

Wilkes County Librarian Report for March / April 2023

ADVOCACY / OUTREACH

- Mara Lynn and Suzanne visited JROTC students at Wilkes Central High School to present the Veterans History Project and recruit involvement for the continued work.
- The Library participated in the Health Foundation's Cyclovia event
- Suzanne gave a presentation to the Episcopal Church on Food Programming
- The Library rented a plot in Cub Creek Park's Community Garden to engage the community and grow produce for the library's new FREEDGE
- Mara Lynn and Suzanne attended VFW's Vietnam Day Celebration and shared information about library programming for veterans.
- National Library Workers Day, April 25, was celebrated with a staff appreciation lunch donated by Bill Warden along with treats from Laurie Love and Debbie Barrett.
- Nicole shared information with ALA for a magazine article about the FOL Antique Road Show

PROGRAMS

- The library highlighted Financial and Environmental Wellness with a series of programs and partners.
- Youth Services hosted a Family Fun Day with Community Organizations
- Ola Norman led the Reading Trap in April's discussion while Suzanne was out.
- Deb Beckel started a Roots and Branches Genealogy club in Traphill.

FINANCES & RESOURCES

- The library received a free one-year subscription to Book List, in print and digital format. This will replace the current subscription to Book Page.
- Indermaur Chess Foundation's Game Changer program provided resources to host chess tournaments at the library and with other libraries.
- Many donations were received in memory of Jean Tugman and Mark Tharrington.
- The endowment committee mailed out a spring newsletter, and reviewed donations. A request for annual distribution funds will be submitted soon.

FACILITIES

- The county covered cost of HVAC repairs

STAFF/VOLUNTEERS

- Victoria Wolfe began working as new part-time circulation assistant.
- Library managers and staff are an excellent and amazing team. So proud of all their outstanding service!

LOOKING AHEAD

- Imagination Café will be part of summer programming – June through August.
- The theme for Summer Reading programming is Kindness. Youth Services and the branch library have been busy planning a number of exciting events (see brochures)
- Jammin' at the Branch will begin meeting twice a month on second and fourth Saturdays
- Hosting a Baby Supply Drive – May through June to benefit Wilkes County Partnership for Children and Towel Day – Towel Drive for The Homeless Shelter
- Juneteenth Celebration takes place on June 17 in partnership with Wilkes Heritage Museum. Presentation by Effley D Howell Sr (11:30 am) and music by DJ Deacon (2:00 pm)