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## Thoughts From Tina...

By Tina Dalton, Director

The **Page Turners** will not meet during the month of August.

The **Books & Brews** group will meet on Thursday, August 22 at 6 pm at Carpies to discuss Geraldine Brooks' *People of the Book*.

The main **book display** for this month is "Take Care of Your Body and Your Mind", featuring titles on health and wellness topics.



Circulation the highest it has been in years—the last time it was this high in July was 2009. This significant increase is partially due to the automatic renewals that we now have

in place, but I feel certain it is also a result of the hard work we've done on the Summer Reading Program this year. We have collaborations with both the village Summer Rec program and the CRCS Summer School programs. The Summer Rec kids come to the library daily to read and attend programs. Their coordinator, Brittany Deschler, has enrolled many of the summer rec kids in the SRP, logging their minutes, and encouraging them to get library cards. All six of the



summer school classes visited weekly throughout July. Cherilyn has done a phenomenal job providing multiple programs throughout the week for a variety of ages. In addition, she's excelled at promoting the library's SRP on Facebook by reporting on a weekly basis how many minutes and books have been read. This year we required families to participate by reporting their minutes through an online program and this option has proved to be very popular. We have many more adults participating in SRP this year, because they have used the online portal for themselves as well as their children.

## Chat With Cherilyn...

By Cherilyn Wise, Youth Services Coordinator



Summer reading started on July 8th. Our **storytime** groups, The Space Cadets (K-3 group) and the Little Stars (ages 2-4) met throughout the month.

Each group had the same themes: Moon, Planets, Aliens, and Space. (Spoilers: we will have another general space theme in August; there's just so much space stuff we can do!) Our books have all been space-related. One of my favorites so far has been *The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot* by Margaret McNamara but this theme has also been an excellent opportunity to mix in a lot of nonfiction books and talk about the differences between fiction and nonfiction. We made moons out of crumpled, then flattened aluminum foil, spaceships out of paper plates, crayon resist watercolor paintings, and melted wax planets.

This summer, the "**maker**" group, dubbed Rocket Scientists,

was open for kids ages 10-14, covering the tween and early teen base. We have been looking at science mysteries related to space and doing some hands on experiments to understand why the moon changes its phases, why planets seem to wander the sky, and the earth's rotation vs. revolution. **Teens**

had the opportunity to attend a Space themed escape room. Teens have also been able to attend some of the craft classes open to both teens and adults.

I had all 6 **summer school** classes visiting each week this month. Three came on Mondays and three on Thursdays. Their storytimes followed the same theme as the regular storytimes and as been an excellent opportunity to connect with more teachers in the district.

**Go Go Garden** has been running since the middle of June. We have harvested mostly lettuce but the kids

attending are enjoying being outside and learning more about how things grow. Rise Peacock has been teaching **Art Camp** for K-5. Every time I've gone down to check in, the kids are having a blast and taking home some awesome projects.



This year, our special performers were all scheduled on Wednesdays, creating "Wacky Wednesdays". The performers during the month of July were all very popular. The MadCap Puppets, Science Tellers, Defiant Monkey, and OmniPresent Puppets were all excellent. We also had an escape room for families and younger children. It was Star Wars themed.





## New Books

### FICTION

Cristina Alger, [Girls Like Us](#)  
 Ace Atkins, [The Shameless](#)  
 Chandler Baker, [Whisper Network](#)  
 David Baldacci, [One Good Deed](#)  
 Linda Castillo, [Shamed](#)  
 Catherine Coulter, [Labyrinth](#)  
 Blake Crouch, [Recursion](#)  
 Rene Denfeld, [The Child Finder](#)  
 Meg Donohue, [You, Me, & the Sea](#)  
 Karen Dukess, [The Last Book Party](#)  
 Andrea Dunlop, [We Came Here to Forget](#)  
 Heather Graham, [The Seekers](#)  
 Jasmine Guillory, [The Wedding Party](#)  
 Mark Haddon, [The Porpoise](#)  
 Linda Holmes, [Evvie Drake Starts Over](#)  
 Iris Johansen, [Smokescreen](#)  
 Lauren Kate, [The Orphan's Song](#)  
 Rachel Linden, [The Enlightenment of Bees](#)  
 Johanna Lindsey, [Temptation's Darling](#)  
 Laura Lippman, [Lady in the Lake](#)  
 Debbie Macomber, [Window on the Bay](#)  
 Alexander McCall-Smith, [Second Worst Restaurant in France](#)  
 Diana Palmer, [Unleashed](#)  
 H.G. Parry, [The Unlikely Escape of Uriah Heep](#)  
 James Patterson, [Sophia, Princess Among Beasts](#)

Mary Jo Putney, [Once a Spy](#)  
 Spencer Quinn, [Heart of Barkness](#)  
 Emilie Richards, [A Family of Strangers](#)  
 Nora Roberts, [Under Currents](#)  
 Michael Robotham, [Good Girl, Bad Girl](#)  
 Richard Russo, [Chances Are](#)  
 Riley Sager, [Lock Every Door](#)  
 Daniel Silva, [The New Girl](#)  
 Danielle Steel, [Lost & Found](#)  
 Nina Stibbe, [Reasons to Be Cheerful](#)  
 Nancy Thayer, [Surfside Sisters](#)  
 Abbi Waxman, [The Bookish Life of Nina Hill](#)  
 Colson Whitehead, [The Nickel Boys](#)  
 Evan Winter, [The Rage of Dragons](#)

### PAPERBACK FICTION

Mary Balogh, [Someone to Honor](#)  
 Beverly Jenkins, [Rebel](#)  
 Betina Krahn, [The Girl With the Sweetest Secret](#)  
 Debbie Macomber, [Wanted: Perfect Partner](#)  
 Marta Perry, [Amish Outsider](#)

### GRAPHIC NOVELS

Simon Spurrier, [Labyrinth: Coronation Vol. 2](#)

### AUDIOBOOKS

Chandler Baker, [Whisper Network](#)  
 David Baldacci, [One Good Deed](#)  
 C.J. Box, [Wolf Pack](#)

Thomas Perry, [The Burglar](#)  
 Whitney Scharer, [The Age of Light](#)  
 Julian Treasure, [How to Be Heard](#)  
 Jennifer Weiner, [Mrs. Everything](#)  
 Colson Whitehead, [The Nickel Boys](#)

### LARGE PRINT

David Baldacci, [Redemption](#)  
 Catherine Coulter, [The Last Second](#)  
 Janet Dailey, [Letter From Peaceful Lane](#)  
 Dorothea Benton Frank, [Queen Bee](#)  
 Elizabeth Gilbert, [City of Girls](#)  
 Helen Hoang, [The Bride Test](#)  
 Iris Johansen, [Dark Tribute](#)  
 Anne Perry, [Triple Jeopardy](#)  
 Tracie Peterson, [When You Are Near](#)

### NONFICTION

Svetlana Alexievich, [Last Witnesses](#)  
 Stephanie Burt, [Don't Read Poetry](#)  
 Maureen Callahan, [American Predator](#)  
 Brady Carlson, [Dead Presidents](#)  
 Charles Fishman, [One Giant Leap](#)  
 Pam Grossman, [Waking the Witch](#)  
 Mark Levin, [Unfreedom of the Press](#)  
 Iris Orbuch, [Beating Endo](#)  
 William Paquette, [The Pink House](#)  
 Lane Rebelo, [Baby Sign Language Made Easy](#)  
 Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson, [Buzz, Sting, Bite](#)  
 Steven Trzeciak, [Compassionomics](#)

## Memorials For July...

Memorials were received in honor of **Harold "Jiggs" Austin** by Michele Miller, Gail Guilfoil, David & Diane Tuttle, Richard & Carolyn Root, Steve & Diane Robertson, Richard & Kathleen Doering, The Crowley & Lechner Families, Barbra Fox, Carol Margeson, & Patricia Drake; and for **Anita Nunamaker** by Merlin & Noreen Briggs.

## Summer Reading Prize Winners

Adult Grand Prize—Kathy Foster (Kindle Fire)  
 Teen Grand Prize—Noah Martin (Escape Room Gift Card)  
 Kids Grand Prize—Geneva Appleby (Darien Lake Tickets)  
 PreK Grand Prize—Lane Ross (Museum of Play Tickets)