

What two things are going well in your library right now?

- Loyal, Teresa
 - Summer: Launched yesterday! Performer tomorrow, Loyal is prepared and hopeful! More confident in the Beanstack platform with another year of experience. Loyal is trying to build a splash pad with school advocacy as well. Library set a community reading goal with a pledge to donate to the splash pad.
 - Masks, having the tough conversation with the public is going better. Staff are feeling personally comfortable and confident with trusting vaccination which has positively impacted morale. Not enforcing mask wearing has been uplifting.
 - New staff member.
- Rhinelander, Virginia
 - First book sale this past weekend (very busy)! Held at the same time as the town art fair. The town has come alive!
 - Summer Reading launched this week.
 - Using “Masks Please” language and not enforcing masking has been uplifting for staff and library work. Still supplying masks if they are wanted. Offering masks for youth (given to adult accompanying child).
 - Launched permanent StoryStroll
- Minocqua, Peg
 - Programs outside at Torpe Park feel safe and happy.
 - Thai Chi in the Park has been a positive and popular program. “A lovely way to start your day.” On the waterfront! Taught by a seasoned local fitness instructor.
 - Storytime outside.
- Granton, Kay
 - Good to be back to normal in areas. Masks are optional and driven by public visitors.
 - Good to take a breath after the school year and dig into library-side.
- Merrill, Jessica
 - Figuring out new role with 3 months in as new Director.
 - Masks are continuing to be required. Some disappointed, some grateful (unvaccinated youth or at risk).
 - Programs/ Summer Reading kicking off. Outside programs.
- Colby, Vicky
 - No Mask, No Entry throughout the summer.
 - Still, 250+ kids signed up for summer reading program.
 - We are not hosting any onsite events until the finale at the end of July, but people are still signing up for what we are offering!

- Antigo, Dominic
 - Boys & Girls Club visiting with small, masked groups. So well behaved!
 - Summer Reading Program kicking off with good registration.
 - Beginning Strategic Planning and Dreamspace outdoors.
 - Masks continue to be optional. Staff are happy trusting vaccination. Masks are available at the entry.
- Abbotsford, Jenny
 - Summer Reading kickoff, slow start.
 - Toys are available and sanitized after they are returned.
 - Outdoor programs are going well.
- Edgar, Deb
 - MCPL doors are open! Visitors are happy.
 - We are under a 25% capacity limit, so sometimes we have to have patrons wait to come in.

What challenges is your library facing and how are these being addressed?

- Loyal, Teresa
 - How do we get those people back that use to be regular visitors? They haven't come back. Why? How do we reach them? Sent personal notes.
 - For our performer tomorrow, we are requiring masks so I'm anticipating that to be a challenge!
 - People came in to cool down, but didn't stay long.
- Rhinelander, Virginia
 - 3 staff lost since January retirement/Covid. Staff may not be happy with the changes the pandemic has inspired.
 - Self-serve checkout, holds are self-serve means big changes for interacting with library users and less interaction.
 - Time limits on visits and naturally shorter visits has been a big change.
 - ¾ users are back
- Abbotsford, Jenny
 - Circulation and Patron count still way down.
 - The screening services killed the dvd stars.
 - Had to ban 4 teens the first week of summer (6 month ban) for harassment and throwing rocks.
 - Changed our hours so the library is only open 2 hours after city hall closes to see if that will help.
- Minocqua, Peg
 - "Are you opening up your program room?" Groups want to meet and schedule. Not an option currently. "Too early to tell."

- Challenge with reservations for study rooms and time limits. People want a space to take Zoom calls/work space interfering with other users. 2 hour time limit is not enough for some.
- Merrill, Jessica
 - Masks are required, board meeting tomorrow. Reviewing monthly. This is draining.
- Colby, Vicky
 - People asking for programming events and for the playroom to open. And they want study rooms open on rainy days--they use the outdoor gazebo area on nice days.
- Abbotsford, Jenny
 - Changing my adult craft night to in person, have had a couple requests to keep making the take-n-makes, for them, but too time consuming and difficult to find a crafts that work on an adult level.
- Antigo, Dominic
 - Balancing public health with public needs (interest in meeting room)
 - Summer Reading remains outside (programs/performers)
 - Using city park shelter with no walls for programming rain dates

Time Limits?

- MCPL 1 hour
- Colby ½ hour, 25 capacity
- RDL 1 hour
- Merrill no limit
- Antigo no limit
- Granton no limit
- Abbotsford: Abbotsford removed in-library time limits. Study rooms and Computers still at 1 hours with the ability to extend if for non-recreation use.
- Minocqua: We have a two hour time limit in our study rooms, otherwise we are not hard core enforcing time limits, but if we reach capacity we would ask people to leave.

What are 1-2 things that you would like to implement/start for the fall?

- Edgar, Deb
 - Can't wait to have in person programming. Story time, family fun night, and Home School Huddle.
- Granton, Kay
 - Want to get the Makerspace area back in action!
 - Want to use Beanstack more often in the fall.

- Loyal
 - No plans as of yet.
 - Will change the Stories on Main service.
- Minocqua, Peg
 - Bring back Drop in Tech Time, Live streamed Science on Tap, groups to program room
 - Trying to get through present
 - Town did not want Mask signage on the building, inside was fine.
- Merrill, Jessica
 - I don't know what our programming will look like for the fall here in Merrill, but I know for sure I'd love to start some deep weeding in our collections.
- Antigo, Dom
 - Vaccination rates up hopefully.
 - That and school decisions will determine in-person services/programs
 - New StoryWalk and StoryTrail

What benchmarks are libraries using to assist in determining reopening?

- Merrill: Local health authorities are not being as prescriptive as I might want. That's their job, isn't it?
- Minocqua: Public wearing masks less. Public may be confused as masks aren't needed by CDC if vaccinated but librarians are wearing masks. We will be leaving the plexi-glass dividers and reducing furniture arrangements.
- Antigo vaccinated rate is below 40% and public is relatively maskless with deaths occurring.