's handwritten notes into a TB's Procedure's Manual
 - Created a tentative 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 Spring 2027 Newsletter.
 - Working on a church mass mailing about Talking Books/NLS. 2nd mailing done.

BRANCHES - South Parkersburg – Olivia J.

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Statistics Narrative

- It's here. Summer Reading Program/Summer Library Club has begun. The library has also been administering the Golden Tickets for the schools. On the third day of Summer Reading Program, which was one of the busiest days of sign-ups at the South branch, the internet stopped working at both the South and Emerson branches. I really want to applaud the staff for managing as best they could during this craziness. Not just in getting people registered with visits, but also in doing things like calling Lisa at Williamstown so she could register people for different programs. It was a chaotic period, but everyone did their best to properly serve the patrons.

Ongoing Projects

- The Author of the Month was Colm Tóibín (and everyone knows his name is pronounced Col-uhm Toh-BEEN, I don't know why we're even discussing it, that's how I've always pronounced it, what toy bin?).
- The Megalonyx Jeffersonii, or Giant Ground Sloth Skeleton, went through battle brackets to have its name decided upon by the patrons. The original choices were Syd the Sloth, Super Sloth, Jeff, Joan, Cupcake, Beauregard, Sindy, and Onyx. Onyx was the final victor. I don't know if pictures are allowed to be posted in the Department Activities, so if you haven't seen him, stop by the South branch sometime.
- Kristy and her book club discussed *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters for their June Meeting.
- For the main book display, Ashley made an LGBTQ+ fiction display. I really appreciated how she was able to include a broad range of genres and levels of representation in the display.
- In fiction, Kristy made a book display of books that were also available on Libby as Audiobooks because June was Audiobook Month.
- In non-fiction, there was a display for Queer memoirs and biographies and books in or about West Virginia for West Virginia Day
- Dawn had a display of Pride books and summer books in the children's area
- Story times started for both toddler and preschool age groups. These tend to be highly attended days as these allow kids who are too young for the Summer Reading Program events to participate in other aspects of the program.
- Ashley represented the library with Mel at the Pride in the Park event.
- Teen Programs have finally resumed with Ashley back at the helm and she had a few June events that were attended.
- Olivia continued to brainstorm for the upcoming Escape Room, which will be Treasure Island themed and a bit more kid friendly in terms of puzzle levels than last year's Escape Room.

Completed Projects

Maintenance

- Scott began the process of replacing the circulation computers.

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BRANCHES – Williamstown – Lisa H.

We wrapped up the school year with our Sidewalk Celebration and said goodbye to the after-school kids. We then transitioned right into our busy Summer Library Club season, where we see strong participation and a full schedule of programs and activities.

Completed projects:

- Hosted “Last Day of School Sidewalk Celebration” with tons of food, fun games, and lots of kids. This day also was our first official day that our volunteer, Denette, was welcomed into a paid position! I am so happy to have her officially on board with us!
- We put up our Summer Library Club decorations which included two outside doors and many indoor dinosaur decorations. We also displayed drive-by yard signs featuring the themes for each week of summer and the sign-up date.
- We set up five crafts for Kick-off Week around the theme “Unearth A Story.” The crafts were left out throughout the month.
- June 8th week was Kick-off week where we were very busy with registrations and crafts.
- We enjoyed two sessions of Story Time with Ms. Edie, including stories and snacks and a craft with Lisa.
- June 15th was Event #1 at Williamstown UMC where we learned about Native American mounds and made an arrowhead.
- June 22nd was Event #2 at the church where the theme was “Unearth a Lego Dino.” The kids had a great time with this.
- June 29th was our “Unearth American History Scavenger Hunt” throughout the library. The participants had a great time finding the pictures and earning a prize.
- Our staff oversaw counting visits, the vending machine, handing out backpacks, and giving away free books each day for Summer Library Club.
- We continued our monthly estimation contest. In June 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 monthly meeting of “Coffee, Cards, and Conversation.”
- Attended a meeting at the main branch to review all of our lessons for Summer Library Club.

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.
- Watered and tried my best to keep up with the weeds in our pollinator garden and front flower bed.

Maintenance

- Moved tables for programs and crafts
- Set up outdoor games/volleyball net for our Sidewalk Celebration.

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BOOKMOBILE – Lisa H.

Statistics Narrative

The Bookmobile served 617 patrons in June. We represented the library at many community events throughout the month. We partnered with the Parkersburg Engagement Project and Circles Campaign of the MOV for two of their new family-focused events: the Summer Riding Series and the Family Fishing Day. Another fun event was at the Waverly Activities Center's Dino Day. Since this summer's theme is dinosaurs, we could not pass up the chance to join in with our Digby's T-Rex Tea Party.

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.