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## June Library Corner

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June has been filled with all things Summer Reading Program. It's so fun to visit the LMCS classrooms in May to talk about the program and all the fun events we have scheduled for the summer. But, it's even more fun watching some of those kids walk in our doors to act upon their excitement and actually register for the program.

We've had over 160 kids register during our sign-up and have already had some bookmarks returned and prizes claimed. For each 30 minutes read, the kids mark off one circle on their bookmark. They can turn their bookmarks in after completing eight, 16, or 24 circles—depending on the tiered level of prize they are working towards. Four, eight, or 12 hours of reading . . . and then start all over again. It's a "win-win" for everyone—participants, families, and teachers hoping kids avoid the infamous "summer slide." Oh, and did I mention, it's great for all of us at the Lake Mills Public Library as well.

Our young adult readers, ages 12-18, simply check out a book, read/respond on their bookmark, and turn it in for a drawing every Friday at 2 p.m. for \$10 in Lake Mills bucks and/or LM theater passes. All of this, as well as some awesome weekly events and in-library challenges, are going to make for an incredible summer of reading. Stop in and pick up a calendar of events or follow us on Facebook, Channel 2 and K10W.

The reading challenges and prizes are for the kids, but the events are open to ALL. Come and join us. We'd love to see you here at the library.

We appreciate all our Summer Reading Program sponsors. As each of the children register, I include a document in their bag of goodies that lists all our generous donors, and I explain to the kids that none of these awesome events would be possible without these donations.

I am working on compiling a summary of the 2024-2025 LMPL fiscal year to present to the City Council at the next meeting. I figured, why not share some of those facts/figures with you as well? When you look at things from a year-long vantage point, it really is incredible to see how much our little library gets used.

- LMPL currently has **948** active card holders

- We circulated **13,995** items between July 1, 2024-May 31, 2025

- **11,620** people walked through our doors between July 1, 2024-May 31, 2025
- Programs offered through the same time frame drew in **4,625** people
- Computers were used **803** times from July 1, 2024-May 31, 2025
- Electronic material checkouts through the Libby app totaled **4,387** from July 1, 2024-May 31, 2025

Some of the other services provided include youth and adult programming (Little Learners, ATLAS, YA, author visits, classes offered, special events such as "Blind Date With A Book, etc.), meeting room use, community collaboration (Fall Festival, Farmer's Market, LMCS Character Ed Night, Party Palooza participation, etc.), InterLibrary Loan services, book club services, fax/copy/printer/Free WiFi, exam proctoring, FREE puzzle exchange as well as many children's offerings (Launchpads, Tonies, Kids magazines, etc.)

When I look at the State Library of Iowa's "Big Stats Book," I am often amazed at the extent of the use of public libraries in Iowa. But, when I look at our data, I'm equally impressed. We look forward to serving you for many more years to come.

We are also grateful to Winnebago Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School participants and their families for their very generous gift of a Step2 Sizzle & Smoke Barbeque Grill and a Black and Decker toy tool bench for the Lake Mills Public Library. We are honored that they chose to use some of their daily offerings to support our library. We have the grill out with our camping theme in the play area and will bring the tool bench out later in the year. Children and families have already been busy playing and are thoroughly enjoying the gift. We are so very appreciative for your support.

If you are someone who lives within the city limits and might be interested in a home delivery/pick up service of materials from the LMPL please either complete the brief survey on Facebook, complete the same paper/pencil survey at the Lake Mills Public Library, or call us at 592-0092 to express interest. We are trying to gauge interest in this initiative to see if it is a viable need in our community. We'd love to hear your thoughts.

Well, someone just took the last YA bookmark . . . time for me to go print some more. Enjoy the start of summer. We look forward to seeing you at the library.



It was rockin' at the Community Center last Wednesday for the LMPL first Summer Reading Program event. Bill Carlson had the kids dancing, line-dancing, singing, and even read a book to all those who attended.



There were many creative thinkers at the LM Public Library Lego Challenge last Friday morning, June 13. LMPL director, Kim Brackey, commented "It amazes me what they can create in an hour's worth of time. If only I could accomplish that much."

### Area briefs

## "Healthy Iowa Kids" Summer Food Program

The Lake Mills Food Bank will be participating in the State's "Healthy Iowa Kids" summer food program.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Households meeting the guidelines for the State of Iowa Free and Reduced meals or the income requirements of the Lake Mills Food Shelf.

**TIME:** Every Monday from 2-5 p.m. (starting June 16)

**LOCATION:** South entrance of Salem Lutheran Church.

Regular Food Shelf items are available each Monday from 2-5 p.m. Residents of the Lake Mills School District and who meet income guidelines are eligible for these items.

### Weather

	THURSDAY	
Sunny	87° 67°	
	FRIDAY	
AM T-Storms, 50%	87° 74°	
	SATURDAY	
Mostly Sunny	92° 74°	
	SUNDAY	
Sunny/Windy	91° 71°	
	MONDAY	
PM T-Storms, 50%	81° 62°	
	TUESDAY	
Thunderstorms, 60%	74° 62°	
	WEDNESDAY	
Scattered T-Storms, 60%	73° 62°	

Official temperatures and precipitation as recorded by the Lake Mills Power Plant are as follows:

Date	Hi	Low	Prec.
June 10	82°	45°	—
June 11	86°	52°	—
June 12	81°	59°	.75"
June 13	79°	59°	.68"
June 14	82°	63°	—
June 15	81°	61°	.31"
June 16	82°	64°	—

### Markets

Prices reported as of Tuesday morning. Prices subject to change.

Five Star	2024	2025
Corn	\$ 4.47	\$ 4.11
Soybeans	\$11.17	\$10.13

Viterra		
Corn	\$ 4.44	\$ 4.14
Soybeans	\$10.98	\$10.06

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## Bulldog Youth Boys' Basketball Camp held last week

The Lake Mills boys' basketball program held its annual summer youth camp from June 9-12. Lake Mills coaches Kyle Menke and Jared Finer led the camp, which was for incoming 5th-8th graders. "As always, we had a great time with our summer camp," said Coach Menke. "The kids worked hard throughout the week, and there is some impressive talent coming up in these grades." At the conclusion of camp, awards were presented to the following athletes: 5th/6th grade—Free throw champion, Mason Leonhardi; Timed shootout champion, Brantley Dagestad; and Leadership award--John Helming. 7th/8th grade—Free throw champion, Sawyer Schipper; Timed shootout champion, Joe Martinson; and Leadership award, Logan Whitner. Pictured above, front row (L-R): Camdon Nelson, Ryan Peterson, Brycen Askidson, Kaiden Dierks, Knox Ritter, Brantley Dagestad, Rylan Haki-Anderson, Mason Leonhardi, Jackson Gilbertson, Gavin Anderson, Logan Whitner, Rylan Rentz, and Coen Tenold. Back row: Luke Helgeland, Carson Christianson, Sawyer Schipper, Caleb Mondt, Tate Schipper, Rylan Lee, Finn Ritter, Kyle Helgeson, John Helming, Asher Frank, Cruz Flugum, Cruz Huan, Lane Helgeland, and Joe Martinson. Not pictured: Jace Muir-Delger