

Wilkes County Librarian Report for January / February 2023

ADVOCACY / OUTREACH

- Suzanne shared presentations on new programs to several community groups (SCV, DAR, NWWC) the Town of North Wilkesboro, and the Wilkes County Commissioners.
- Wendy collaborated with the History Museum and Arts Council to host a concert for Black History Month.
- The Yadkin Valley Magazine featured the library in their March/April edition.
- Suzanne and Elizabeth attended the Wilkes Annual Chamber Member Meeting, an opportunity for networking with local businesses and organizations.
- The Rotary Club is creating a marketing video about the Hi-Lo collection for adult literacy.
- A Wilkes County Library History display was created to showcase Library Lovers Month.

PROGRAMS

- Nicole and Brigett are a cooking team success with ATOAH classes! There were so many signed up to participate that the class began on Feb. 21 and a second session begins on April 13.
- Nicole made the news reading stories at a Valentine's Day event with the Partnership for Children.
- Elizabeth has been busy with scheduling summer reading programming. Imagination Café will run through the month of June.
- Mara Lynn has been promoting virtual author talks for Black History Month and NCREADS 23. These were after-hours via Zoom and very engaging . . . see for notes on scheduled NCREADS authors to appear in coming months.
- Suzanne, Nicole, Sarah, and MaraLynn attended a podcasting class, at The Masthead and discussed a programming partnership with this organization.

FINANCES & RESOURCES

- The Edible Education Cooking Cart and the Community Fridge have arrived!
- Over \$1000 dollars has been collected in donations and sales of the library's first edition VHP.
- Two grants were submitted: Breaking Stigma with Access to Narcan and Recovery Help – a county Opioid Crisis Response Grant and Wilkes Library Locker Grant – an LSTA EZ Grant
- Traphill Branch received Tai Chi Fall Prevention Grant to assist with programming materials.
- Five new staff computers were purchased with ARPA funding

FACILITIES

- The county has agreed to repair our big picture window, which has been leaking during torrential rain.
- A flat screen TV will be installed at upstairs reference desk to run digital marketing for library programs
- Plans are still underway for the upstairs renovation. Interior designer, Jim Lyall, came by to review the area again and is developing a rendering of the proposed improvements.

STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

- Jan Elledge has left and applications coming in to fill a part-time circulation vacancy.
- Brittany Serbeck, work-study student is laying the groundwork (no pun intended) for the community garden at Cub Creek. This is a community engagement project and all support is welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

- Financial Wellness programming is scheduled for March and Environmental Wellness is planned for April (see brochure for information and join us!)
- Benjamin Barker (harpist) and David Sarnoff (flutist) are performing in the library at 3:30 pm on March 18.
- Basket-Making Class with Linda Eller scheduled for March 11 & 14 and an Easter Egg Hunt takes place on March 25.
- Cyclovia takes place on April 1, downtown North Wilkesboro. This is a community event and the library is going to be operating an outreach tent with outdoor activities.
- Family Fun Day is planned at the main library on April 22
- Suzanne is scheduled to be out for knee replacement . . . if able she will host an instrument petting zoo at Merlefest

Game Changers virtual book event with Art Chansky and Dr. Matt Andrews*

Event Date: March 27, 2023

Event Time: 6:30 pm

Event Format: Zoom Webinar

Register here:



*Live events will be recorded and available to watch on demand on NC Humanities' YouTube channel

