



Chestatee Regional Library System
Lumpkin County Library
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Lumpkin County Library Monthly Report – October 2011

- **Library Visits:** 8,491
- **Circulation:** 16,207 items
- **Internet Use:** 1,369
- **Requests Filled:** 1,633
- **Attendance during Meeting Room Uses:** 287
- **Information Questions Answered:** 886
- **Volunteer Hours:** 56.75
- **New Patron Registrations:** 75

HIGHLIGHTS

Branch Activities:

- We had 8491 library visits this month, and answered 886 reference questions from patrons.
- Procured books for eleven community book discussion groups, including for the Happy Bookers library discussion group, which has an average attendance of twelve patrons.
- Sales of the book, "Observations from a Peak in Lumpkin County" have been going well. All books sold here will benefit the Lumpkin County Branch.
- The first annual Lumpkin County Library Scavenger Hunt was held on October 1. Over \$ 2000.00 was raised for the library. The Dahlonega Women's Club fielded the winning team.
- Warm Up Dahlonega knitting/crocheting group met at the library on October 22. Completed afghans and lap blankets will be taken to the Lumpkin County Senior Center to be delivered to Meals on Wheels clients. Baby booties and caps will be taken to the Chestatee Regional Hospital.

Youth Services Activities:

- Completed the Fall Session of Totally Toddlers and Movers & Shakers story times. Jungles, Harvest, Frogs, and Music were featured themes.
- Implemented programs for teens and tweens, including a Wii play session and American Girl book discussion group.
- Gave two library tours to homeschool families. Focused on how to find books in the library. With one family we focused on use of the card catalog. With the second family, we went to the shelves and saw first-hand how books were placed in order and practiced finding books.
- Hosted Pumpkin Decorating workshop. Children decorated pumpkins with paints, pipe cleaners, feathers, stickers, and sequins.
- Created survey card for LCMS 6th Grade Academy. The survey will allow preteens to give input for future programs.

Information Specialist Activities:

- Created a display highlighting Gold Rush pictures from 1965 and old mining pictures. Several patrons observed the display and commented on the collection.
- Two computer classes were offered: Computer Basics and Internet Searching, as well as a special computer class for Avita clients.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lumpkin County Library will be closed Saturday, November 11 for Veteran's Day.
- Will begin Food for Fines program on November 1, which will run through the entire month. Patrons can bring in canned/non-perishable food items to "pay" for outstanding fines. Collected food is donated to the Community Helping Place.
- Partnering with the Community Helping Place for the upcoming White Christmas program. Each family member who qualifies for White Christmas will be given a voucher for a free book (gathered from books donated to the library by the community).
- Create a display centering around the authors who will be participating in the Lumpkin County Literary Festival. Sarah McGee, assistant director of public services for CRLS, is currently serving on the Literary Festival committee and is facilitating the children's activities for the event.