

Ashe County Librarian Report

March/April 2024

May 13, 2024

Programs/Partnerships

- School visits, spring break programming, and a variety of book clubs kept programming staff busy with a total of **1489 attendees at regular programming** and an additional 20 people served through non-traditional programming kits
- 145 books given away through Read Across America programming and Ashe Detention Center outreach

Advocacy/Outreach

- Met with County Manager Adam Stumb to discuss FY 2024-25 budget request
- Visited Lansing Board of Aldermen meeting and secured a partner agreement to install a new story trail in Lansing Creeper Trail Park within the next year
- While our Outreach Specialist, Reta Winebarger, was recovering from knee surgery, several members of the circulation department made home visits to outreach patrons to make sure they had enough books until Reta could return.

Collections

- Biennial inventory is underway. This allows us to keep the database records as accurate as possible.
- New signage for adult collections on the main level is being installed.

Building/Equipment

- Purchased three new self check tables. One will be a traditional self checkout station while the other two will have signage that encourages patrons to use myLIBRO's self check feature.

Budget

- Received a \$10,000 LSTA Community Partnerships for Literacy Mini-Grant to improve the infrastructure and content of the library collection at Ashe Detention Center
 - <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/services-libraries/grants-libraries/lsta-grant-information#Tab-Mini-Grants-234>

Personnel

- Jim Guenther (3), Katylin Martin (3), Megan Kennedy (2), Rebecca Kennedy (8), Vickie Milam (28), and April Laney (2) celebrated their work anniversaries in March and April.
- We have positions open for a Youth Services Specialist and a Circulation Assistant. Both positions are part time.