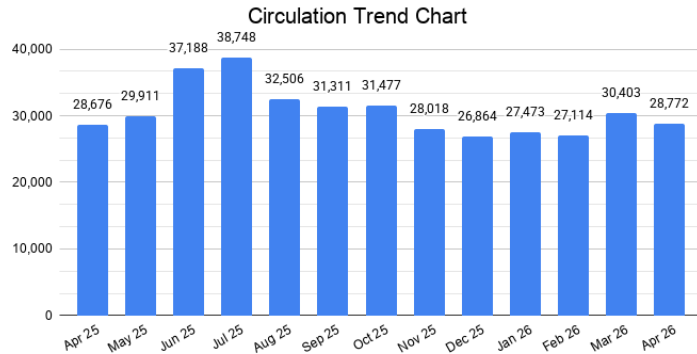


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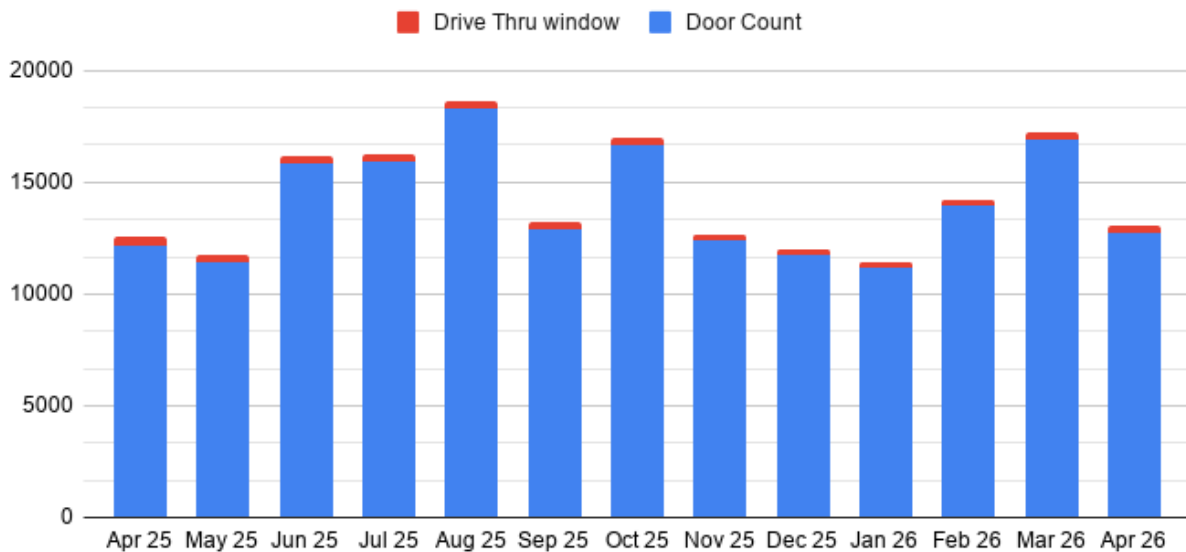
Monthly Report – April 2026 Activities

Circulation Team Report

- Number of Visitors to the Library: 13,022
- Total Items Circulated: 28,722
- New Cards Issued: 161
- Number of Active Cardholders: 9671
- Total Volunteers: 122
- Total Volunteer Hours: 834
- Patron Internet Use: 397
- Collection Size: 64,820

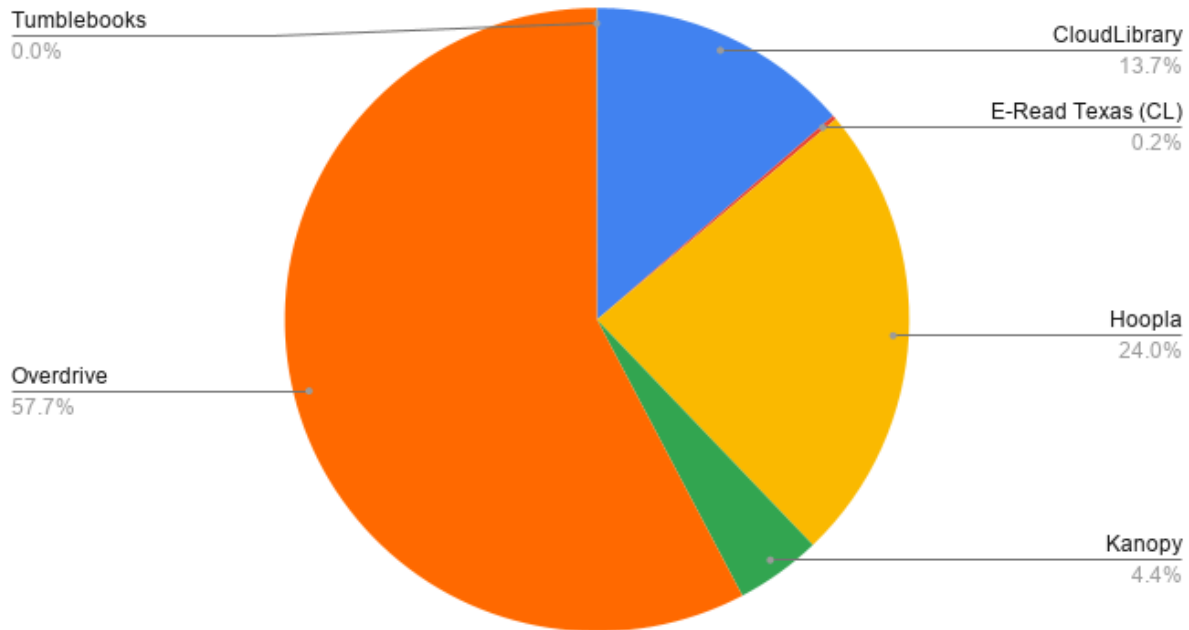


Library visits: Door Count and Drive Thru window

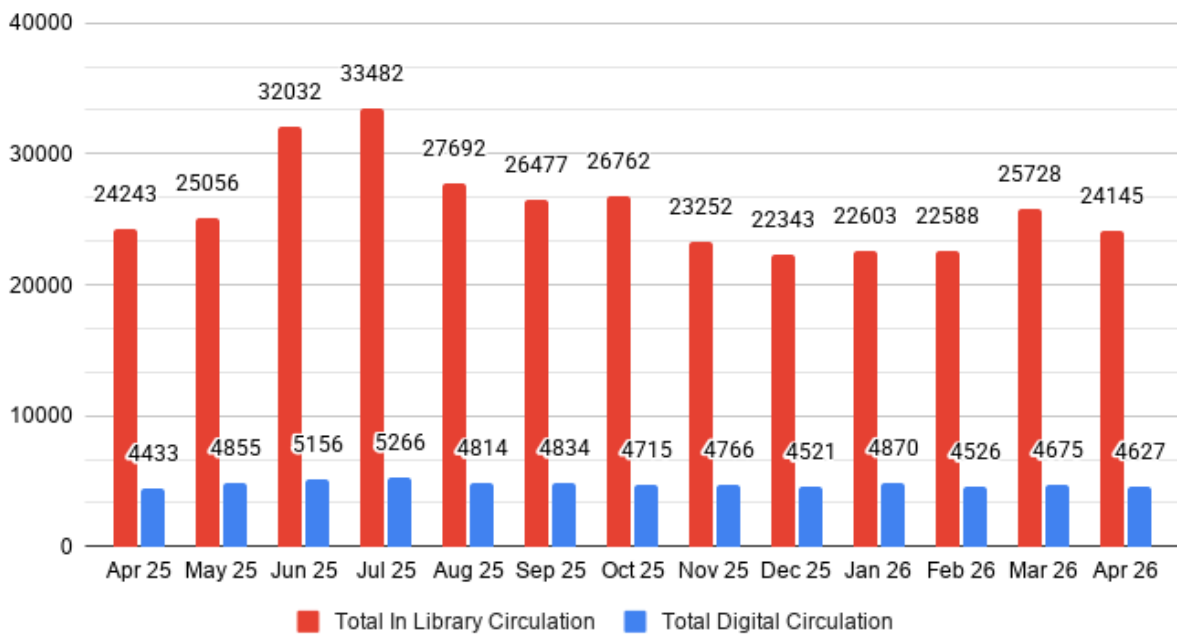


	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26
Door Count	12199	11418	15882	15958	18292	12860	16687	12376	11730	11178	13970	16907	12733
Drive Thru window	339	305	314	334	315	353	316	246	241	262	253	291	289

Monthly Digital Downloads



In-Library vs. Digitally Downloaded Materials circulation



Programming and Outreach

Adult Programs (Maizie Valdez, Beth Wolfe)

April in Adult Programs was marked by community and interdepartmental collaboration, recycling and reuse, and new growth. Along with Youth Services, we hosted a much-enjoyed Earth Day terrarium event, and had our first Super Smash Bros Tournament in which both kids and adults participated. Our community partners also contributed to this month's success.



The ongoing AgriLife series Growing and Nourishing Healthy Communities Gardening Program provided a small but enthusiastic group of patrons the opportunity to plant their own tomato plants, under the guidance of experts Amanda Molina and Bernadette Pedroza. Local Master Gardeners donated succulent and cactus cuttings for the collaborative Earth Day: Terrariums event; 120 people, including 80 children and teens and 40 adults built mini terrariums inside recycled glass jars. Adult Programs, Youth Services, and the Makerspace joined forces for this program, which was a hit with all ages.



This month, the Super Smash Bros Tournament included an adult bracket for the first time. Four adults competed, and the tournament reached its highest participation levels thus far as kids showed up just to compete with the adults. We plan to invite the adults back for another family tournament in July and hope to have even more adults join in friendly competition!



Also in April, the AARP Tax Aide program closed out a very busy season. Language classes began to wind down and prepare for summer break. Our art classes celebrated spring, with the Watercolor class painting baby bunnies and chicks and the Acrylics class creating colorful bees and flowers. As the month draws to a close, we are looking forward to May and the transition into summer programming. May's highlights include a display by the Texas Daughters of the American Revolution, dance classes, art and yoga.

Youth Programs (Ben Gonzalez, Emma Ramos, Kansas Terry)

Children's Programming: For our last STEM Day of the spring semester, our young scientists did a classic egg drop experiment, using what they know about force and impact to figure out how to protect an egg from a seven-foot drop. Although it got pretty

messy, the group of over 20 kids had a blast as they came up with some extremely creative protection for their eggs with limited materials.

The Mid-Texas Symphony visited us on Friday, April 24th for two special performances of their “Tunes and Tales” series as many children were out of school for Fiesta celebrations. 28 adults and 19 kids joined us for the 10 AM performance and another 23 kids and 15 adults joined us for the second performance at 11 AM. All attendees had a wonderful time and several inquired when we would be having them back!



We held our first ever Baby Day event at our library this year on Saturday, April 18th and it was a huge success! We had 77 children in attendance and 67 adults. 9 different community partners were kind enough to spend their Saturday morning with us to help make important connections, share vital information and resources to families with babies and toddlers. Families were able to speak to and ask questions to organizations like Early Childhood Intervention, The Share Center, Grow With Me Pediatrics and more!



We celebrated El día de los niños/El día de los libros on Thursday, April 30th. Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages, and cultures. We celebrated with a number of different activities including letting everyone decorate our “wall mural,” making sombreros and papel picado.



Tween Club: Tweens got to make DIY magnets, played the Nintendo switch, decorated their own plant pot and pot their very own lavender plants! They really enjoyed this and they got to get their hands dirty!



Teen Programming:

Teen Manga Book Club has been steadily picking up momentum and has a loyal group of manga fans attending each month. They’ve been enjoying discussing their favorite manga with each other, and this



month they made dioramas of their favorite scenes from the action series *Jujutsu Kaisen*.

Teen Thursday:

The month of April focused on eco-friendly activities and using a large majority of materials that were on hand. We started with making Mason Jar Lanterns using scrap tissue paper, modge podge, tea lights, and mason jars—the teens loved this activity! We also used leftover cardboard to make cardboard crafts, made marble photo magnets (another popular activity), decorated plant pots and potted lavender plants, and made painted shell trinket dishes! During our lavender plant kits activity, we had a special guest and teen volunteer, Devki Patel give a wonderful presentation about water conservation and land stewardship! This month also focused on creating and being creative with a variety of materials. We have also had a steady 15+ teens attend each Teen Thursday—it has been great to have more and more teens come in!



Teen Volunteer Program

We wrapped up the Spring Term on April 25. We had 21 volunteers with a total amount of 113 volunteer hours for the month of April!

We also had Living Rock Academy volunteer with us on April 17 from 10AM-12PM and they helped with preparations for Baby Day by cleaning, moving/organizing tables, and creating over 100 goodie bags for attendees!

Makerspace (Marc Dunlap, Lindy Hargrave)

Programs

- 1st Saturday Orientation
- Open Fiber Arts (ongoing)
- Open Maker Hours (ongoing)
- Open Woodworking (seasonal end)
- Ceramics (two lectures)
- Audiobook Tasting + Craft (monthly)
- Sewing 101 (Monthly)
- Scrap Aprons (HTV and Sublimated)
- Waste Material Labs
- Assistance with Terrariums



We celebrated Earth month in the Makerspace by focusing on uses for scrap materials. The scrap aprons were more well attended than the labs and we think it has to do with

the title—"Waste Material Labs" were just too open ended. Next year we will focus on "upcycling" but this year the Makerspace staff had tons of fun experimenting with scraps. We purchased a craft oven that allowed us to melt 3D print waste into silicon molds. We made insects and flowers to go in the Terrariums on Earth Day. We also 3D printed frogs, snails, snakes and mushrooms for the terrariums and made a variety of acrylic signs. Marc also discovered how to melt leftover heat transfer vinyl into sheets that can be cut and melted in the silicon molds or left intact as colorful abstract designs. We are looking forward to taking a mini break in May to do a few drop-in projects and prepare for our summer camps.



Outreach (Javier Gonzalez, Gina Mejia)

In April, the Outreach Department directly engaged with 473 patrons throughout the library district via pop-ups, school visits, homebound deliveries and community events. Highlights for this month include a visit to Johnson Ranch Elementary's Fine Arts Night. Thank you to Montana and Kaci for attending this event! Students and their families got to make their own laminated bookmarks, get information about our upcoming events and register for library cards!

Book Club: This month, Books & Bites Book Club read ***Savage Run*** by C.J. Box. In book 2 of the Joe Pickett series, a large explosion in Twelve Sleep County leads Joe to investigate the apparent death of an activist, but he finds evidence of a sinister plot, not just a publicity stunt gone wrong. Readers enjoyed the book and had a lively discussion led by Gina.

Adult Outreach: Gina and Javier delivered a total of 62 books this month to homebound patrons at Highlander Senior Village, The Heights of Bulverde and 3 residences. Javier also made a house visit to renew library accounts for a family that is temporarily homebound.

Youth Outreach: We hosted a total of 5 pop-up libraries this month with attendance at about 200 total for the month! Javier visited the Sanctuary of Hope and SJRC campuses this month as well.

Outreach Collection: 44 adult large print titles, 50 juvenile and teen titles were ordered this month. 3 digital titles were also purchased this month. We distributed 4 book bundles this month.



Collections

Adults (Kristin Bowman)

We loaned 6 items to and borrowed 61 items from other libraries in the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system. I proctored one exam in April. We worked one-on-one with 7 members to teach them how to use our electronic resources. This month I weeded the nonfiction collection and in May I will focus on inventorying the nonfiction. We are continuing to work on fixing series information in the catalog records and adding series information to spine labels in Adult Fiction.

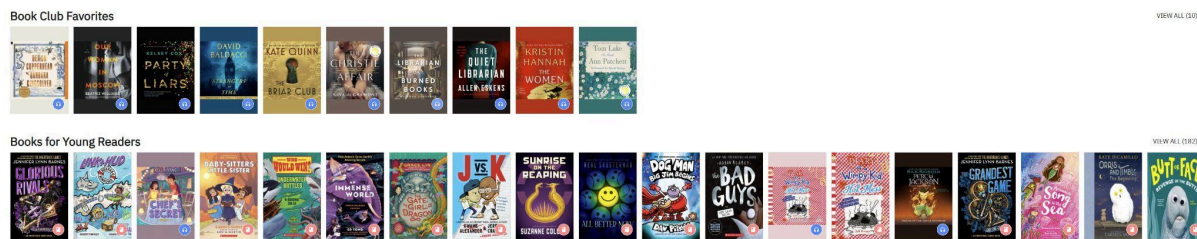
Youth (Emma Ramos, Martina Spangrud, Kansas Terry)

We fulfilled 21 purchase requests for children's, YA, and Parenting materials this month. Kellie and Kansas have been working together to eliminate books from the collection that are either on the shelf or returned in poor condition due to age, poor item quality, or high circulation. All collections in the Teen Room were weeded back in March, but items are weeded on an ongoing basis to eliminate and replace items in poor condition. Relabelling projects have been helpful for finding damaged items! Inventory of the YA collection will take place in May.

Digital (Martina Spangrud)

Programming: In April, three Senior Planet classes were held, with two classes—"Smartphones at a Glance" and "Getting to Know Your iPhone"—each having five attendees. Three additional scheduled classes were cancelled due to low or no registration. Patrons registered for cancelled classes were offered the opportunity to schedule One-on-One Tech Help appointments instead, providing more personalized instruction tailored to their individual technology needs.

Digital Resource Highlight & Usage: Hoopla was featured in the April Digital Resource Highlight. Additional curated shelves were created in CloudLibrary following recommendations from the library's OCLC/CloudLibrary account manager, who noted that curated collections can help increase resource visibility and circulation. New



additions include shelves such as Book Club Favorites and Books for Young Readers.

Digital Resources & Internal Documentation:

The Electronic Resources and Digital Resources sections of both the Apollo catalog and the library website were refreshed with updated descriptions, including the addition of a link to the new E-Read Texas collection in CloudLibrary.



CloudLibrary

Browse, borrow and read ebooks and audiobooks from your library!



CloudLibrary — E-Read Texas

E-Read Texas provides approximately 20,000 e-books and audiobooks to eligible public libraries in Texas.



Libby — Lone Star Digital Library

Borrow ebooks and audiobooks for free from your local library with Libby, the library reading app!

We deleted items for the following reasons:

- Weeded: 534 items
- Vanished: 3 items (due to inventory)
- Lost and Unpaid For: 39 items (sent to collections)
- Lost and Paid For: 12 items
- Claims Returned: 1 item
- Claim Never Had: 0

Marketing and Public Relations

(Hanna Tamez)

A major focus this month was preparing for the Summer Library Program (SLP)! Over the course of the month I met with various staff members in different departments to get everything ready. We finalized the design for the SLP shirt and ordered the shirts, the design and information for the summer program guides, a pop-up library flyer, as well as printing over 600 calendars to have available for distribution beginning May 1st. I was also able to map out social media posts for the summer as well as beginning to create them.

BARLD Board Photos:

We have finally received all reframed BARLD Board photos! This month I worked with Lindy to create the name plates for each photo in the Makerspace. She created a reusable template so we are able to easily create matching name plates in the future! These have all been secured to the frame of the appropriate photo. I have also created a document with information for each photo as well as ordering information to have future photos match. I am hopeful to have these hung in May!

Signage:

I also worked with Rob and Kellie to create some new signage for the bookdrop area, sorter, and gates. These signs will update outdated information and will hopefully be a more permanent placement to replace what we have now. These should be arriving in the first half of May and installed prior to SLP starting.

Digital Marketing (Social Media & Website):

This month Lindy and I sat down and redid the Makerspace page of the website. We updated photos, documents, descriptions, as well as removed inaccurate information. I also reviewed the entire website to update outdated content and verify all links are working. This month we also introduced Benny the Bean from Beanstack on our social media. Benny is a small plushie of the Beanstack mascot.



We are photographing him at the various outreach events, library events, and using library resources. We are hoping this raises awareness of what Beanstack is, different locations the library visits, lesser known library resources, and excites community members for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Technology

(Marc Dunlap, Rob Lerner)

Tech Help:

The Public Computers & even more so the Copiers, have been busy-busy-busy! With it being Tax Month and all that is not a surprise, but it was more than just taxes, as there were several people printing gobs of legal forms as well. The Money Machine continues to be a bit “troublesome,” but Sophia has been pretty on top of it as of late, keeping the potential for jamming to a minimum! Other than an odd Windows update, the PACs themselves have been operating smoothly, though, if we get a few more “regulars,” we may want to look at expanding the number of machines we have.

One-on-One Tech-Help

This past month has been a bit more “hit or miss” than past months, with quite a few either calling in a last-minute cancellation or pulling a no-show. Yet, those that did attend all left quite pleased. For example, there has been a gentleman coming once a month since January, who is attempting to publish a book on Amazon. However, the computer he had developed it on crashed (luckily after he had submitted it for review), and while he got a new computer, the techs at the store told him the data on his old computer was lost. Now, the file sent back for edits from Amazon, is formatted very strangely, even though it is a .docx file. The short of it is that he needed help setting up a Word (.doc) that would be formatted in such a way that Amazon would accept it for print-on-demand. This has been a trial. (FYI: I had told him about the Hill Country Literary Festival back in January. He attended, and thought it was “AMAZING”!)

Technology:

In order to avoid another HVAC crisis like the one in February, and to improve efficiency, we started the process of seeking proposals for upgrading and unifying our HVAC sensors and controls. Our current system is actually two systems, one of which is almost 20 years old. Some of its sensors have failed and the control system as a whole is obsolete. During the expansion of 2019, we didn’t add the new areas to the old chiller due to its limited capacity, complexity of the system, and the sheer cost of plumbing – it would have been prohibitive. The VRF system we chose is more efficient and mechanically simpler, but there are two issues we want to fix. One is that it has a separate control system from the chiller and the second that is not accessible on the network. We have to manage it from a control pad inside our data closet, which is not very convenient. We’ve reached out to several vendors who specialize in HVAC controls and we’ve already done one walkthrough. Once completed we should have more control and better data from the system, which will translate into cost savings over time.

Facilities

(Warren Pichon)

Study Room Use: 592

Public Meeting Room Use: 290

- Cleaned drive up windows inside and out
- Septic system treated with 2 gallons of bleach
- Treated AC unit drip pan in the Data Closet
- Did daily walk around picking up trash and checking property
- Cleaned inside book lockers and cleaned 24 hour book drop bins
- Cleared entrances of fallen debris
- Hung quilts in reading room

Advance Door Control: Preventative maintenance on sliding doors **(4.20.2026)**

Ameritex: Replaced worn gear box and other worn parts on flag pole **(4.6.2026)**

Chabelo Landscaping: Cut overgrown trees in trail area **(4.13.2026)**

City Wide Facility Solutions: Cleaned windows inside and outside and dusted vents, Repaired leak in ceiling of children's room **(4.25.2026, 4.30.2023)**

Comfort Systems: Installed new coils and new sensors in Air Handler #5, Performed preventative maintenance on HVAC **(4.6.2026, 4.8.2026)**

HomeTeam Pest Defense, Inc.: Monthly pest control service **(4.21.2026)**

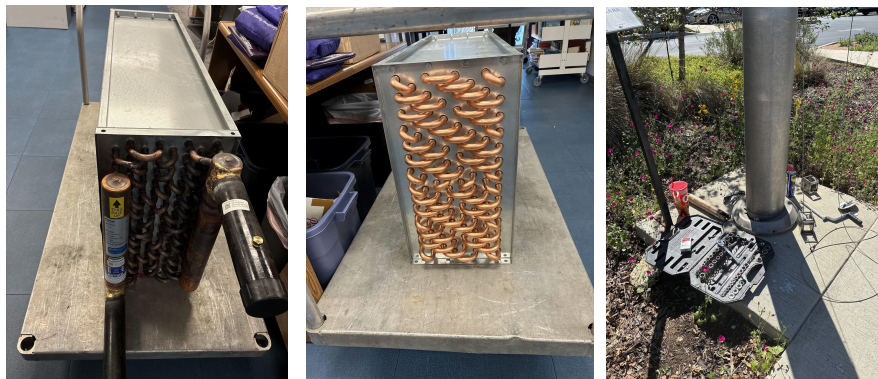
Lindheimer Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas: Worked in handicap walkway garden, planted and weeded **(4.23.2026)**

Master Gardeners and Naturalists: Weeded and trimmed in butterfly garden and handicap walkway garden **(4.9.2026, 4.23.2026)**

Parks Coffee Maintenance: Preventative maintenance on ice machine and coffee makers **(4.14.2026)**

Tech Logic: Performed annual maintenance on sorter unit **(4.23.2026)**

New coils for Air Handler #5 + Flag Pole Repair



Administration

(Sophia Bard, Montana Rindahl)

Montana and Sophia spent most of April looking closely at this fiscal year's expenditures, running Quickbooks reports, and drafting budget packets for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. Montana also met with department representatives from Facilities, Library Collections, Programming, Marketing, and Circulation to draft a new 5-year Strategic Plan. Planning for the Summer programming came to a head with all departments working together to consolidate supplies lists and confirm program dates and locations – Montana is still wearing part of her Programming Manager hat! A fun April highlight was celebrating all of our Library Volunteers with a potluck lunch! We love our volunteers!