

August 2023 BNML Librarian's Report

Building & Technology

- Mulching and bush trimming is done. We will go over on this line.
- Aiden Forbes gave us estimates for repairs on the toilet, fire doors, drywall cracks, screens, siding cracks. I have asked him to just repair the toilet for now and we'll see how that goes before moving forward on the rest (and will take the budget into consideration).

Grants/Funding

- Grant funded shelf is here and looks great.
- Applied for Courier grant for \$625.
- Have submitted \$1200+ from the Parent Child Center grant so far.

Programming

- **August** programs have included 4 Storytimes, Saturday playgroup, two Beekeepers meetings, and the culmination of the Summer Reading Program (3 programs and lots of visits and wrap up)
- Upcoming programming in **September**:
 - School tours
 - After school circuit programs
 - Seed saving program
 - Bid Event
 - Story Hour every Wednesday
 - SaturPlay
 - Book delivery and baby package (5 so far this month!) prep ongoing

Other

- Inventory largely complete! Working on final data cleanup.
- Gail Salzman has not responded about the painting/insurance.
- Jeffrey Nelson has taken the new patio bench and is staining it now.
- Completed an extensive staffing/salary survey for VTDOL. Results will hopefully come out in time for budget prep.

Some stats:

The Summer Reading Program had 92 kids signed up (14% more than last year) and more participated who weren't on the list. They pledged to read nearly 4000 books,.

From January to July 2023, visits are up **14%** and circulation is up **20%** over 2022 in the same timeframe.

Lots of compliments from patrons about new books, story hour, friendliness, organization, and activities!