

Program Narrative for Jan 2021-July 2021

Programming has not been easy with COVID, but we still were able to offer some great events, including events that repeat twice a month or every month. Since hiring a program coordinator last year, we have been lucky to launch way more events and get more people involved than ever before. The early months of Jan, Feb, Mar were relatively slow, as our hours were still limited and we were waiting to see if guidelines would allow for activities. In March we showcased our new space, The Annex, and had the FOL out and Union came out and take photos. We are excited to utilize our new space for classes and workshops hosted by the library and community members. This spring, we pulled off a fantastic "Family Kite Day" as well as "Movie Nights" for the library. We celebrated "World Book Day" by doing outreach at our local store and gave away over 40 books. Our June events, including 2 movie nights, family kickball, and kids games, pass the mic, monthly poetry readings have been gaining attendance as people get out and about. In addition, we are utilizing the field at Oak Tree Park for stargazing which we are doing with a telescope given to us by NC Library. We have been attempting to get our website synced with our calendars both on social media and our website so that all our activities are available to view. We have been working with Cindy to troubleshoot website and address the challenges to sync with County's online access of circulation. Things are definitely moving forward and quickly improving. We have more events planned for rest of summer, including a weekly drop in science activities for ages 6-11. Circulation is up, attendance is up, and more people than ever are visiting. We have increased our hours after reducing them due to COVID and we are now open 20 hours, not including activities, and hope to add another open day in the next 6-8 months as patronage increases to support it.