

## Gillett Public Library

We're continuing to make strides in reorganizing and reworking some things in the library. Genres are being color coded to help people find what they need. Our large print collection is growing and is now listed as large print. New authors are being introduced as well. Sorting nonfiction by topic. Chapter books are being updated with new series and a new authors. These changes will have a long term positive impact on the library.

Also started creating make and take crafts. These were popular with other libraries before the pandemic and we've been borrowing other ideas from other libraries. This month's idea came from Dollar Tree: Valentines Fortune cookies. Make and Takes are quick do to, especially when others have done them. We're also thanking patrons for poppin' by with a now you watched the movie, now read the book and providing the microwave popcorn.

We're also looking through the digitized copies of the Gillett Times and posting interesting articles on the Facebook page. The Oconto County Courthouse hosts the server for the digitized Oconto County newspapers.

User Stats for Annual Report:

	<b>Stats</b>
<b>Interactions</b>	2,700
<b>Curbside</b>	2,920
<b>Internet</b>	3,946
<b>eBook</b>	2,276 ↑
<b>eAudio</b>	1,332

We've had a lot of interactions over the past year over the phone or email and Curbside numbers remain high. Internet use went up as well and eBook checkout went up by 300 from last year and eAudiobooks went up by 400. There are additional fields for COVID-related library services in the Library Annual report for this year. Every library across the state will be down due to COVID, so it will be very interesting to see what the Brown County Library Bill will look like. It will be interesting to see if the Shawano County decides to bill Oconto County for library services.

I continue to meet with the other directors in Nicolet and Outagamie in weekly meetings.

I'm working on additional continuing education work, Big Data is the newest term in the library industry, taking a course on collecting and analyzing data for evidence. OWLS is also pushing internet safety and email safety courses through InfoSec once a month, those have been really

enlightening. February's course was on Mobile Safety. They put a bit of fun into the learning experience.

I'm happy to report that the new head of the FCC is a big advocate for rural broadband. Hopefully with the new head, there will be greater access in rural areas for broadband. There's also a package going through Congress to help libraries. The executive orders have been an interesting read.

All updates for the library can be found on the Facebook page. You don't have to have Facebook to see them.

Respectfully Submitted,

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