

Solomon Wright Public Library  
**Director's Report**  
June/July 2023

Total Attendance  
May: 116  
June: 100  
July: 138

**Aug 2, 2023**

**Summary:**

1. The SWPL published four notices in Front Porch Forum from July 20th through July 30th, regarding library events and the Summer Reading Program.
2. With Mary Natalizia and Kaitlyn Hunt's hard work, we posted almost twice that many on Facebook and Instagram, documenting the many new books we have purchased, cataloged, and made available to patrons, as well as events held at the Library.
3. On June 2nd, I added a link to a form on our website that allows SWPL patrons to suggest books for the Library to purchase. Thus far we have received 14 responses, and ordered eight of the books that patrons recommended.
4. I selected and purchased nine books from Ingram. I then had volunteers catalog, process, and shelve them all.
5. The SWPL received the 52 children's books we selected via CLiF, all of which we got cataloged, processed, and shelved.
6. With Mary and Kaitlyn's initiative, we did four summer events: Polaroid Portraits, Doreen Forney's bagpipe demonstration, Create Your Own Comic with Anna Mo-Lev Howard, and a Reptile Show with VIA Aquarium. The SWPL saw 78 additional visitors over July and August, all of whom specifically came for these programs.
7. Mary undertook to publicize and run the Summer Reading Program. The SRP enjoyed a high engagement rate, inspiring her to extend it into August by two weeks. Thirty children took part by reading, writing about what they read, and competing for tickets to win raffle prizes. The 30-participant figure is generated solely from registration sheets; the actual number is likely higher.
8. I brought on a new volunteer, recent Pownal transplant David Dubov-Flinn; Mr Dubov-Flinn has agreed to serve as our Social Media Coordinator.
9. I created displays for five "Staff Picks," and put them out on the library floor. All selections were publicized on Front Porch Forum, Facebook, and Instagram. Also expanded the scope of participants; we will now include local celebrities. First up: Bethany Lorge, Pownal Elementary's principal
10. With the help of Chair Jim Boutin, Trustee Carol Shuey, and Mary, the SWPL staked out a spot at the Celebrate Pownal event. Our set-up was one of the larger ones there, and included a raffle, books for sale, Take-and-Make kids' crafts, and a sample of items from our Library of Things. We signed up 10 new patrons, and several children for the SRP.
11. We participated in Interlibrary Loans with 12 local libraries (plus one in a place called Versailles, Kentucky), loaning four books and borrowing eight.

12. Using a DVD rack that trustee Richard Williams brought in for us, we took a group of DVDs out of the office and set them out on the Library floor.
13. We will be re-establishing the Little Free Library at the Pownal Town Hall, stocked with books that we would otherwise try to sell.
14. Mary set up the Charlene Adams quilt show; Helen Greene's fairy houses show will remain up for a while longer
15. The Volunteer Thank You Luncheon has been scheduled for September 1st. Trustees are most welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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Solomon Wright Public Library  
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