



Edgewood Community Library

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LIBRARIAN REPORT

May 2012

Here we are, already in May! It seems like time has been flying by, as it feels like just yesterday this was being done for the first time. No complaints registered yet, so it must have been OK! May has seen attendance pick up some, for the library in general as well as for story time. That is a good feeling, as it was disconcerting for the new assistant librarian to watch attendance drop after arriving in March.

Weekly Story Time has definitely picked up, on May 30, we had 27 children, and 11 adults in attendance, librarian included in that number. The children seem to be enjoying the crafts that are chosen to accompany the book being read, and the parents are appreciative of the reading and craft time they have with their children. This is a very pleasurable portion of the week for the assistant librarian, who absolutely loves working with children and reading to them!

During May, the library had the paint on the walls touched up, covering some of the hand and foot prints that had started showing. The batteries that backup our surge protectors finally went out in May, and as of this writing, all four under the patron computers have been replaced. They are working much better now.

While doing the statistics for May, it was noticed one of the patrons that had been banned from computer use for inappropriate activity was back on the computers. Barbara noticed his name while checking the sign-in sheet one afternoon and reminded him his privileges had been revoked. He logged off and left the library, and has not been seen using them since.

We had two inspections during May, one from Safety Counseling, and one from the fire inspector. Safety Counseling had some concerns about monitor placement for a couple of the computers, they were re-positioned and they passed. Also found was an outlet in the children's section that did not have a safety cover; one was placed on the outlet immediately. Another concern was the door from the library by the shelves that leads to the meeting room. As it is not an exit proper, it was required to have signage placed that states "Not an exit" as well as stating that it is a door for employees and staff only. All items found were addressed immediately, and the library passed the inspection. The Fire Marshall found no issues except for two areas in the meeting room, way up on the

wall by the ceiling, where wiring comes out of the wall. We are required to have cover plates over those holes in case a fire starts in the walls. We are looking into getting that taken care of.

There have been many donations brought into the library that have gone into the Book Barn for sales. It is good to know the community continues to support the library through donations of books, and the purchase of same through the Book Barn sales. Towards the end of April we received a box from UNM Press full of new books they were donating to the library. There were many nice acquisitions for the library, most of which were southwest related and many with local authors. Book donations continue to be an important aspect of the material acquisition for the library, and May has seen a prolific amount of books donated, thank you to everyone in the community who helps support the library this way!

On May 25, we started registering children for the Summer Reading Program. There appears to be a lot of interest, and I am hoping for many more registrants before the program starts on June 4. All in all, May was a fairly busy month, which is awesome!

Programs: Weekly Story Time
Programs: 5
Total Attendance: 137

Meetings: Library Board
Meetings: 0
Attendance: 0

Read Write Adult Literacy
Meetings: 3
Attendance: 6

Other: Friends of Our Library Society
2 book sales

Smarty Pants Daycare Outreach
Meetings: 1
Attendance: 20

Statistics: Adult Visitors: 1,128
Children: 395
TOTAL DAY LIBRARY VISITORS: 1,523
CHECKOUTS and RENEWALS: 1,600

Volunteer Logged Hours: 182 Internet: 606 Reference: 66

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Hambek, Assistant Librarian