

## Ashe County Librarian Report

May/June 2024

July 8, 2024 at noon

### Programs/Partnerships

- 2610 attendees at 72 events
- Summer Reading: 459 kids, 57 teens, 119 adults
- 800 books given away in May and June (Kids Summer Reading-412 books)

### Advocacy/Outreach

- Presented a proposal to the Board of Commissioners to increase their proposed allocation to the library; received enough to give staff a 5% COLA
- Met with Melanie Shepherd at Skyline/Skybest to share appreciation for their longtime support of the On the Same Page Festival
- Hosted WJCP Backstreet Concert featuring the Crooked Road Ramblers

### Collections

- We added 1804 new books to the library collection in FY 2023-24. This does not include any donated books that were added. We spent a total of \$28,475.37 on these books with an average cost per book of \$15.78.

### Building/Equipment

- New self-check station installed across from the circulation desk.
- New bench to be installed across the parking lot (facing Mount Jefferson).
- Replacing a Storytrail panel that was damaged in Bowie Segraves Park.
- Awaiting new tables for the board room. Will also be replacing board room chairs later this year.

### Budget

- Ashe County Board of Commissioners voted to give us \$623,104, an increase of \$40,000 over last year's allocation. This will allow us to give staff a 5% COLA. They expressed gratitude for our ability to avoid unnecessary controversy in contentious times.

### Personnel

- Jay Wild (7) and Carolyn Hines (3) celebrated work anniversaries in May and June; Lee Payne (7) celebrates hers today (July 8).
- We hired three temporary, part time Library Assistants for summer: Sara Marshburn (YS), Lily Coldiron (YS), and Josie Russell (YS).
- We hope to post for a new Library Assistant, who will work in all departments and report to the County Librarian, in late July.
- We are hiring for a part time Adult Services Librarian and a part time Youth Services Specialist.

### Opportunities

- Patron Behavior Management
- Staff Behavior Management