

Library Director's Report March 2024

February Statistics

	February 2024	February 2023	
Circulation	4,039	3,855	5%
Electronic Materials	1,070	564	90%
New Patrons	70	52	35%
Website page views	22,287 page views		
ILL (Interlibrary Loan)	5 received, 2 shipped	7 received, 4 shipped	

New Materials

Adult Books	133
Magazines	7
DVD	4
Children's Books	79
Youth/Children Video	2
YA Books	22

February Activities: 1,017 people participated in February's programs. This is an increase of 146% over February of 2023 (414.) February included Joy of Chocolate with an attendance of 131. With three full-time librarians we offered more programs this February than was possible at the same time last year. This increase combined with the overall growth in program attendance is reflected in these numbers.

Upcoming Events:

- **Adult Crafts**, April 3, 2 pm; April 11, 10 am, at the Salado Senior Center
- **Teen Dungeons & Dragons group**, Fridays, 4:30 pm
- **Storytime**, Tuesdays, and Fridays, 11 am, except April 16 and 19.
- **True Crime Book Club**, April 11, 6 pm
- **Monday Book Club**, April 9, 2 pm
- **Thursday Book Club**, April 18, 2 pm
- **Senior Center Book Club**, April 18, 12:30 pm
- **Music Munchkins**, April 3, 10 am
- **Mini-Makers**, April 3, 11 am
- **Books & Bites**, April 4, 2 pm
- **YA Crafts**, April 11, 18, 25@ 4:30 pm
- **Discovery Club**, April 23, 4:30 pm
- **Technology Classes for adults: Canva 101**, April 10, 2 pm; **Senior Center 1 on 1 help**, April 25, 10 am
- **YA Super Smash Bros**, April 27, 2 pm

- **Adults: Cold Case Murder Mystery Party**, April 17, 2 pm; April 24, 6 pm. Registration required.
- **Children: Maker Madness**, April 13, 11 am. Craft and STEM activity.
- **Adults: Puzzle Swap**, April 22, 2 pm.
- **YA: Throwback Movies**, April 20, 12 pm

Upcoming conferences: Two important library conferences take place in April.

- **Public Library Association (PLA):** April 3 – 5, in Columbus, Ohio. Julie and April will attend.
- **Texas Library Association (TLA):** April 16-19, in San Antonio, Texas. Jeanie and Mia will attend.

Eclipse, April 8: As you know, a total eclipse will take place on Monday, April 8. Salado is within the path of totality, so we are expecting a lot of people in town. We have eclipse glasses that will be available to the public starting April 1. We have already given a set of glasses to the Salado Senior Center.

The library will be open April 8, but we will not have any activities. Salado Police will provide barriers so that we can block off the parking lot on the Saturday before the eclipse to prevent any campers or RVs from moving in and camping out. The space will be available to anyone who would like to come in and view the event on Monday. We will have water and refreshments as well as a few craft activities. Julie, Manuela, and I will be on site to assist people. The village is providing two port-a-potties, and a large trash can.

Vacation: I will be on vacation April 22 – 24. As always, the staff will be available to provide any assistance.