

Library Report

The monthly coffee meet-and-greet group met July 10th. The next meet up will be August 14th.

Twenty-nine new items were added to the shelves in July. Six of those were ordered at the request of several of our young readers, and many of the others were chosen from the Nebraska section at The Tattered Book used book store in Grand Island, using our credit there.

Both the Juvenile Fiction and Adult Fiction sections have now been thoroughly weeded of dated books. A list of 'most wanted' books to fill in the newly thinned shelves has been created. Some of those have already been acquired using our credit at Tattered Book. We are waiting to hear whether or not we will receive a grant to cover the cost of purchasing new juvenile fiction books.

Although our six week summer program is over, we still are having a nice number of children and families visiting. The craft materials we purchased using state distributed grant money are getting a lot of use - craft stick bird feeders and tie-dyed coffee filter butterflies are very popular this summer! Four families visiting grandparents this summer have made use of the library, and two other families took advantage of the comfortable space and activities while waiting for air conditioning and bathroom repairs to be completed at their homes.

The preschool department at the elementary school is excited to start using the newly created take-home story time kits this fall! These 25 kits were the result of a grant the library received last year and have been flying off the shelves. Patrons have raved about the books and games and music cds included in the kits. We have 4 additional kits in process and will be planning others based on the content needs of the preschool and kindergarten curriculum.

The library director completed all of the requirements for library recertification by the June deadline. Her new certification status will be good for three years. She has begun logging the 45 continuing education unit hours needed to qualify for recertification in 2026. These are earned by watching webinars, taking on-line classes in library science, and attending conferences and workshops. The assistant librarian's recertification is due next year and she is on target to complete the necessary hours by then. The library board's certification will be due next year, as well. They must complete 20 CEU hours to qualify. The library's accreditation expires December 2024. We have begun the process for reaccreditation and can submit that paperwork on July 2, 2024.