

NELIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Semi-Annual Report to the
Neligh City Council
June 11, 2019

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This summer's reading program theme is "A Universe of Stories" and many fun space-related activities are planned in June and July. Special events are scheduled for Monday, June 10 at 10:30 am; Dr. Young of Wayne State College's Planetarium will be at the library. And on Saturday, June 15, the library will host Wildlife Encounters at 10 am. Activities for kids are twice a week on Thursdays through July. And we will consider it "mission accomplished" with our end-of-summer street dance and party in August. Reading challenges for all ages are all part of



The library continues to be an integral part of the community and we strive to reach all segments of the community. Monthly outreach programs featuring "virtual vacations" are offered at the Arbor Care Center (Neligh Care & Rehab.) and at The Willows. Travelling story times reach the youngest members of our community, while after school programs, cultural programs and various book clubs touch all ages in between.

Accreditation

Throughout the summer I will be working on the re-accreditation process for the library. This includes doing a community assessment and setting goals for the library with the needs of the community in mind. The library hopes to build partnerships with the Economic Development Department, the Chamber of Commerce and other community organizers. The library can be an active participant in the growth of the community. As part of the community- engagement process, the Neligh Library Foundation is actively working on a public relations campaign informing people of ALL that the library does for them. Again, the library serves the people, meeting the needs of the community is our number one priority.

Budget

Seventy-five percent through the fiscal year, the library budget is on track to end well. The library received \$3,494.00 from Antelope County and \$1, 109.00 in State Aid from the Nebraska Library Commission. Over \$1,100.00 has been received in private donations/grants. At the end of May, the library had expended 60.23% of its budget. And soon we will be discussing the budget for next year. Just last week the Antelope County librarians presented reports and requested funding from the Antelope County Commissioners. A decision on that funding will not be made until possibly next month.

Future

The future of the library is, in part, in your hands. Thank you for supporting the library's efforts to be the best it can be for our community. It is with your continued support that the library will move into the next decade as an excellent example of what a small rural library should be. I am extremely grateful that you view librarianship as a worthy profession and compensate library workers fairly. All that the library hopes to accomplish is in the hearts of passionate staff who see the best in our community. Funding is essential as the community and the library progress; please continue to support the library's desire to reach its potential.

Respectfully submitted,



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