

May 2019 Board Report



The Texas Library Association's Annual Conference was amazing as usual. Due to our unique situation in Venus with a combined school and community library, District Librarian, Kathryn Roberts was invited to attend the New Directors PreConference. This provided opportunities for networking with other small town librarians as well as the bigger libraries in this area. There was also time to meet with Texas authors and begin planning for our author visits for next year. Other hot topics discussed were programming, makerspaces, new books, censorship, and much, much more! Many of these sessions have already been incorporated within our current program.

Circulation Reports			
Campus	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Venus Primary	9,604	8,835	8,871
Venus Elementary	26,448	5,921 (library construction)	19,858
Venus Middle	6,339	6,389	8,076
Venus High	2,141	2,122	3,122

Library circulation numbers look good across campuses other than the noticeable and predictable drop once students hit high school. To counter this drop we have started offering eBooks through Overdrive/Libby at the high school. Additionally in planning for the 2019-2020 school year we are hoping to have the ELAR classes in on a monthly basis for a brief lesson, to increase our book clubs, and appeal to other classes and individual student visits through Makerspace opportunities.

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- Upcoming Events:
- May 28th-Galactic Ice Cream Sundae Sign up Party @ 10AM
 - June 4th-Space Magic with Brett Roberts @ 10AM
 - June 11th-Adventures in Space with Miss Aimee's Balloons @ 10AM
 - June 18th-Out of this World Animals with Creature Teacher @ 10AM
 - June 25th-Reach for the Stars: An Astronomer's Guide to the Galax
 - Mommy & Me Storytime every Monday in June @ 10AM
 - June 3-6 Bloxels Coding Camp 1-2 PM grades 3-8
 - June 10-14 Pinterest Camp 1-2 PM grades 6-12
 - June 17-20 STEM Camp 1-2 PM grades 3-8
 - June 24-27 Best of Tech Camp 1-2 PM grades 3-8
 - June 27th-Library Closes for the Summer**