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#### A Year in Review:

The 2018-19 FY brought about many changes to our library that can only be described as a huge benefit and blessing to the communities we serve. With our new building and additional space we have been able to offer more books and movies, plus we added Launchpads to our circulated collection. We have been able to offer more programs for all ages, and we still have more in the planning stages. We were also able to hire a part-time assistant a few months ago, which has been a tremendous asset.

Webster, the entertainment librarian, also came on board this spring. He is a Russian Tortoise that everyone has fell in love with. He is quite social and it is rare for someone to come in without stopping and chatting with him a minute. He has gained so much information from these chats or what he hears us talk about that he started his own newspaper column, A Word with Webster.

Our statistical numbers are on the rise with each passing month. In the 2018-19 FY we had 13,250 visitors, 1,850 computer uses, checked out 17,907 items, offered 208 programs with 2,641 attending those programs from birth through adult. For comparison sake during the 2017-18 FY we had 11,818 visitors, 1,222 computer uses, checked out 15,873 items, and offered 180 programs with 2,410 attending.

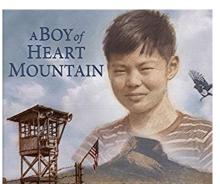
Our collection currently consists of 162 audiobooks, 12,517 books, 1,128 DVDs, 4 Hotspots, and 18 Launchpads with a total materials cost of \$186,342.

We offer game and disc cleaning/repair service for just \$2 each disc. We have a charging station, plus proctor test. And the list goes on....

We are much more than just books. If you haven't already, stop by and check out this fantastic hub for all our communities.

Leslie

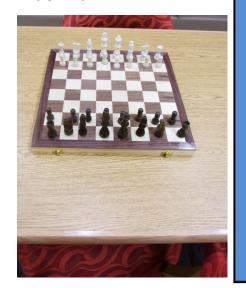
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#### **Future Selections:**

August 27: I, Eliza **Hamilton by Susan Holloway Scott** Sept. 24: A Man

Called Ove by Fredrik Backman



### Biblioposse last Tuesday of each month at 9:00

#### July 30

A Boy of Heart Mountain is a poignant coming-of-age story about how one 10-year-old Japanese American boy named Shig tried to make sense out of being imprisoned for several years on the prairie. Forced from his home, his school, his friends, and his beloved dog, Shig and his family have to figure out how to get by in this strange and unfriendly place. He learns about many things there. He learns about loss and about love and about loneliness. And he learns about how important it can be to have a good companion or two alongside you in bad times and good times.

#### Books similar to: A Boy of Heart Mountain

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

Snow Falling on Cedars

Obasan The Diplomat's Daughter

Journey to Topaz Thin Wood Walls

The Bracelet Japanese Roses

The Fences Between Us Dolls of War

Baseball Saved Us Island of Sweet Pies and Soldiers

We have a chess set and hopefully, soon will have another one. Are you interested in a chess club? Or just want to sit a spell and play with a friend? Would you be able to teach those that want to learn? I know nothing about it, but I've had patrons express an interest in having it available.

## **July 2019**

Sun closed	Mon closed	Tue 9-6	Wed 9-6	Thu 9-6	Fri 9-6	Sat 9-1
	1 <b>Library</b> <b>Board 4pm</b>	2 SRP 130pm	3 Wigglers 1030' Teen Café 430	4	5	6 Book n'Hookers
7	8	9 SRP 130pm	10 Wigglers 1030' Teen Café 430	11 STEM 1pm	Deadline to turn in bingo sheets and reading logs	13 Book n'Hookers
14	15	16 Friends meeting 6	17 Teen Café 430	18	19	20 Book n'Hookers
21	22	23	24 Teen Café 430	25	26	27 Book n'Hookers
28	29	30  Book Club 9  Paperback Book Day	31 Teen Café 430	June 20 is Space Exploration Day Since our summer reading program was all about space, stop in that Saturday, check out a book relating to space and select a book of your own from either the Friend's Nook or my secret stash.		