

# Lisle Free Library – Director’s Report

Reporting: March & April 2025

## Programming:

*Book Club:* Book Club hosted monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. March’s theme was Black Voices/History, and we discussed “Love & Whiskey” by Fawn Weaver. April’s theme was Murder Mysteries, and we discussed “The Marlow Murder Club” by Robert Thorogood

May’s theme is Asian Voices, and will be will reading “Lady Tan’s Circle of Women” by Lisa See with discussion on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

*Summer Reading Program:* This year’s theme is “Color Our World” and celebrates art. Our programming will run from July 1<sup>st</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>. Crafting projects and entertainers are being organized.

## Collection Maintenance:

Due to tightening shelf space, our staff and a volunteer are weeding books in the adult fiction stacks and large print stacks. Nonfiction DVDs have also been weeded for accuracy of information. This process is still on going and will ultimately include the paperback section.

Weeded books are free and may eventually need volunteers to transport to a donation site.

## Automation Fees:

The automation fee is collected annually by the Four County Library System to fund the digital cataloging system (Sirsi/WorkFlows), telecommunications/bandwidth, system support staff, and more. Membership is critical, because it would be cost-prohibitive to otherwise meet the state minimum library standards. Fees are formulated for a 3-year cycle based on circulation and collection size.

Four County Library System has also acknowledged that the formula used to distribute operation costs is nearly the end of its usefulness, and a new fee structure will be developed with revisions to the 4CLS Plan of Service revisions next year for implementation after 2028.

The Library Free Library is one of the few libraries with increasing circulation thus an increased fee in the next 3-year cycle. To give some context to the fluctuation in circulation data, I provided a comparison of two sample years below.

Year	AN	JN	AF	JF	Mag	Audio – A	Audio – J	Total
<b>2018</b>	328	120	2,451	657	182	600	5	<b>4,403</b>
<b>2024</b>	359	228	2,339	1,707	35	125	48	<b>4,841</b>

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CIRCULATION DATA																
MONTH				BOOKS					AUDIO			ILL STATS		TECH		
	PPL	?	MAT'L	AN	JN	AF	JF	MAG	A	J	TOTAL	IN	OUT	COM	WIFI	WPV
Mar '24	318	82	79	19	22	118	61	1	15	5	241	45	247	47	217	142
April '24	354	93	53	23	10	144	53	5	27	3	265	44	292	42	240	154
May '24	296	75	77	22	10	145	52	0	19	15	263	37	166	61	248	188
June '24	317	65	61	21	23	145	72	2	14	14	291	42	184	40	240	289
July '24	300	68	57	18	41	234	90	0	10	22	415	48	246	45	310	179
Aug '24	283	66	46	27	6	222	98	4	7	3	367	45	228	34	310	142
Sept '24	264	66	74	27	7	176	67	0	1	3	281	59	230	52	300	94
Oct '24	280	83	58	17	8	205	39	3	10	4	286	43	169	35	310	113
Nov '24	218	70	45	31	10	150	59	4	8	1	263	65	178	30	270	107
Dec '24	191	60	45	21	5	150	60	0	6	2	244	40	172	36	279	106
Jan '25	205	57	58	31	17	190	56	2	15	11	322	69	228	35	372	180
Feb '25	193	47	44	19	9	161	99	2	6	7	303	45	223	28	280	76
Mar '25	355	84	91	17	9	174	64	3	6	1	274	62	242	54	403	154
Apr '25	270	72	51	13	10	167	69	1	1	0	261	45	205	27	420	142