

## Ashe County Librarian Report: March & April 2023

### Strategic Plan 2022-2026

- We have completed or will soon complete 24 of the tactics assigned to us for 2023, leaving 12 that have not been completed (some of these are in progress)
- Remaining tasks include assessing the Spanish language collection, cultivating relationships with adult literacy educators, hosting summer reading programs for all ages, and hosting author visits

### Programs/Partnerships

- Served 1285 people through traditional programs and an additional 719 through self-directed programs and program kits (Mar & Apr)
- Gave away 175 books (Mar & Apr)
- Co-hosted two events with the Children's Advocacy Center of Ashe to support their work during National Child Abuse Prevention Month (Apr)
- Offered a full week of children's programs during ACS spring break (Apr)

### Advocacy/Outreach

- Visited Bald Mountain Baptist's Senior Group (Mar)
- Partnered with Blue Ridge Elementary to host a book tasting event for 3-6 grades for Read Across America (Mar)
- Visited the WJ Board of Aldermen to confirm date for foam party and announce the Poetry Contest story trail in the park (Apr)

### Collections

- Purchased a new collection of Wonderbooks just in time for summer travel
- Purchased 2023-24 Battle of the Books titles for elementary, middle, and high school and relocated all BoB titles to one location to save the time of patrons and staff alike
- Shifted the picture book and easy reader collections to make browsing and shelving easier

### Building/Equipment

- So many water issues; feel free to schedule a time to discuss if you want more details
- Plan to purchase replacement plexi for Ashe Park story trail; commitment from Ashe Parks & Rec to assist with ongoing maintenance and find a better location for a new installation
- Lots of issues with printers, computers, projectors, etc.
- New furniture ordered for the teen area; new shelving to be installed mid-May

### Personnel

- Vickie Milam celebrated her 27th anniversary with the library (Apr)
- FOL provided lunch and treats for staff in honor of National Library Week (Apr)

### Looking ahead

- Student poetry reception scheduled for May 11; Hart's Grocery Author Series begins May 20 and runs through November; Summer reading for kids, teens, and adults will be June 1-July 31 with five programs a week plus two storytimes for kids and special kits and events for teens and adults; Board of Commissioners budget sessions will be June 5-8