The Page Turners will meet on Wed. September 11 at 1:30 p.m., when they will discuss Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. The Books & Brews group will meet on Thurs. September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Perfect Blend to discuss An Anonymous Girl by Greer Hendricks.

The main book display for this month is “Leaf Through These Books!”, featuring books with fall colors. Summer Reading was a great success this year! Overall, we had 147 children, 8 teens, and 57 adults participate. The children and teens read 48,126 minutes, and the adults read 269 books!

On Aug. 1, Congressman Tom Reed came to the library to read to the kids. Cherilyn arranged a special storytime to accommodate his schedule. A special thanks goes out to the Trustees and parents who took time to come speak with him afterwards and advocate for library funding.

I spoke at the CRCS Retired Teachers’ Luncheon on Aug. 13. We played a trivia game to see how well they remembered their classic children’s literature, and I told them about the services the library offers.

We received a grant from the F.T. and Anna C. Manley Memorial Fund to replace the screen and computer at the microfilm machine. It will also pay for converting the backlog of Patriot newspapers (2015-2018) to microfilm.

Upcoming Programs:
Sept. 19 @ 6:30 pm ~ Wine Cork Pumpkins
Sept. 25 @ 6 pm ~ Acrylics
Sept. 25 @ 6:30 pm ~ Sewing

Thoughts From Tina...

We had a special story time with Congressman Reed. I read one book with him (Are You Scared, Darth Vader? by Adam Rex) and he read one by himself (The Book with No Pictures by BJ Novak). We showcased some of the space songs we had been singing during summer reading. The Space Cadets finished their summer program with a Space Bingo game and more space-themed books. The preschool group had a special music story time with Ashley Ward. For the last week of summer reading, we made “I Spy Busy Bags” with space themed items to search for in some goo made of dish soap, conditioner, glitter, and food coloring. None of them broke before leaving the library.

The Rocket Scientists group spent the last two weeks of summer reading working with our Sphero robots. The first week was playing around with them and getting to know the way they work. The second week was a challenge to build and navigate through the maze using two different mechanisms built into the robot’s software. The first is a “driving” navigation where the students can just drag and drive the robot around using the touch screens on the Kindles. The second method requires them to draw a path for the robot, set the speed at which it will drive, and start the program. The robot will follow the drawing exactly as it is on the screen. This was the more challenging of the two ways to go through the mazes but both groups were successful… eventually.

Summer school ended at the end of July but I have already scheduled some fall sessions with ACCORD and will be sending letters to the elementary school teachers. Rïse 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.

We also had a family movie day and watched Detective Pikachu. It was well-attended and at one point during an emotional scene, the room was completely silent.
New Books

FICTION
Donna Andrews, Terns of Endearment
Rhys Bowen, Love & Death Among the Cheetahs
CJ Box, The Bitterroots
Sandra Brown, Outfox
Philip Caputo, Hunter’s Moon
Katherine Center, Things You Save in a Fire
Robert Crais, A Dangerous Man
Janet Dailey, Texas Forever
Charlie Donlea, The Girl Who Was Taken
Karin Fossum, The Whisperer
Rea Frey, Because You’re Mine
Andrew Greer, Less
Kristan Higgins, Life & Other Inconveniences
Joshilyn Jackson, Never Have I Ever
David Lagercrantz, The Girl Who Lived Twice
Christy Lefteri, The Beekeeper of Aleppo
T.C. LoTempio, The Time for Murder is Meow
Adrian McKinty, The Chain
Fern Michaels, Cut and Run
Tea Obreht, Inland
Yoko Ogawa, The Memory Police
James Patterson, The Inn

James Patterson, The Warning
Gill Paul, The Secret Wife
Louise Penny, A Better Man
Hank Phillippi Ryan, The Murder List
Rion Scott, The World Doesn’t Require You
Karin Slaughter, The Last Widow
Elizabeth St. Michaels, Lord of the Wilderness
Danielle Steel, The Dark Side
J. Ryan Stradal, The Lager Queen of Minnesota
Ruth Ware, The Turn of the Key
Susan Wiggs, The Oysterville Sewing Circle
Stuart Woods, Contraband

PAPERBACK FICTION
Sabrina Jeffries, Project Duchess
Sarah MacLean, Brazen and the Beast

GRAPHIC NOVELS
Clint McElroy, The Adventure Zone: Murder on the Rockport Limited!

AUDIOBOOKS
CJ Box, The Bitterroots
RC George, Lightning Sky
Elin Hilderbrand, Summer of ’69
Debbie Macomber, Window on the Bay
Alex Michaelidis, Silent Patient
James Patterson, The Inn
Ruth Ware, Turn of the Key

LARGE PRINT
Mary Kay Andrews, Sunset Beach
James Patterson, The Inn
John Sandford, Neon Prey
Colson Whitehead, The Nickel Boys

NONFICTION
Jeanine Donofrio, Love & Lemons Every Day
Eve Ensler, Vagina Monologues
Richard Furman, Winning Your Blood Sugar Battle
Carrie Goldberg, Nobody’s Victim
Dana Harron, Loving Someone With an Eating Disorder
Ibram X Kendi, How to Be an Antiracist
Gretchen McCullogh, Because Internet
Sidney Powell, Licensed to Lie
Tina Schlossberg, Inconspicuous Consumption
Steve Slocum, Why Do They Hate Us?
Lisa Taddeo, Three Women
Ian Urbina, The Outlaw Ocean

Wine Cork Pumpkins
Ages 13 & up; $5 Fee
Thursday, Sept. 19 @ 6:30pm

Registration Required

Acrylics for Beginners
Ages 18 & up; $5 fee
Wednesday, Sept. 25 @ 6:00pm

Registration Required

Sewing for Beginners
Ages 12 & up; $5 fee
Wednesdays, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, & 16 @ 6:30 pm
@ CRCS Middle-High School

Registration Required