

Brazil PUBLIC LIBRARY

August 2026

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Presented by Sarah Trover

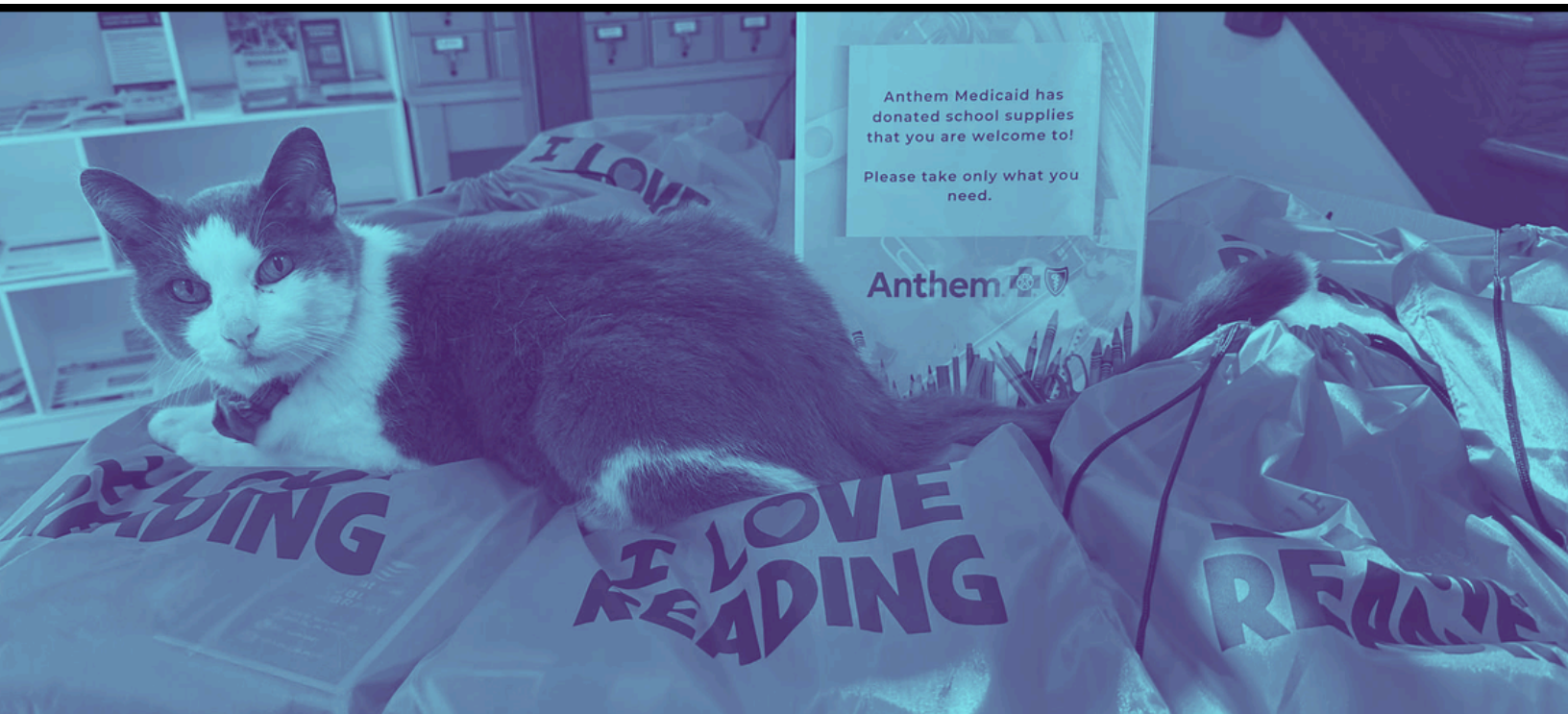




New Adult Resident

27

Renewals

24New Juvenile
Resident**2****We created 62 cards in August.**New Non-
Resident**1**Renewed Non-
Resident**8**New Non-Resident
Juvenile**0**



PROGRAMMING

END OF SUMMER PARTY

On August 1, the Teen Advisory Board hosted an End of Summer Party in the meeting rooms. Nan Algie and Rebekah Dillan organized and hosted the event. Jim Newman covered the desks on his own that day to allow both of them to work the party and it was much appreciated.

Eleven people signed up for the party and six attended. Four TAB members also attended and served as hosts.



End of Summer
Party

10





Bigfoot Program

38

BIGFOOT STORIES, SIGHTINGS AND RESEARCH

LeRoy Nail President of the Indiana Bigfoot Research Organization did a presentation at the Library on August 8 about Bigfoot sightings and research being done here in Indiana. Thirty-eight people attended and were eager to share their own stories and ask questions.

This program was organized with the help of Adam Nelson and his grandmother. They proposed hosting this program back in May. Adam introduced LeRoy at the event and did a tremendous job.





YOUTH CRAFT

Nan Algie hosted the Youth Craft on August 6 and they created colorful, paper spinners. One boy and his mother attended this program.

ANTHEM MEDICAID DONATION

On August 7, Emily Salinas from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield donated eleven bags of school supplies to the Library. The bags included folders, crayons, notebooks, erasers, pencils, and more, providing essential supplies for children who visit the Library.

To complete the bags, Library staff added hand sanitizer, colored pencils, and Library promotional materials. The completed school supply bags were distributed to children in less than two days.





Baby Shower
Attendees

114

CLAY COUNTY COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

On August 29, we hosted the Clay County Community Baby Shower with the help of 25 organizations. This event targeted expectant mothers and those with children under one. There were community resources with booths in the parking lot and classes were offered in the meeting rooms. A breastfeeding class was provided by WIC. An infant CPR class was taught by the Clay County Health Department and a safe sleep class was provided by Firefly. Free food was provided by Anthem Medicaid, Pappy's, and Papa Johns. CASY offered car seat checks. Aubrey Manion, Katy Nelson and Carrie Cole represented the Library at this event by greeting guests and vendors and offering free books.

Attendees filled out cards noting that they met with every vendor for a chance to win a door prize at the end of the event.



ISU HONORS

Sarah Trover was the guest speaker for an Indiana State University Honors course General Honors 201: Introduction to the Great Works on August 27. This presentation focused on how libraries are funded, banned books, and collection development policies.

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

On August 31, Sarah Trover and Aubrey Manion contributed to the United Way’s Community Conversation about Clay County that was held in the Library’s meeting rooms. Three other community members attended this event that gained insight about our perspectives on the needs of the community.



2026 DOOR COUNT

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
3706	4055	4763	3782	3862	5076	5407	5180



Door Count

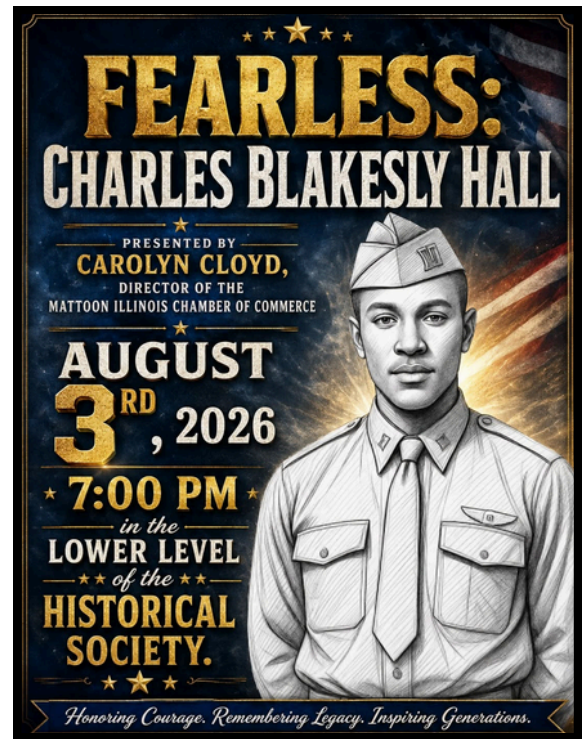
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CHARLES BLAKESLEY HALL FILM:

Melissa Hicks Giles helped to organize the showing of the film "Fearless: Charles Blakesley Hall" on August 3 at the Historical Society. Thirty-eight people attended this event.

Melissa serves as a board member at the Clay County Historial Society and her contributions, as well as the Library are mentioned in the credits of the film.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

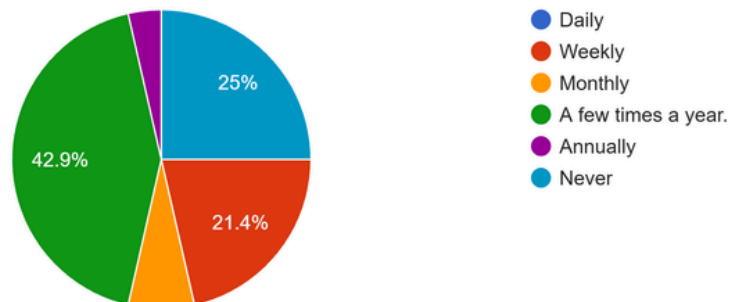
Aubrey Manion and Katy Nelson represented the Library at National Night Out on August 4. They distributed popsicles, information about the Library, and Carnegie coloring sheets. More than 100 people visited the Library's booth during this event at Forest Park.

They are pictured with Danielle from Clay County WIC, which is one of our partners.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU OR YOUR FAMILY CURRENTLY VISIT THE LIBRARY?

Twenty-eight people took surveys at this event for a chance to win a door prize.

76.2% of those surveyed responded that they did not have a Library Card, and 25% have never visited the Library.

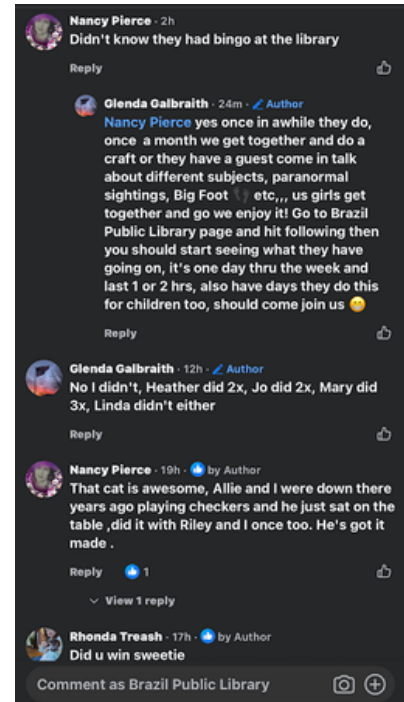


BINGO

Eighteen people attended adult bingo on August 20. We offered prizes to winners, most of which were leftover prizes from our Summer Reading Program, which included brand, new books.

The highlight of the program was when Carnegie joined us and made his presence known by walking over everyone's bingo boards.

Those that attended had a great time and even bragged about their experience on Facebook. There is no better advertising than word of mouth, so this program ended up being a great marketing opportunity.



Bingo Attendees

18

DIGITAL FOOTPRINT



Website Views

57,464



Facebook Followers

2,143



Instagram Followers

50

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Kevin Heidel was busy improving the building in August. He replaced three toilets in the Library and the exterior flag pole. Kevin painted the children's restroom in August, as well. He came in on Sunday, August 30 to paint, so it didn't interfere with customer access.



DONATIONS

BOOK SCANNERS

The Clay County Genealogical Society donated two book scanners- ATIZ Book Drive Pro Deluxe Camera Book Scanner and BookEye 4 BScan to the Library in August. Kevin Heidel picked up this donation on August 12.

It was agreed that if the Genealogy Society needed to use these devices they would be able to. We have also been granted permission to dispose of them whenever we deem it necessary. We are determining how to best use them.



Book Sale
Donations

\$437



Donations Received
in the Library

\$196

BOOK SHOPPE

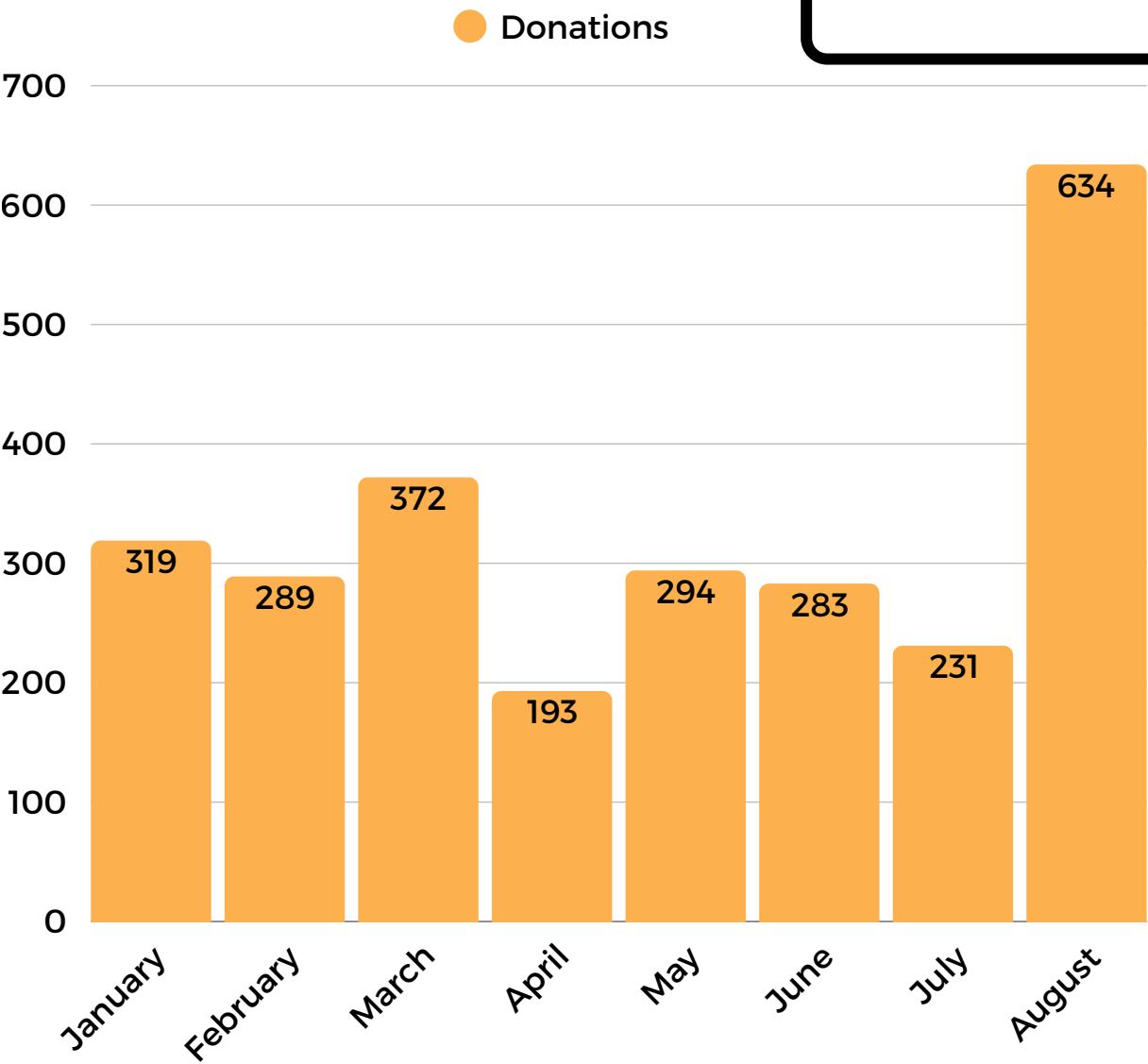
BOOKS FOR A DONATION

We made a record-breaking amount of money in the Book Shoppe this month. We were able to better organize the space and have more materials available for customers to browse.
All of the funds received in the Book Shoppe are used to support programming and the care of Carnegie.



2025 Book Donations

\$2,616





INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY DONAGHY DAY 2026

On August 17, 30 volunteers from Indiana State University provided assistance in organizing the Book Shoppe, cleaning shelves, wiping down DVD cases, taking Summer Reading decals off of the floors and more. Katy Nelson and Sarah Trover assisted volunteers and their coordinator. We had very little time to plan how to best utilize these volunteers, so the progress we made was exceptional.



COMPUTER LAB



Computer Users

107

MEETING ROOMS



Meeting Room
Reservations

21

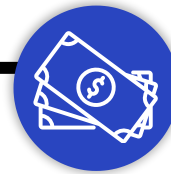
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Check Outs

165

New Users

6

Total Cost

\$398

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Visits to Kanopy

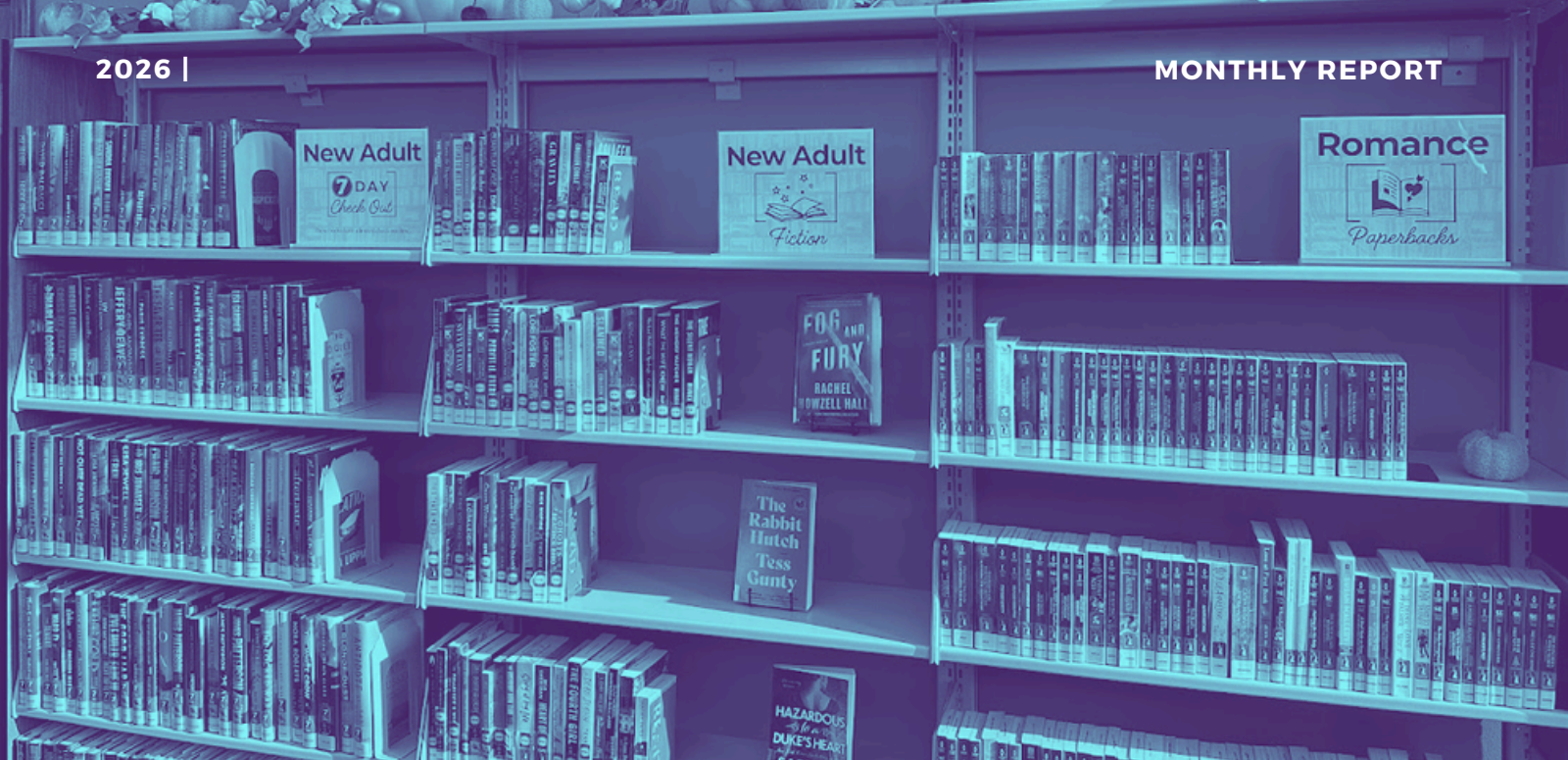
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Videos Played

60

Minutes Watched

952



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MUNICIPAL UNIT STRATEGIC TASKFORCE (MUST)

Jason Hayes attended an informational overview meeting on August 17 at the Clay County courthouse. This meeting was convened to discuss the Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (MUST) under Indiana Code 6-3.6-3-13. The taskforce brings together the county, cities, and towns to review Indiana's new local income tax law and discuss how rates will be set and shared starting in 2029.



MICROSOFT TEAMS FOR LIBRARIES

Melissa Hicks Giles attended a training offered by the Indiana State Library on how to use Microsoft Teams for Libraries. This training was done at August 19 and was worth 1 LEU.

ONLINE TRAININGS

On August 19, Melissa Hicks Giles took two additional online trainings on August 19: AI Tools for Web Design, Marketing & Social Media hosted by Clarivate/ Library Works and Creating a Digital Time Capsule presented by Jamie Robertson from YourArchive Ltd.

C.A.R.S. KINDNESS PACKAGES

On August 6, Child Adult Resource Services (C.A.R.S.) dropped off small kindness packages for Library staff. These bags included water, snacks, and uplifting messages.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING: IDENTIFICATION & SUPPORT

Sarah Trover attended Indiana Youth Institute's Youth Worker Café digital training "Human Trafficking: Identification and Support". This training was hosted on August 26 and qualifies for 1 LEU.



INTERLIBRARY LOAN



Received

322



Sent

243



Notary Services

16

Study Room Users

22

August

BY THE NUMBERS



Faxes

27Supervised Visit
Attendance**45**

Reference Questions

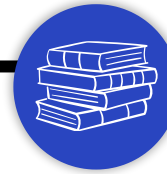
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Circulation Total

2,297

Libby Circulation

1,011

Adult Best Sellers

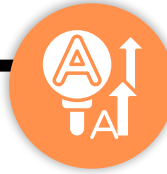
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New MATERIALS

We are at 4.15% of our 8% goal.
We have \$8,478 left to spend.



Adult Non-Fiction

26

Large Print

7Youth Services
Fiction**20**Youth Services
Non-fiction**34**

Teen Fiction

6

New Items Added

193