

Abbott Memorial Library Librarian's Report, February 24, 2025

The public library report was submitted to the state on Jan. 27. There were lots of good statistics to share. In the last fiscal year,
visitors to the library = 2,136

items checked out:

Electronic, books through Libby and movies through Kanopy = 1,265

Physical: books, dvds, cd audiobooks = 2,546

Total = 3,811 checkouts of books, audiobooks, and movies

Puzzles & Park passes = 89

Interlibrary loan: 142 items provided to other libraries, 167 items borrowed from other libraries

350 people attended programs.

175 craft bags were picked up from the front porch.

67 people participated in the craft table.

Abbott Book Club met in Jan. (15 people) and Feb. (11 people). For March we are reading *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. We are considering *Come Fly With Me* by Julia Cooke for April, if it works for the local author to visit.

Yarn & Thread fiber group still meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2 – 4 pm.

Preschool Storytime attendance is sporadic. Liz continues to help.

We still offer craft bags on the front porch and a craft table in the children's room. Our most recent craft was valentine prints.

An interactive exhibit on display for a few weeks is a marble run made by a class at Artistree.

I submitted the (SRP) summer reading program grant application on Feb. 10. It is for \$350, and the theme is "Color Your World". I listed craft supplies, books, and toys to spend the grant money on. Everyone was encouraged to apply especially since funding during the next few years may be cut.

After postponing twice due to winter storms, we held the Backyard Sugaring program with Vern Clifford this past Thursday Feb. 20. We had a nice turnout, 18 people including Vern. It was excellent, very interesting. Vern explained best practices, showed us many tools, and he even demonstrated how to tap a tree using a 2-foot piece of maple trunk.

Moth Storytelling program will likely take place early April.

The entire collection needs weeding. I began with adult fiction. Nonfiction and audiobooks will be next. Children's room will be after that.

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