



Stewartville Public Library

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City Council Report – August, 2026

Total Physical Circulation - (July 2026)	7140
Physical Items Added - (July 2026)	212
MNLINK Items Borrowed/Loaned (July 2026)	37/41 (+25 Loaned for the year)
eBook Circulation Overdrive/Hoopla (July 2026)	790/243
Public Internet Sessions (July 2026)	151

Inter-Library Loan Materials July 2026-		
Materials sent out to other libraries:	820	
Materials we requested from other libraries:	718	
Net Difference	102 (+636 for the year)	

Ave. Daily Physical Circulation (July 2026)	285.6 items per open day	
New Patrons: (July 2026) 70 Total	Stewartville	33
	Rochester	22
	Olmsted Co	11
	Dodge Co.	2

Library Board Information:

	Calendar of Meetings June/July 2026	
Date	Activity	Staff
7.28.2026	City Council Meeting	Nate
Every Tuesday Morning	Benike Construction Mtg	Nate
8.18.2026	SELCO Director's Mtg	Nate
8.13.2026	Service Area Population Method Task Force Mtg	Nate
Date	Upcoming Program	Staff
	See Attached Program Calendar	

Additional Items and News:

Expansion: After a bunch of meetings on doors and locks and access we arrived at a plan that the library will have three keys when all is said and done. One for traditional library spaces like we have now, one for mechanical like we have now and a third what we are calling a "rental key" that will only open the doors to the meeting room side of the building, kitchenette, storage room and janitor's closet for groups who want to use the meeting rooms when the library is closed.

Summer Reading: Our summer programs ended August 14th and programming and while circulation was steady from a year ago, and eBook circulation was up substantially, summer reading program participation and program attendance were down from last year. We scheduled far fewer programs this summer due to uncertainty with the expansion and I think that hurt our numbers. However, all 844 of the kits we had available on the schedule were claimed and even with a July resupply run we went through every single “grab and go” kit we made available for preschoolers, school age kids and teen/adults.

Summer Reading 2026

By the Numbers

192

SCHOOL AGED
(AGES 5-18)
READERS



6,690

RECORDED
HOURS OF
READING



48

PRE-K
(AGES 0-5)
READERS



3,150

REPORTED
PRE-K BOOKS
READ

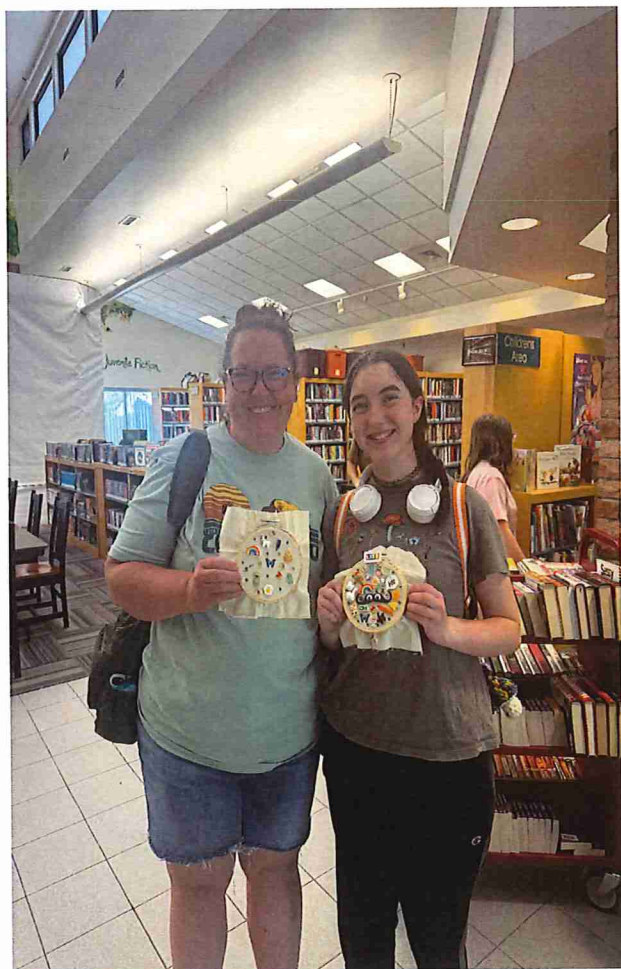


Music at Bear Cave Park:

We provided a kid's activity at every Bear Cave Concert this season and will finish off with back to school bookmark decorating at the season's final concert on September 2nd.



And we are still having art classes! This shot is from Sarah's "Chaos Embroidery" class



September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	2	3	4	5 Library Closed for Labor Day
6	7 Library Closed for Labor Day	8 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14 School Age Mystery STEM Kit Available Adult Craft Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	15 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	16	17 Book Club Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate 5:30 p.m.	18	19 Adult Silent Book Club @ Darlin' Bakery and Cafe 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
20	21	22 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	23 LEGO Club 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	24	25	26
27	28	29 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	30			

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	7	8	9	10
11 School Age Apple Circuit Kit Available Adult Craft Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	14	15 Book Club The Measure by Nikki Erlick 5:30 p.m.	16	17 Adult Silent Book Club @ Darlin' Bakery and Cafe 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
18	19	20 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	21	22 Books and Cats Painting with The Gutsy Artsy Ages 6+ Registration Required	23	24
25	26	27 Family Story Time 10:30 a.m.	28 LEGO Club 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	29	30	31