

2021 July director's report

1. Staff survived the first month of Summer Learning. We had a few hiccups but overall things went well. So far July is keeping pace with June, program attendance remains strong and we are getting busy times again at both circulation desks. New people are coming in and many of our regulars are finally returning.
2. Library will be participating in Let's Walk again this year. Director will be playing in a combo at the gazebo on the VCSU quad.
3. John has taken over video editing duties in addition to his regular hours.
4. Director met with Thorsteinson Construction regarding the roof. They did not have a long enough ladder to get on the roof and will be returning with a lift to reach the roof safely. They said the roof does not look in too bad condition from the ground and may not need a total redo.
5. The patron who had the issue with the employee's dress, that we discussed at the last meeting, has resumed using the library. She and her family have been coming in weekday mornings.
6. Wes has almost finished rearranging things at the museum for the research branch. All VCBCPL's local interest materials have been moved over and are on the shelf. The next step will be to activate the branch in Apollo and catalog the museum's print collection. Director is hoping the North Dakota library coordinating council will resume the cataloging grant which will help to cover the cost of cataloging.
7. All the CD audio books have been moved to the shelves that recently held the North Dakota collection. The parts of the ND collection that were not transferred to the museum branch or weeded have been interfiled with the general collection.
8. During last month's meeting the board asked how many DVDs were overdue and whether we should consider shortening up the time to make them missing and charge the patron the replacement cost. As of 7/13, 201 items are currently overdue. 12 are DVDs; 1 was due the middle of May, 3 were due the end of June, the remaining 8 are all about a week late. The director recommends we continue with our current policy and revisit if needed.