

Sam T. Wilson Public Library

SAM T. WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020

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LETTER FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

With experience I am sure you already know we are more than just a brick and mortar facility that provides only reading options. Libraries are community resources providing; databases & subscriptions, print materials, ebooks & magazines, audiobooks, language tools, accessibility tools, cultural events, programs & classes, seed checkout programs, reader's advisory, and so much more.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought our library a new, unexpected, and unprecedented challenges. However, it has not altered our Library's role in the community. With challenges, there's always opportunities. These opportunities will continue to impact the Library's service model but will provide a path of direction to continue to serve the Arlington and surrounding communities.

The Library closed to the public March 14, effectively Saturday March 15 in response to the rising number of COVID-19 cases and at the directive of the Town of Arlington. Library staff remained able to work in the building for an additional week but were sent home when the Shelter in Place, Stay at Home Order was issued by the Governor of Tennessee and Local Authorities. Staff worked from home on projects including Summer Reading 2020 program preparations and some continuing education and self-improvement courses that I assigned to take advantage of the available time staff had away from the library. I worked most days at the library offering phone reference which included training for accessing digital content. The Library offered the community the ability to register online to provide digital borrowing access. We were also able to work with the State to provide a free limited registration period to Overdrive, through TNReads. Staff directed their creativity to start planning for virtual delivery of currently offered programs and activities, as well as summer reading. Several educational tools were offered through social media available through the Tennessee Electronic Library and other educational sources.

During the closure, the Integrated Library System (ILS) team through Library Systems & Services made several updates to patron due dates, the notification messages, and preserved customer hold queues for several weeks. Numerous updates were made to the library catalog page highlighting digital content and to

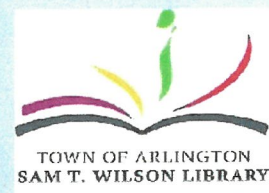
let customers know about the rapidly changing hours, services, and ways to get in contact with the Library.

Library staff returned to work May 4. Again, I worked with the ILS team to update patron due dates and notification messages. Under many directives following CDC guidelines, American Library Association (ALA), Institute of Museums & Library Services, and others a phased reopening plan was initiated. The Library reopened to the public June 1 at 50% occupancy allowed, which is a maximum allowance of 15 people. The library follows several protocols and procedures for items returned and maintaining the facility with public use. Curbside pick-up for customers with requested holds was established prior to the opening and is still available for customers who are unable to enter the building.

Fortunately, COVID-19 did not interfere the entire fiscal year calendar. The Sam T. Wilson Public Library staff are grateful and appreciative of the commitment and support of the Town of Arlington, the Library Advisory Board, the Library Friends of Arlington, Library Systems & Services and the many local partnerships that make our library an essential resource and part of the Arlington community.

Sam T. Wilson Public Library

BY THE NUMBERS



July 2019 - June 2020

TOTAL ITEMS
BORROWED

41415

14617 DIGITAL ITEMS
BORROWED

TOTAL CIRCULATION CHILDRENS ITEMS

19361

TOTAL CIRCULATION YOUNT ADULT ITEMS

841

TOTAL CIRCULATION ADULT ITEMS

6596

WEBSITE VISITS **3825**

PUBLIC COMPUTER
SESSIONS **1089**

TOTAL NEW
REGISTRATIONS **358**

CHILDREN **137** ADULT **221**

NON-RESIDENT FEE CARD **16**

IN-PERSON PROGRAMS
IN-PERSON PROGRAM
ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN

169

ADULT

79

TOTAL

248

3750

506

4256

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

29

416

PROGRAM KITS

127

LIBRARY VISITS **13856** July 1, 2019 - March 14, 2020

15203

1347

May 5, 2020 - June 30, 2020

BRIEF REVIEW OF MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 2019

Staff were ending the 2019 Summer Reading Program, A Universe of Stories when I became the director of the STWPL team. It was a very exciting year as a record number of participants registered. The 515 registrants read 4800 hours and 1866 attended the 54 programs offered.

AUGUST 2019

Maisie's Teen Book Club started meeting twice monthly. It was started by the initiative of a young teen who wanted to meet new friends and learn about others reading selections.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Homeschool Book Club returned for both elementary and middle school students. The students voted on the books they wanted to read, which included The Boxcar Children, The Indian in the Cupboard, and an Agatha Christie favorite, And Then There Were None, just to name a few. Plans are being made to offer the book club via Zoom starting in October.

OCTOBER 2019

October was a fun month with the offering of Blind Book checkouts for all ages and a Scavenger hunt designed to help patrons of all ages to learn about the collection and the online catalog.

NOVEMBER 2019

Genealogy classes with an introduction to the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) was offered for adults and held at the Senior Center. Community leaders started participating monthly in the weekly PreK & Toddler Storytime, with the Arlington Fire Department reading stories and bring the fire truck to the library, which was a tremendous success. Library staff participated in Christmas on the Square and assisted the Library Friends with a free bookmark event and face painting provided by Arlington students who contributes their time and talent as volunteers to both the Library and the Library Friends.

DECEMBER 2019

December highlights included the Staff participating with the Library Friends in the Town's Annual Christmas Parade and Town staff was honored community leader readers for Storytime. In coordination of the Grinch as the parade theme, the Library held a Grinchmas Children's Christmas Party where throughout the day 195 attendees had a 'Whoville' good time with games, crafts, and snacks.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

As an effort to extend outreach the Library hosted educational courses, Beginning Dulcimer and Creative Writing facilitated by Memphis Creative Aging. Classes were sponsored by grants to the Arlington Senior Center who is outside of the Memphis area. Classes were held for six weeks, back to back and registration was limited to 12 students which all classes were fully booked. An advanced Dulcimer class was scheduled for March but was cancelled to COVID-19.

New adult coloring program offered twice monthly called Color Me Happy and a monthly Adult Book Chat were introduced in January. Mrs. Cathy Durant was the community leader reader in January with a record attendance both days.

FEBRUARY 2020

February 1 is National Take Your Child to the Library Day and was celebrated with the first Saturday Family Storytime, which is held the first Saturday of every month. This was followed by the Kids ZONE DIY Craft Day designed for families which was offered the 2nd Saturday of each month. Mayor Mike Wissman was another great hit with the children for Storytime, especially with the kids getting to hear the emergency siren of his truck.

MARCH 2020

The first Saturday in March held an Introduction to Looming Course facilitated by a member of the Knitting Club. Looms were provided by the Senior Center for attendees to try their hand at the craft. The Library was closed to the public on March 14 ending all in-person programs indefinitely.

APRIL 2020 - MAY 2020

The Library was closed to the public through May. Curbside pick-up was offered starting May 5 and is still available. STW was able to offer new econtent from RBdigital, a digital platform and app that provides more than 37000 audiobook

titles, with simultaneous use. This digital content purchase was relevant during this critical time for offering more electronic content. Seventeen patrons registered the first week for access.

JUNE 2020

Summer Reading 2020, Imagine Your Story online registration and program started and held June 1 – July 31, 2020. Bedtime Storytime Monday's at 7:00, Storytime Tuesday's, Read With Me Storytime Wednesday's, Summer Read Along, and STEM Live are offered as weekly virtual programs.



Sam T. Wilson Public Library
Summer Reading 2019
June - July



Registrations = 515



Total Hours Read
4800

Reading Summary by Age

	0 - 5 Years	6 - 12 Years	13 - 18 Years	18 + Years
Registered	126	271	26	92
Hours Read	698	2636	612	854

54 Programs Offered 1866 Attendance

Special Thanks To The

Library Friends of Arlington and the ***Town of Arlington*** for the
Financial Support with Summer Reading Programs & Prizes 2019

Community & Area Sponsors

Benihana Sushi * Brooks Museum * Crave * Domino's * Huey's Restaurant * Little Caesar's
Pizza * Incredible Pizza Company * J. White Family * Malco Theatres * Memphis Botanic
Garden * Memphis Café * Memphis Children's Museum * Memphis Zoo * Pink Palace
Plumpy's * Rizzi's Pizza Café * University of Memphis

29 Summer Reading Program Prizes Awarded



Sam T. Wilson Public Library Summer Reading 2020 June - July



Registrations = 195

Reader Totals

Early Readers = 70

Junior & Young Adults = 64

Adult = 61

**Books Read
2060**



**1920 Badges Claimed
360 Activity Badges Claimed**



Reading Summary

	Early Readers	Juniors & Young Adults	Total	Adults
Units Completed	2273	6188	8461	197
Hours Read	758	2063	2821	Books
Minutes Read	45480	123780	169260	

Challenge Participants

Bookmark Design Challenge = 17 Short Story Writing Challenge = 1

44 Virtual Programs Offered

593 Attendance (FB Live)

447 Program Craft Kits Distributed

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Financial Support with Summer Reading 2020

Community Sponsors

Enterprise Realtors * Arlington Florist & Gift Shop * Arlington Climate Controlled Storage
Crave * The Cookie Momster * Rizzi's Pizza Café * Incredible Pizza Co. * Frost Bake Shop
Live Fit * Memphis Botanic Garden * Vinegar Jim's * Voodoo Café * J. White Family

26 Summer Reading Program Prizes Awarded

STWPL Summer Reading 2020

The End of Summer Reading is here. Congratulations to all participants!

Reading is FUN! Reading is Winning!

Grand Prize Winners

Truett Aydt - Early Readers

Amaris Burgin - Junior & Young Adults

Sarah Dickey - Adults

Top Points Early Reader - Caleb V.

Top Points Junior & Young Adult Reader - Seth R.

Top Adult Reader - Jennifer W.

Top # of Books Read - Early Readers - Brayden W.

Top # of Books Read - Junior & Young Adults - Susannah W.

Top # Activity Badges Claimed - Early Reader - Audreyena F.

Top # Activity Badges Claimed - Junior & Young Adult - Phoenix F.

Short Story Writing Contest (Ages 6-11) - Anne C.

Bookmark Design Winner (Age 7 & Under) - Tegan S.

Bookmark Design Reader's Choice Award - (Age 7 & Under) - Brayden W.

Bookmark Design Reader's Choice Honorable Mention - (Age 7 & Under) - Jonathan S.

Bookmark Design & Reader's Choice Award - (Age 8 - 12) - Ava B.

Bookmark Design & Reader's Choice Honorable Mention - (Age 8 - 12) - Brooklyn W.

Bookmark Design & Reader's Choice Award - (Ages 13-17) - Meghan D.

Bookmark Reader's Choice Honorable Mention - (Age 13-17) - Kaleb P.

Registration Drawing Week 1 - Zoe L.

Registration Drawing Week 2 - Mahdi N.

Registration Drawing Week 3 - Phoenix F

Registration Drawing Week 4 - Amelia B.

Registration Drawing Week 5 - Ethan W.

Registration Drawing Week 6 - Ellie E.

Registration Drawing Week 7 - Angela W.

Registration Drawing Week 8 - Morgan M.

IMAGINE
YOUR
STORY



All level prizes and contest winner prizes will be available for pickup until August 31.

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Sam T. Wilson Public Library offers

FOOD FOR FINES

November 19 - December 19

Beginning November 19 and continuing through December 19, the Library will forgive up to \$1.00 in overdue fines for each nonperishable food item donated. Maximum waive allowed \$20.

Food collected will be given to the local Arlington Little Free Pantry located at the Living Word Lutheran Church.

<https://arlingtonlittlefreepantry.weebly.com/>



<https://www.townofarlington.org/>

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Bring one can, full-sized box, or bag of non-perishable food to the circulation desk. Each food item equals up to \$1.00 in overdue fines, no replacement cost for damaged or lost items can be waived. To pay a \$3.60 fine, for example, donate 4 food items to the library. The Library can only accept commercially packaged items that have not exceeded their expiration date. Please no dented, dinged, previously opened food items, no government commodity items, and sorry, no home-canned items or individual small packaged items such as ramen noodles.

2019

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offers



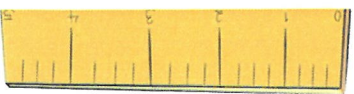
SUPPLY



AND FORGIVE

Benefiting community schools

**\$1 in overdue fines
waived for every new
school supply item**

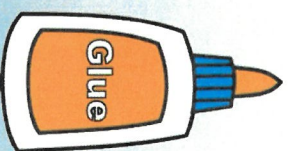


donated from list

ALL MONTH IN AUGUST



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SUPPLY AND FORGIVE

- 1 box Crayola crayons (24 count)
- Crayola colored pencil set (12 count)
- 1 pack Crayola markers, washable
- 1 pack pencils #2 (no mechanical pencils)

- 1 pack red pens
- 1 pack Cap erasers

- 1 pack erasers, pink beveled
- 5" blunt tip scissors

- Notebooks, spiral 70 count, wide ruled
- 1 pack loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)

- 1 pack glue sticks
- 1 glue bottle, liquid
- 1 pack Index Cards

- 1 pack fine point black sharpies
- Folders (plastic with pocket and brads)

- 1 plastic pencil box (8" x 5")
- 1 pencil bag (with zipper)

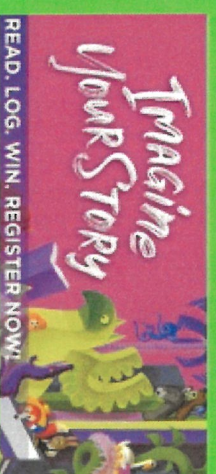


Each item listed will equal up to \$1 in overdue fines waived. Max \$20 fines waived.

Summer Reading 2020

JULY

<https://arlingtonslp.libraries.com/>



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY



6

BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

7

STORYTIME CRAFT
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

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13

BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

14

STORYTIME
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

20

BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

21

STORYTIME CRAFT
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

27

BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

28

STORYTIME
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

1

Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along
@ 3:00

2

STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 3:00

8

Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along
@ 3:00

9

STEM Craft Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 3:00
Circuit Wands

15

Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along
@ 3:00

16

STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 3:00

22

Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along
@ 3:00

23

STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 3:00

29

Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along
@ 3:00

30

SRP FINALE LIVE
@ 3:00

4



Library Closed

11

DRIVE IN BINGO
@ 3:00

18

DRIVE IN BINGO
@ 3:00

25

DRIVE IN BINGO
@ 3:00



All Library Programs are virtual and found on Facebook!
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AUGUST

Monday 11-7
Tuesday - Thursday 10 - 6
Friday & Sunday - Closed
Saturday 10 - 6

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



3
BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

10
BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

17
BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

24
BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

31
BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

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August is Supply and Forgive for Fines Waived Forgiveness Month



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4
STORYTIME Craft @
10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

11
STORYTIME @ 10:30
With Mrs. Lisa

18
STORYTIME Craft @
10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

25
STORYTIME
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

5
Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along @ 4:30

12
Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along @ 4:30

19
Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along @ 4:30

26
Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along @ 4:30

6
STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 4:30

13
STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 4:30

20
STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 4:30

27
STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 4:30

1
Saturday Family
Storytime @ 10:30

8
15
Kids ZONE DIY Craft
Kits Available 10-5



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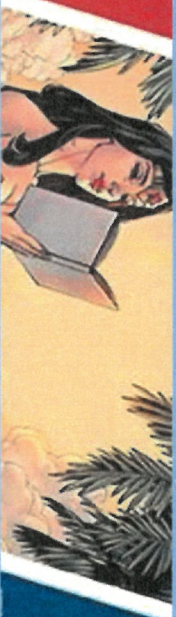
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AL American Library Association

**LIBRARIES ARE
WONDERFUL!**



**CELEBRATE
LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH
WITH WONDER WOMAN
THIS SEPTEMBER.**

Monday 11-7
Tuesday - Thursday 10-6
Friday/Sunday - Closed
Saturday 10-6
<https://www.townofarlington.org/>

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

September

Library Card Sign-up Month
All new card registrants will be entered into a prize drawing



7
Library
Closed



1
STORYTIME CRAFT*
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa

2
Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along @ 4:30

3
No STEM Program

5
Saturday Family
Storytime @ 10:30

8
STORYTIME @ 10:30
With Mrs. Lisa

9
Read With Me Storytime
@ 10:30 With Mrs. Lisa
Summer Read Along @ 4:30

10
STEM Live
with Mrs. Christy @ 4:30

12
Kids ZONE DIY Craft Day
Take & Make Kits
While Supplies Last

14

BEDTIME STORYTIME
@ 7:00 With Mrs. Lisa

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STORYTIME CRAFT*
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STORYTIME CRAFT*
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Read With Me Storytime
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Summer Read Along @ 4:30



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All Library Programs are virtual and found on Facebook Live

Storytime and STEM program craft kits available for pickup at least a week prior to event

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