

Wilkes County Librarian Report for July / August 2022

ADVOCACY / OUTREACH

- Suzanne shared a library presentation with the Rotary club
- Suzanne recorded a Chamber podcast to share current programming, library perspectives on Banned Books Week, and Library Card Sign-up information.
- Suzanne and Trap Jammers entertained at the Farmers Market's Tomato Tasting Competition.
- Wendy Barber hosted a gospel music event with the Wilkes Heritage Museum during the peach festival.
- A LOT of collected school supplies were delivered to the Department of Education

PROGRAMS

- Benjamin Barker shared a concert with hammered dulcimer and harp on July 23. Very well received!
- Schiele Museum's Gem Mining program was very successful - total of 84 attendees in Wilkes, 44 attendees in Traphill
- Great turnout for Harry Potter Day (180) Thirty-nine came out for Professor Sprout's class!
- Moonshine and Motorsports documentary in the works - potential partner/program

FINANCES & RESOURCES

- A grant was submitted to Wilkes Community Foundation for equipment and licensing to offer heritage cooking classes at the library.
- Family Search was installed on the genealogy computers

FACILITIES

- Bryan Noblett will be pressuring washing the library and cleaning the dome roof over Labor Day weekend.

STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

- Jennifer Chatham was appointed to serve on the local board and Arnold Lakey was appointed to serve on the regional board at the August 16 Commissioners Meeting.
- Elizabeth and Suzanne will be attending the ARSL Conference in September 14 – 17
- Trish Berry is back as a volunteer!

LOOKING AHEAD

- The library will be represented at the Farmers Market's Pumpkin Festival on Sept 24. There will be another annual pumpkin decorating contest in youth services this October.
- An Art Supply Swap also takes place on September 24 in the library.
- Wilkes Heritage Museum and Wilkes Folk Acoustic Society working with library to bring Alice Gerrard for a screening of her new documentary and a Q & A follow-up at 6:30 pm on October 25

- Michael Almond back to talk about his book, *The Tannery*, at 5:30 p.m. on August 27
- NNLM is featuring the same book as The Reading Trap's August discussion (*The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Annie Fadiman) [NNLM has a Moodle platform](#) where online conversation and live sessions take place. The Wilkes Library Book Club will read and participate in the NNLM programming during October
- Collaborative program in the works with Wilkes Partnership of Children – A story walk and book vending machine to launch by end of October
- Participating with holiday parade in December – theme “Books make us BRIGHT”