BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT JUNE 2026

I. *Circulation* – Items that have been checked out, renewed, or loaned/borrowed library loan.
   - Total – **6,612** (2025: 6,858) (2024: 6,797)
   - Type (included in total)
     - Books & Serials – **4,689** (2025: 5,145) (2024: 5,195)
     - Video – **465** (2025: 321) (2024: 406)
     - Audio – **76** (2025: 69) (2024: 101)
     - Electronic – **1,229** (2025: 1,170) (2024: 889)
     - Other – **153** (2024: 153) (2025: 206)
   - Age (included in total)
     - Adult – **2,466** (2025: 2,255) (2024: 2,420)
     - Young Adult – **328** (2025: 400) (2024: 491)
     - Children – **2,555** (2025: 3,005) (2024: 2,954)
     - Not Assigned – **34** (2025: 28) (2024: 43)
   - Inter-Library Loan (included in total)
     - Borrowing – **595** (2025: 616) (2024: 544)
     - Lending – **333** (2025: 368) (2024: 296)

II. *Library Visits* – People walking through the door as tallied by an automatic door counter.
   - **3,182** (2025: 2,708) (2024: 2,677)

III. *New Library Cards* – Individuals who registered for a Coventry library card for the first time.
   - **51** (2025: 55) (2024: 60)

IV. *Reference* – Questions staff answered regarding library services, library catalog, local area, research, genealogy, homework help, and more.
   - **690** (2025: 704) (2024: 786)

V. *Internet* – Use of library Wi-Fi and desktop computers.
   - Desktop Computers
     - Total Users – **199** (2025: 185) (2024: 162)
   - Wi-Fi
     - Total Sessions – **7,362**(2025: 7,344) (2024: 1,562)
     - Total Devices – **300** (2025: 322) (2024: 247)
     - Average clients per day – **28** (2025: 31)

VI. *Programs* – Events, activities, workshops, or lectures offered by the library.
- Programs – **29** (2025: 26) (2024: 18)
- Participants – **1,155** (2025: 1,137) (2024: 370)
  - ***Summer Reading Ice Cream Social had 302 attendees. Our highest on record! We ended the day with just 4 Hoodise Cups – thank you to Coventry Public Market for donating the ice cream!***
  - ***The Library began it's Leaders & Readers Storytime Series with visits from Police Chief Peterson on June 17, and Public Works Director Bill Watkins and Director of Human Services Madison Baranoski on June 23.***
  - ***The Teen Room Level-Up party had 25 attendees, and was immediately followed by Library Laser Tag, which had 65 attendees!***

VII. *Online presence* – Activity tracked on our Facebook, website, and Google Profile.
- Facebook
  - Posts – **30**
    - Views – **21,137**
    - Reach – **13,216**
    - Engagement – **972**
    - ***Post promoting Make Music Day with the Coventry Hillbillies had over 3,700 views. The program brought in 21 people.***
    - ***Weekly library question posts continue to increase engagement, reaching nearly 1,400 individuals!***
- Google
  - Profile Views – **661**
  - Business Profile Interactions – **562**
  - Website Visits – **414**
  - Searches – **221**
- Website
  - Site Visits – **2,456**
  - Page Visits – **3,941**

VIII. *Library Facilities*
- The library chiller was serviced and turned on for the season.
- Elevator inspection was completed and is good for 2 years.
- Carl and his friend and former school custodian Sean waxed the tile floors in the community room and upstairs stacks area.
- Margaret participated in the town's first Facility & Infrastructure Planning meeting, noting that many components of the library's HVAC is aging, and that patrons frequently request private/quite study space, which we currently cannot offer.
- Automated Building Services completed preventative maintenance on June 17.

IX. *Library Staff & Professional Development*

- Jenn attended an information session on additional services offered by Ingram – one of our primary book order platforms.
- Kayla attended 5th grade Field Day at GHR on June 4.
- Margaret attended a planning meeting for Arts on Main on June 9. The event is scheduled to take place on August 29. The library will host puppet shows and have puppet making crafts.
- Margaret met with bookkeeper Stephanie and Patt to review plan for fiscal year end on June 11.
- Jenn attended an information session through the Secretary of the State's Office about new CT laws that could affect libraries, including voter registration laws.
- Margaret attended the CLA monthly meeting on June 18th, then met with Mansfield Library Director Devon Andrews, the incoming CLA Treasurer, to review responsibilities of the position.

X. *General Updates*

- Summer Reading kicked off with the Ice Cream Social on June 15 at Creaser Park. Over 300 people attended and library was generously provided by Coventry Public Market.
- Aubrey and Rachel attended the Farmers' Market on June 28.
- Library staff began planning for Library Card Sign-Up month in September.
- The community room was used 3 times by outside groups.

Top left: At the June 23 Leaders & Readers Stotyrime, a little library patron got a front-row view of a truck book, read by Public Works Director Bill Watkins, while Director of Human Services Madison Baranoski looked on.
Middle Right: Chief Peterson at Leaders & Readers Storytime on June 17.
Bottom Left: Families sign up for Summer Reading and enjoy a sweet treat at the Ice Cream Social on June 15.