

Facilities

A volunteer has come forward to help with the library gardens this summer. Efforts are continuing to locate other volunteers interested in helping to keep the gardens weeded and neat.

Staff Development:

Two All-Staff-Workdays were scheduled during April, allowing staff to spend uninterrupted time working on special projects. This month staff projects focused on weeding both fiction and non-fiction books and working on improvements to the library's website.

Other:

The library has added a new online program called Transparent Languages. Any library patron interested in learning another language can link to the software through the library's website.

Programming:

National Library Week, April 12 to 18, was actively celebrated at the library this year. In honor of the occasion the library scheduled a series of special events including a highly successful tea, a program on Cemeteries and Gravestones, a feature film, a craft for children and a puppet show.

Additionally the library presented 19 other programs during the month. These programs included the Lego club, book discussions, story times, and a play reading program. Two hundred eighty-five people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Library statistics continue to show shifting usage patterns. While overall circulation figures were down 2% with 8,243 items circulated, book circulation increased by 2% over 2014 figures with 4,344 items circulated. It was generally a quieter month as the number of visitors decreased by 3% over April 2014 figures with 6,763 visitors during the month. Usage of the Internet also decreased to 1,698 uses. Meanwhile, EBook circulation increased by 13% over last year's figure.