

Ashe County Librarian Report: September & October 2023

Programs/Partnerships

- Served 2,273 people at over 70 programs
- Served an additional 600 people through self-directed programming
- On the Same Page: Over 700 attendees at 20 programs
- Gave away 335 books
- Hosted a reception for the Saving Seeds, Saving Stories oral history project
- Partnered with Ashe Co. Arts Council to host international singer-songwriter Sarah McQuaid
- National leadership for the Young Eisner Scholars program visited our management team to thank us for our partnership to serve the local arm of the program
- Registered 82 new cardholders during National Library Card Sign-up Month in September; we plan to continue distributing new cardholder packets throughout the year

Advocacy/Outreach

- Presented Annual Report to BoC
- Exploring new outreach opportunities at Ashe Detention Center
- Ashe Farmers Market Outreach (June-October): Connected with over 1200 people, made 25 new library cards and renewed 8 library cards, gave away 160 books
- Hosted three Hart's Grocery author events (David Joy-OTSP, Nick Ochsner, Mimi Herman)
- Established connections with High Country Area Agency on Aging to help support caregivers through library and community resources

Collections

- 382 books added to the library collection

Building/Equipment

- Located and repaired three large water leaks
- Installed Mamava lactation pod

Technology

- Staff testing myLibro app; moving slowly toward public launch

Personnel

- Marna Napoleon celebrated her 11th anniversary (Sept.) and Reta Winebarger celebrated her 4th (Oct.)
- We have a 19-hour circ assistant position available (may have hired by the time we meet)

Looking ahead

- Participating in Operation Green Light along with Ashe Veterans Services; An Appalachian Thanksgiving Food Talk with Sheri Castle at Old Orchard Creek; Food for Fines (November 27-December 2); Holiday Tea; Holiday Card Making Workshop; Hot Chocolate kits for WJ Hometown Christmas; Stories with Santa