

March 2026

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presented by Sarah Trover

Brazil PUBLIC
LIBRARY





New Adult Resident

19



Renewals

18



New Juvenile Resident

0

We created 45 cards in March.



New Non-Resident

4



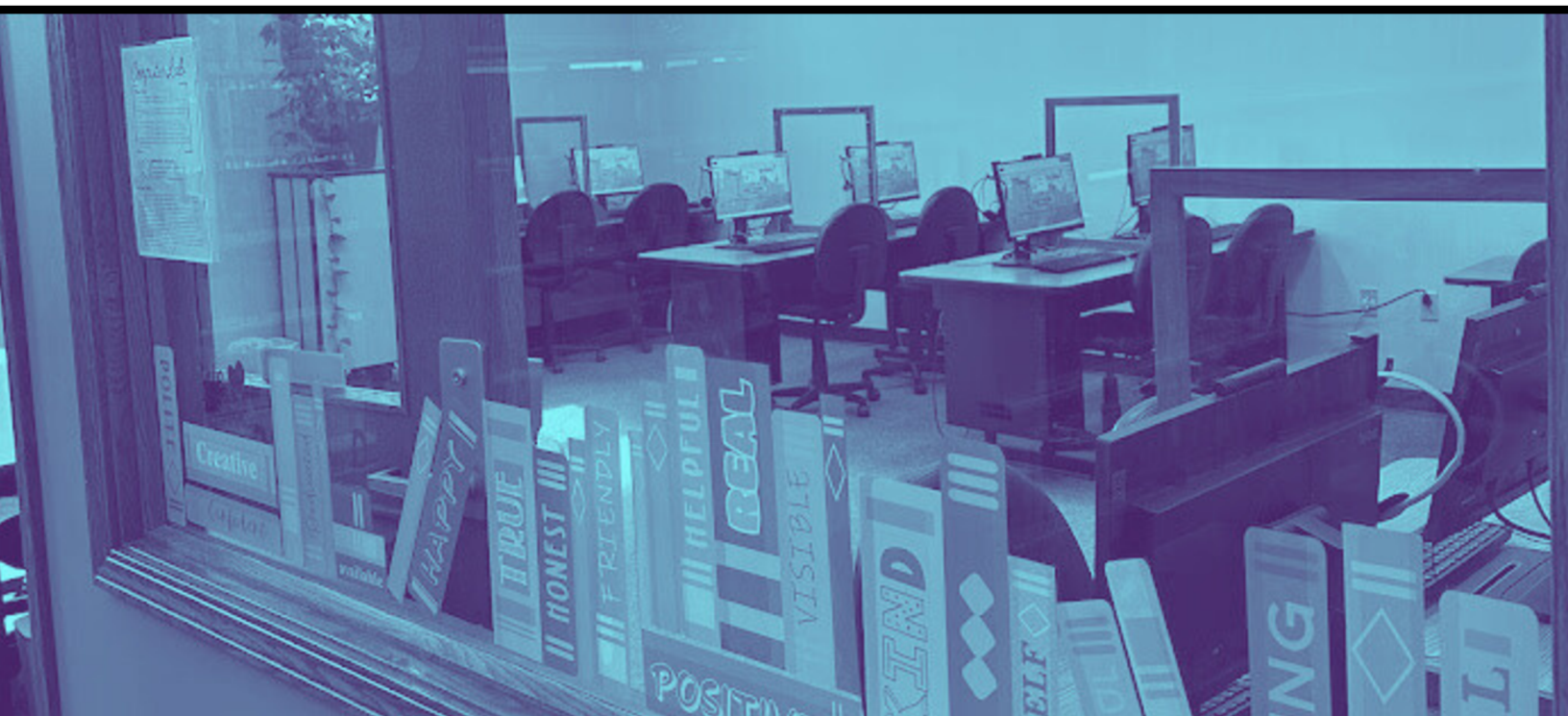
Renewed Non-Resident

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Renewed Juvenile

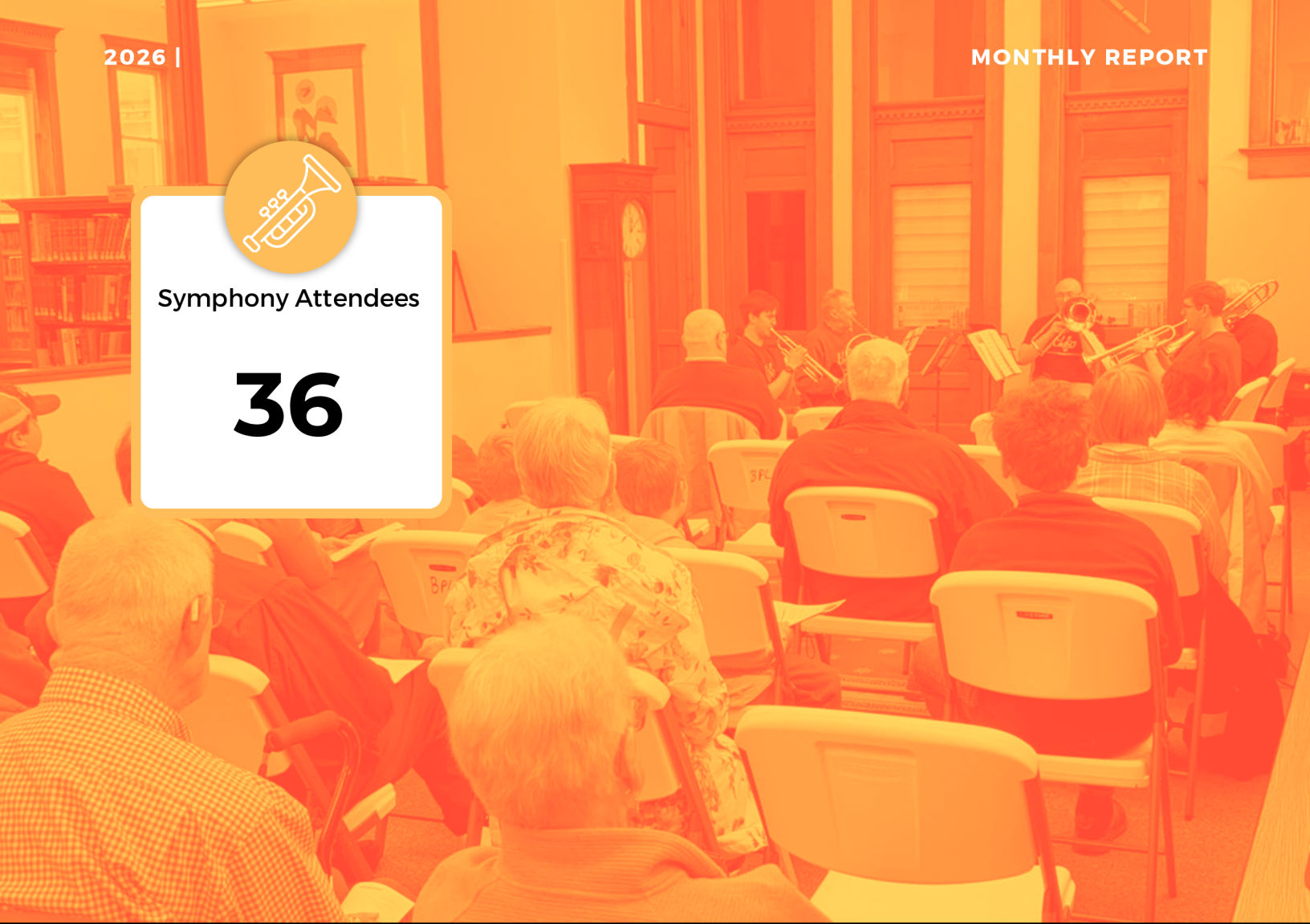
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Symphony Attendees

36



BRASS IN MOTION

On March 4, the Terre Haute Symphony Orchestra offered a free brass quintet performance at the Library. Kevin set up chairs in the fireplace room and nearly every one was filled. Sarah Duenez helped to host this event.

THSO Terre Haute **Symphony Orchestra**
 Roger Kalia • Music Director

March 4, 2026 12pm
 Brazil Public Library Brazil, IN

Featuring
THSO Brass Quintet

Brass in Motion

COMMUNITY Clay SCHOOLS A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN & GROW
 Brazil PUBLIC LIBRARY
 Wabash Valley COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AG DAY

On March 13, Sarah Trover and Tammy Robison attended Ag Day at the Clay County Fairgrounds. This event introduces 4th grade students from Clay County to agriculture through hands-on exploration.



We created scratch-art bookmarks with farm animals on them with each student. Tammy presented to students about everything the Library has to offer with an emphasis on our Summer Reading Program and an invitation to Carnegie's birthday.



Ag Day Attendees

327

All students left with their own bookmark and a flyer about Summer Reading Program and how to get a Library card.



Door Count

4,763





YOUTH CRAFT

On March 5, Rebekah Dillman hosted the Youth Craft Night in the children's department. Four people created green leprechaun slime in celebration of St. Patrick's Day this month.



Youth Craft Attendees

4

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT



Website Views

80,174



Facebook Followers

1,991



Instagram Followers

47

ADA SIGNAGE



To continue our efforts to be ADA compliant, we have updated some signage in the Library to include braille where it was previously missing.

The restroom in the children's department has long been advertised as a children's restroom, but the previous signs were not in braille, so this is a welcome update.

OUTDOOR DISPLAY CASE

In March, Kevin Heidel installed an outdoor display case near the main entrance doors.

We will use this case to post Library announcements, closings, and advertisements.

This case was purchased because announcements cannot be posted on the main doors now that we have vinyl on them.





Meeting Room
Reservations

13

MEETING ROOMS

STUDY ROOMS

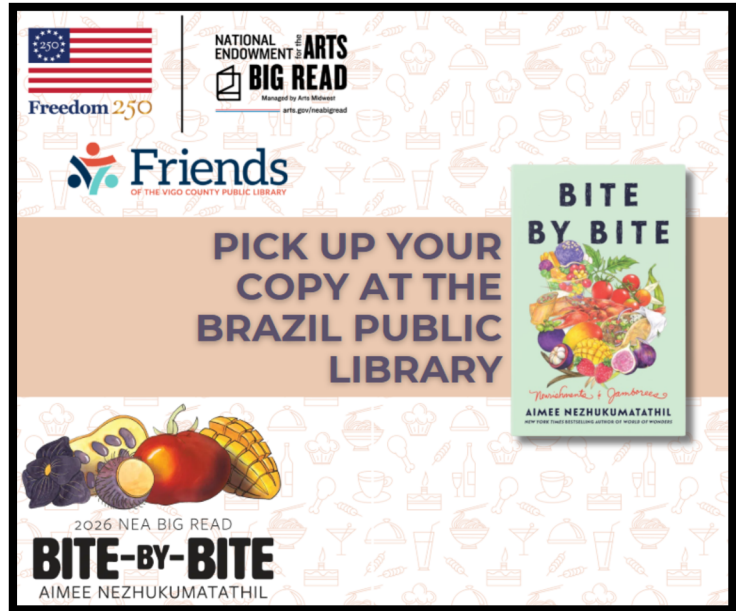
Kevin Heidel installed acoustic panels in both study rooms in April. We anticipate these tiles absorbing noise in these spaces so they are more private for customers. They also serve as decoration in these spaces.



DONATIONS

NEA BIG READ “BITE BY BITE”

We have partnered with the Vigo County Public Library to host the National Endowment of the Arts Big Read by distributing 200 copies of the Big Read novel. *Bite by Bite: Nourishments & Jamborees* is written by award-winning poet and essayist Aimee Nezhukumatathil. Born in the United States to a Filipina mother and a Malayali father, she turns to food to connect with her parents’ cultures and her own family history. She writes about birthday lumpia folded by her mother’s hands, and jackfruit first tasted at her grandparents’ home in South India.



BOOK SHOPPE



Book Sale
Donations

\$364



Donations Received
in the Library

\$8

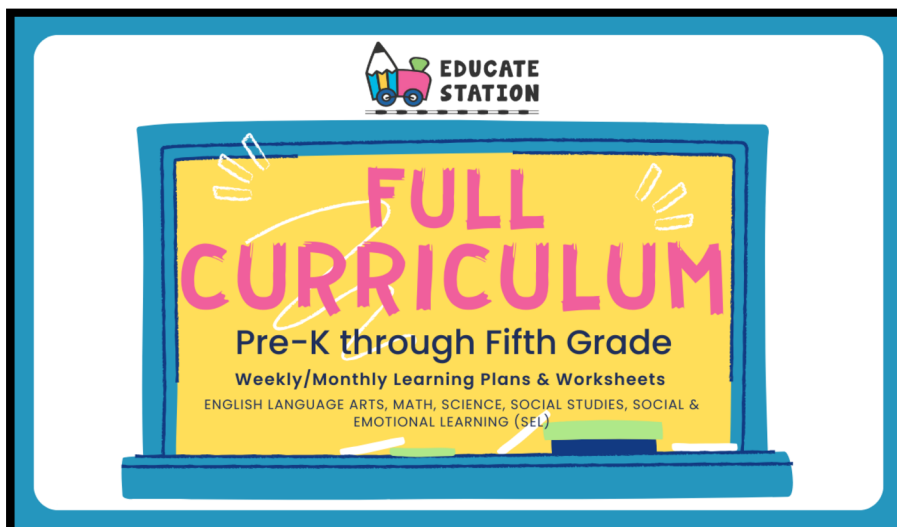


Computer Users

130

TECHNOLOGY

EDUCATE STATION



We have added a new digital resource for our card holders called Educate Station. This website offers curriculum for parents and will be a great resource for homeschool parents. It is available on our website and a library card is necessary to access it.

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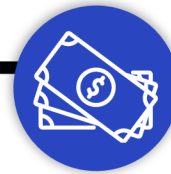
Check Outs

137



New Users

4



Total Cost

\$336



kanopy



Visits to Kanopy

18



Videos Played

5



Minutes Watched

139



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

INDIANA'S AMAZING CAVES

Melissa Hicks Giles and Tammy Robison attended a webinar hosted by the Indiana State Library on March 3. "Unearth a Story: Indiana's Amazing Caves" was worth 1 LEU. This webinar was about ways to incorporate our local landscape into Summer Reading programming.

PARENTPV

Sarah Trover explored a new resource on March 6 called ParentTV. "Learners Engaged & ParentTV - Practical Trusted Parenting Support Libraries Can Deliver at Scale" was the webinar that was watched and a quote for this resource has been requested.

THINK NETFLIX, BUT FOR PARENTING RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

Have a look at some of our most popular videos and topics right now!

<p>MY PARTNER AND I PARENT DIFFERENTLY - WHAT DO WE DO?</p> <p>WITH TESS GIBSON</p>	<p>ANXIETY AND OUR KIDS</p> <p>WITH DR. JODIE LOWMEYER</p>	<p>SUPPORTING UNDER 5'S WITH EMOTIONS AND TANTRUMS</p> <p>WITH DR. ERIKLENE HENDERSON</p>
<p>MANAGING TECHNOLOGY IN THE HOME</p> <p>WITH TESS GIBSON</p>	<p>THE PARENT'S GUIDE TO BULLYING</p> <p>WITH RACHEL DOWNIE</p>	<p>TIPS FOR GETTING YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL AND LEARNING</p> <p>WITH ANDREW GREENHILL</p>

This could be a great offering for parents—especially those with children in the foster care system. It is possible that this program could be included in a grant to make the Library a better space for supervised visits.

USING AI TOOLS IN LIBRARY MARKETING

Sarah Trover and Melissa Hicks Giles attended “Using AI Tools in Library Marketing” on March 20. This webinar was presented by Library Works.



SAVE ACT WEBINAR

Sarah Trover attended “The SAVE Act is Back” hosted by Nonprofit Vote on March 25. This training was for nonprofits conducting nonpartisan voter engagement. Supporters of the bill say that it is necessary to keep non-citizens from voting. Critics point out that only citizens can vote under federal law and warn that the bill only creates new hurdles with unintended consequences. This training highlighted how we can prepare our patrons for this changes.

THE BUSINESS OF ARCHIVES

Melissa Hicks Giles attended “Lunch and Learn: the Business of Archives: Account Books in the Indiana State Library” on March 10. This training was worth 1 LEU.

YOUTH SERVICE CONFERENCE

Tammy Robison attended the Youth Services Conference hosted by the Indiana Library Federation on March 22-23 in Muncie Indiana.

Children’s book authors John David Anderson and Shifa Saltagi Safadi were the keynote speakers.

Tammy attended multiple sessions including Teen Outreach, Picture Books for Teens, Data-driven Summer Reading programming and more.



READI 2.0 ARTS & CULTURE INITIATIVE PUBLIC FORUM



Miah Michaelsen, Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission brought together artists, arts and cultural organizations, creative entrepreneurs, and community leaders to discuss the role of arts and culture in our region's READI 2.0 efforts. The Indiana Arts Commission answered questions, offered opportunities for collaboration, and offered insight into the program. Sarah Trover attended this public forum on March 24.

DISASTER PLANS

Megan Pool from the Indiana State Library presented at the staff meeting on Monday, March 30 about "Earth, wind & fire- be prepared if disaster strikes!". She discussed emergency procedures and collection disaster plans. Updating this plans is a task we will work on as a team throughout 2026.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN



Received

270



Sent

253



Notary Services

7



Study Room Users

53

March BY THE NUMBERS



Faxes

25



Supervised Visit
Attendance

104



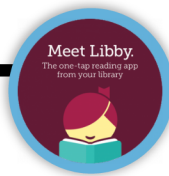
Reference Questions

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Circulation Total

1,530



Libby Circulation

981



Adult Best Sellers

37

New MATERIALS

We are at 1.38% of our 8% goal.
We have \$49,831.10 left to spend.



Adult Non-Fiction

23



Large Print

9



Youth Services
Easy Books

40



Youth Services
Non-fiction

16



Teen Fiction

11



New Items Added

242