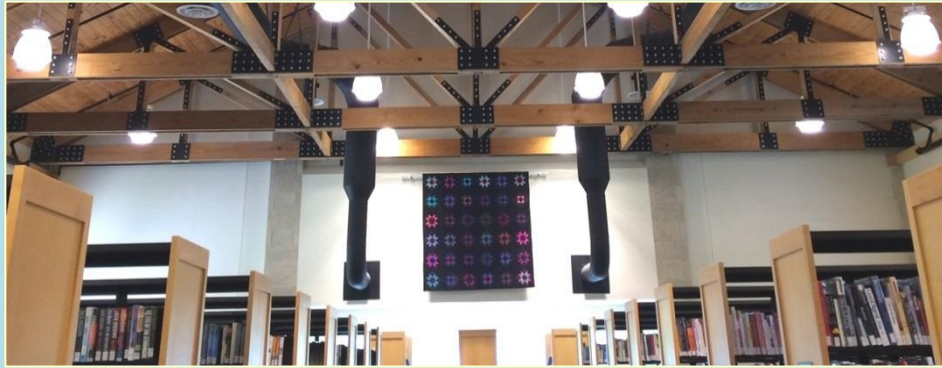


***May 2019 Director's Report to the Library Board***  
***Submitted June 18, 2019***



***HIGHLIGHTS FROM LIBRARY DEPARTMENTS***

***Bowman Library Operations and Technical Services Manager, Kim Bean***

Our patrons will now be greeted by a light, bright environment in the adult wing of the Bowman library (pictured above). • Also new to the library is a stage and chairs for programs of visiting performers such as the third Little Noon Music concert held May 20<sup>th</sup>, with Davis Bradley performing bluegrass music. • In May Kim Bean spoke with vendor Midwest Tape to discuss possible ways for the library to utilize and fund Hoopla, a service that enables patrons to instantly borrow digital movies, music and ebooks with their library cards.

***Youth Services Department Head, Donna Hughes***

What a great way to advertise our new programs and the annual Summer Reading Program! The Youth Services and Circulation Department participated in the Old Town Winchester annual KidzFest event! Our new catalog of programs was shared with families and children enjoyed making their own hand puppets, creatively using paper bags!



The 2nd Annual Celebration in the Garden event brought in over 100 people to kick-off the start of summer. Families signed up for the Summer Reading Program, enjoyed popsicles, got their faces painted, and danced along to the amazing “Mr. Jon and Friends” band, amongst other surprises. Snoopy even joined in and took pictures with his favorite little readers at the event. Videos from all the fun can be seen on the HRLS Facebook Page.

***Public Relations & Technology Coordinator, Matt Swain***

Summer Reading Programs and Archives ads were placed in the Winchester Star as well as a full page ad on 5 things to do this summer and our Old Town ad featured upcoming programs. DVM TV Station featured Celebration in the Garden and Launchpad tablets, and showed the Archives Department in a local history segment. The Marketing Department also launched press releases, newsletters, and social media posts highlighting the adult program “Later in the Library” – along with bringing Winchester FM for an onsite broadcast, on-air commercials, and patron interviews.

•The newest technology addition to our website is a “Latest News & Updates” section which features videos, program announcements, blog entries and more. Useful upgrade continues with pre-book, allowing patrons to pre-register for time on public computers.

### ***Circulation Services Department Head & Outreach Coordinator, Mary Anton***



Since Launchpads were introduced at all three branches they have grown in popularity, with 115 checkouts in May alone. • Our booth at the annual KidzFest event attracted all ages, and 115 applications for new library cards were received!

### ***Adult Services Department Head, Adrienne Davis***



*Later in the Library*, attended by over 140 visitors, increased awareness of the Adult Summer Reading Program and introduced new and existing patrons to the wide range of collections, services, and programs the Library provides.



The after-hours event was spread throughout the Handley Main Level so patrons could explore, borrow materials, and enjoy being in the library. The live jazz music of SV Jazz was received by enthusiastic music listeners as patrons browsed the aisles of fiction and non-fiction books, biographies, audio books, dvd movies, and Spanish language materials.



### ***Handley Library Operations & Business Manager, Ann White***

Ann White, along with Adrienne Davis and Barbara Dickinson, met with the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley program planners to discuss ways that we can support each other's programs and goals. Two of the MSV staffers are new to the organization and this meeting was a good opportunity to connect as well as share what we are doing within the Handley Regional Library System and how we have worked together in the past. • On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ann participated in a webinar presented by Dr. Steve Albrecht on preventing sexual harassment in the library, assuredly valuable information to further the library's goal of providing a safe and secure environment for our patrons and staff while at each of our branches.

### ***Friends of Handley Regional Library, Director Barbara Dickinson***



Each May the Annual Meeting of the Friends of Handley Library takes place, with the tradition of offering a program for the public. A large "check" is also presented to the Library Director, John Huddy, to acknowledge a portion of funds donated by the Friends. • Christine A. Patrick, owner of The Winchester Book Gallery (a Winchester indie bookstore) gave a talk entitled *Community, Curation, Convening* on the connection between a bookstore and a public library.

### ***Clarke County Library Branch Manager, Laurine Kennedy***

May was a busy month at Clarke County Library; we continue to have large attendance at our programs. We also started two new programs: Wednesday Family Game Night and LEGO Club held in the children's section. Laurine Kennedy attended an offsite seminar, The Managers and Supervisors Conference, which was valuable in giving fresh ideas on management and people skills.

### ***Archives Librarian, Becky Ebert***

Many programs were held in the Archives this month: Archives Assistant, Joan Woods, presented a general genealogy program to 700 students from grades 6 - 8 during International Day at Frederick County Middle School, the Genealogy Lunch Bunch Group (with a discussion on researching women in history) and a German Genealogy Seminar. Becky Ebert led the Black Studies Group meeting, where museum and library professionals gather to discuss and share activities relating to African-American studies.

### **Community Partnerships:**

- Armel Elementary School
- Bass-Hoover Elementary School
- Belle Grove Plantation, Karen Laise and Gemma Felton
- Blue Ridge Dog Training Club, Alice Seabright
- Childcare Aware
- Clarke County Parks and Recreation, Shannon Miller
- Clarke County Schools, Renée Weir
- Crossroads Counseling Center, Nicholas Coleman
- Four-Color Fantasies
- Frederick Douglass Elementary School
- Friends of Handley Regional Library
- Gainesboro Elementary School
- Independent School of Winchester
- Indian Hollow Elementary School
- JustBirth, Gretchen Smith
- Lord Fairfax Community College, ESL
- La Leche League, Natasha Ossinova
- Master Gardeners from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, Lynn Hoffman
- Museum of the Shenandoah Valley
- Orchard View Elementary School
- Rock Room of Winchester, Kimmon Waldruff
- Shenandoah University, Karen Huff
- Shenandoah Valley Chess Club, David Hubbard
- Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum
- Sherando High School Intellectual Disabilities, Patti Throckmorton
- Spanish Oak Rabbitry, Lynn Miller
- Stephens City Chess Club, John & Matthew Clark
- Valley Maker's Association
- Virginia Commission of the Arts
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- Winchester City Sheriff's Office

### **Locations of Outreach Programs in the Community:**

Armel Elementary School  
Frederick Douglass Elementary School  
Museum of Shenandoah Valley