

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES –July 2026

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT – Carey C.

Ongoing Projects

- The fiction collection has been shifted to fill the leftover space from the shifting project.
- After weeding the audiobooks, we've shifted the Christian section to give it more space. We'll start filling in the space in the next couple of days.
- Elizabeth and Jeffrey set us up with a new PayPal account and we've started selling books back again.

	Ancestry	EBSCO Sessions	EBSCO Searches	Chilton
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
Jul-26	493	21	38	12
Total	6502	340	1238	159

ADULT PROGRAMMING – Jeanne M, July 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, July 9th- Double feature concert; Buck McCumbers and the Hillbillies, and Steve Ball Music of the Civil War- 30 total attended
- Tuesday, July 14th –Paint Club 10 attended- Campfire on black canvas
- Thursday July 16th -Doug Riley as Stonewall Jackson- West Virginia Statehood –19 attendeed
- Thursday, June 25- Beach Ball Necklace or Keychain
- Displays: Read your way to a Vacation – Climate Control, plastic reduction, Ice Cream Dreams, Guess the Theme, Gardening, Staff Picks

July was busy at circulation, with support services provided for Young Readers Room. The programming was successfull with a total of 69 adults attending the events. Reduced attendance is attributed to vacations.

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YOUNG READER'S ROOM – Charley J.

Completed Projects

- The Summer Library Club stayed busy with around 1,170 kids signed up and enjoying the fun!
- We have given away 3,800 books so far thanks to generous funding from the Henry Logan Foundation.
- Each week we had a different event for families to participate in.
 - For July 4th week and America's 250th birthday, we held an American History-themed scavenger hunt. We hid pictures of American artifacts around the room. Once kids found all of the artifacts, they received a free book and a prize pack with crafts, bubbles, stickers, and other 4th of July themed goodies. We had roughly 250 kids participate in this event.
 - The next week, we held our Adopt a Dino Reading Buddy event. Kids got to adopt their own stuffed dinosaur that can be worn on their wrist while reading books. They also got to fill out a booklet about their new dino pet and make a house for it to live in!
 - Our next event was Shark Week at the library. Families could come in during our regular operating hours throughout the week to participate in a variety of shark-themed crafts and activities. We had a shark painting project, decorated a pocket-shark cove, a shark smelling challenge, and more! We had around 245 kids visit us for this activity.
 - We also held a dino dig week, where each child got to dig up shells, rocks, and dinosaur skeletons, then turn their finds into a museum exhibit. It was a blast watching the kids get so excited about their finds!
 - The last week of July, we held our Gems, Crystals, and Geodes week. Families could come in during our regular operating hours to do a variety of gem and geode-themed crafts. We had over 200 kids visit us throughout the week for this event.
- We hosted multiple story times for ages 5 and under. Story time is always a highlight of my week! We enjoy singing, dancing, and reading with our smallest patrons and their families.
- We also had a special visit from our Tail Waggin' Tutors. Kids got to read one-on-one with a licensed therapy dog for this event. We had 56 people participate and hope to see some of them back in the fall for our monthly Tail Waggin' Tutors events!
- We held our monthly Pokémon Club. Kids got to play the trading card game, do crafts, and trade cards with other members of the club.

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.

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- 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

- For the month of July, 206 teens attended programs for our Teen Summer Library Club. With much gratitude to the Friends of the Library; without them, we could not make this program happen for the community. This year the total attendance for Teen Summer Programs was 406!
- 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 included free books and manga at programs, as well as a cosmic bowling party at the end of summer for those who participated in 4 or more programs.
- **Unearth Cryptids: Build-A-Beast Workshop** had 46 attendees. Teens unearthed the legends of mysterious lesser-known cryptids, then brought a creature of their own to life in a hands-on and slightly strange workshop. They learned the basic steps of taxidermy and crafted faux 'taxidermy' sculptures of their creatures and developed the lore behind them. We had creepy sightings for original creations, all very creative and unique!
- **Unearth the Unknown: Experiment X:** had 34 attendees. Teens unearthed the mysteries of alien life and stepped into a classified research lab to engineer their own alien organisms. After learning about genetic engineering, we tasked the scientists to create organisms that could survive on one of five newly discovered planets, all with different and distinct environments. After creating their lifeforms, we gave the scientists the option to face off in a survival of the fittest. Determining which lifeforms would be the best suited for their planet, top contenders entered a final Battle Royale to crown the ultimate survivor...the Galaxy Master!
- **Unearth Oddities and Curiosities: Wonder Cabinets:** had 39 attendees. Teens learned about the world of wonder cabinets with us and the history of museums, then explored many bizarre and fascinating objects. They were able to "buy" an oddity at our free Little Shop of Oddities, featuring real botanical or animal specimens, and design and create their own cabinet of curiosities to fill with unique treasures.
- **Unearth Cyber Vibes: A Cyberpunk RPG:** had 32 attendees. Teens dived into a D&D-style Cyberpunk RPG called "Neon Wired" set in a high-tech future in a cybernetic city. They created characters equipped with implants, street smarts, and were tasked with the heist of the century to infiltrate a gala to retrieve stolen funds from a corrupt corporate figurehead. Some made it out alive and came out on top, while some went down as just another punk, and a slave to the digital system. We've run many role-playing games, but this one seemed to be a new favorite of our groups.
- **Our End of Summer Cosmic Bowling Party:** had 55 attendees! With much gratitude to Pike Street Lanes for hosting us, we wrapped up our fun-filled summer with a night of bowling, pizza, treats and arcade games. This was a blast to celebrate the end of Summer with all the teens who had been faithfully joining us every week. Big shout out to Pike Street, for providing pizza and a wonderful environment for the kids to come hangout and play before the start of school.

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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.
- “Chill Reads” books on display thanks to Emily.
- “Great” Outdoors” books featuring summer camps, being outside, both good and bad 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.
- Researching, budgeting, and planning all programs for the next school year are underway!
- 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.
- 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	861
New audiobooks cataloged	0
New music cataloged	0
New DVDs cataloged	56
New Blu-rays cataloged	3
New video games cataloged	11
New board games/puzzles	0
Total items cataloged	931

MAINTENANCE & JANITORIAL DEPARTMENT – Roy W.

- Trim, spray, and weeded at Williamstown.
- Shampooed Board Room at Emerson.
- Seal windows at South.
- Cut weeds down in back ditch at South.
- Fix thermostat in computer room and turn on AC. Changed filter.
- Changed filter on AC for Summers Auditorium.
- Pressure washed and sanded benches in Arboretum. Prep for staining.
- Patch holes in parking lot entrance at Emerson.

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GENEALOGY – Jim M. and Kate M.

Number of Walk-ins	75		
Number of Emails	9	Individual Lookups	14
Number of Microfilm Reader Users	22		
Number of Genealogy Computer Users	4		
Phone Contacts	66		
Total for July 2026	176		

Completed Projects

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

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.
- Continuing work on completing a Genealogist Master Professional Course from them.

New Incoming Projects

- Genealogy continues to participate in continuing education through online seminars offered by various genealogical institution
- 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 – 0
- Patron Emails: 5 sent: 3
- Calls Received: 10 Calls Made: 8
- Packets mailed out to prospective patrons: 5
- Walk-In Patron Contacts: 6
- Active Patrons: 171
- Patrons Added: 3
- Patrons Suspended: 0
- Talking Books Reference Questions: 4
- Processed Patron Materials: 11 Items returned: 4
- Volunteer: 1 Hours: 8
- Scheduling Events calls: 0
- Current Patron Outreach: 0 Birthday cards: 4 Sympathy Cards: 0
- Other Applications Approved: 0
- Total Events for the Month: CANCELLED DUE TO JURY DUTY
 - Continued Projects: Refining Janet's handwritten notes into a TB's Procedure's Manual

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- 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 Fall 2027 Newsletter.
- Working on a church mass mailing about Talking Books/NLS. **200 mailers sent out!**

BRANCHES - South Parkersburg – Olivia J.

Statistics Narrative

- July continued to be very busy with SRP programs. The passive weeks felt busier than they had been in previous years. The Golden Ticket activity slowed down a bit though.

Ongoing Projects

- For July an author that really screamed Americana was wanted for the featured Author of the Month, so Cormac McCarthy was chosen.
- *The Wedding People* by Allison Espach was the book for the Novel Book Club.
- For the main book display, Ashley selected books that related to the “Dig Up” idea from the Summer Reading Program and chose books about archeology and mining.
- For the non-fiction end cap displays there was one for American History and one for genealogy (Digging Up the Past).
- In fiction Kristy had a display for Recreation Month.
- YA had a Beach Reads display.
- In the children’s area there were end cap displays for Summer Chapter books, Dinosaur/prehistoric non-fiction books, and a Jane Yolen in memoriam display. There were also displays of American History and summer/summer activities and a display of Caldecott books.
- 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 continued to have a small but regular attendance to her Teen Programs. For her South only Teen program, she had 15 teens signed up and gave away a total of 62 books with both library visits and program giveaways.
- Olivia finalized the Treasure Island Escape Room. Elliot Youngblood was over at South one day and ran through puzzles and was able to give some feedback. The event also started promotion.

Completed Projects

The programs for Summer Reading Program officially wrapped up even though visits can continue through mid-August.

Maintenance

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BRANCHES – Williamstown – Lisa H.

The Summer Library Club continued in full swing in July, with strong participation from returning families as well as many new faces. The library hosted a variety of activities and special events held both at a local church (due to space limitations in our current building) and at the library. It was a busy month filled with learning, lots of creativity, and happy faces. I encourage any reader to look at our Facebook page to see these beautiful children in action.

Completed projects:

- We celebrated America's 250th birthday with an America themed scavenger hunt. Pictures were placed around our library showing various scenes in our country's history. Upon completion of the hunt, the kids received a prize pack with patriotic supplies and a free book.
- We held our Adopt-a-Dino Reading Buddy event at the church. The children adopted a slap bracelet reading dinosaur and made a little house for their dino. They were encouraged to read to their dino buddy every day.
- We also held our Dino Dig week event at the church where each child chiseled their way through a dino dig to discover bones and shells. The kids loved it and it brought a tear to my eye to watch the excitement of discovery! One child said he found his future career!
- We had two passive craft weeks in July as well. We hosted shark week where kids painted and stenciled sharks, as well as made a pocket shark. Children also participated in our "Sniff-tacular Smell Lab" and many challenged their parents to see who had a more accurate "sniffer." Our other passive week featured Gems and Geodes where children made different crafts such as egg carton geodes, geode painting, a geode suncatcher and participated in gem identification.
- We enjoyed two sessions of Story Time with Ms. Edie, including stories about bears and circuses, and had snacks, and a craft with Lisa.
- Our staff oversaw counting visits, the vending machine, handing out backpacks, and giving away free books each day for the Summer Library Club.
- We continued our monthly estimation contest. In July we estimated how many pieces of red, white, and blue chocolate 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 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.
- Continue monitoring the Wood County School's Golden Ticket program.
- Watered flowers in both outside flower beds and pulled weeds.

Maintenance

- Helped move tables for programs and crafts.
- Took down all Story Walk signs due to extreme wear and damage and started working on new ones.

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BOOKMOBILE – Lisa H.

Statistics Narrative

The Bookmobile served 284 patrons in July. The lower numbers were caused by several issues. First, a few location stops were cancelled due to the warehouse fire at the beginning of the month. Second, on July 22, the Bookmobile experienced brake issues and went out of service for 6 workdays.

On a brighter note, we brought the Summer Library Club to the Grand Central Mall's Camp Marshmallow on July 15. Campers made fossil imprints with air dry clay, painted colorful dino friends, and enjoyed story time.

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.