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**Library Department Head Report
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Programs/Events

- **Family Story Time**
 - Family Story Time continued to be a popular program throughout the month of November! Families and children of all ages have been joining us to have fun in an interactive environment, reading stories, learning early literacy skills, crafting, and MORE! Family Story time is offered biweekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 11am. Our patrons who have other obligations on Wednesday mornings are extremely happy we are offering it on Saturdays as well. Dates and themes for each Storytime can be found on the library's webpage.

Stats

- Monthly Averages
 - Daily Patron Count: 37.5
 - Daily Internet Uses: 7
 - Daily Questions: 12.5
- Busiest Day
 - Patron Count: 69
 - Internet Uses: 10
 - Questions: 22
- Slowest Day:
 - Patron Count: 6
 - Internet Uses: 1
 - Questions: 3
- Circulation and Acquisitions
 - New Library Cards Issued: 54
 - Materials Added to Collections: 174
 - Checkouts: 1,925

Current Projects

- **Relabeling Adult Fiction Section**
 - We are currently getting feedback from patrons and volunteers to determine if we should leave the adult fiction section as is or separate it into sub-genres (i.e., mystery, romance, science fiction, western, etc.) Once we have determined what will work best for our community, we will relabel the entire collection to reflect those needs.
- **Library Outdoor Signage**
 - We have been told by our patrons for an extremely long time that it is extremely difficult to find the library since there is no signage on the roadways or building. The only signage we have as of right now is a small green road sign with a book on it on NM-344. We want to fix this and have been getting quotes for signage to make it easier for our patrons to find us.

- **Computer Room Upgrades**

- The library is currently working with the Town of Edgewood IT department to upgrade all the computers in the computer room. They have been running extremely slow for a very long time, and we are getting that fixed very soon.

Other News

- The library currently still has two vacant positions on the Library Advisory Board.
- The “Friends of the Library” group desperately needs volunteers to help in the book barn. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the library to get the group directors contact information.
- Edgewood Community Library received our State Grants and Aid Grant Agreement for FY-23 and will be receiving \$10,254.72 for the 2022-2023 FY.
- We finally have lighting on the outside of the library building thanks to the Town of Edgewood Maintenance Department! This is extremely helpful especially during these winter months when it gets dark several hours before the library closes.

Coming Soon

- **Holiday Cookie Decorating**

- This is another one of Edgewood Community Library’s extremely popular events! We anticipate the turnout to be like our pumpkin carving event and are currently planning accordingly. It will take place on December 10th from 10:30am to 2:30pm. Patrons and community members can come enjoy a fun morning/afternoon with us decorating cookies for Santa!

- **Winter Reading Program**

- Registration for our Winter Reading Program begins December 1st! Participants can register online via the Beanstack app or in person via paper reading trackers at the library! The program runs December 10th through January 21st. Participants will be able to complete reading and activities for entries into the prize drawings of their choice.

Stay Engaged in Your Library!

Cardholders still have 24/7 access to the library’s digital collection and public Wi-Fi. More information about these and other municipal services can be found at www.edgewood-nm.gov . Want to receive automatic text and email notifications about newsworthy items, alerts, and posted agendas? Subscribe from the bottom of the homepage! You can also follow Town events and happenings from Facebook too! Just select the Facebook icon in the upper righthand corner from the homepage!