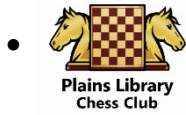


Director's Report January 2026
Respectfully Presented by Nikki Ericksen, Library Director

April Events



April 8 & 22 4:00-7:00



April 1 6:00



Book Club 6:00



April 23 – May 14

Building

Radon- The library purchased radon and carbon monoxide detectors via donation for checkout to the public. These two gasses are common problems in Sanders County and were featured in the Sanders County Ledger last month. While we were prepping the radon detector for check-out, we set it on the counter and within a few minutes it was showing an elevated result.

I immediately alerted Rich Wallace

to me. He helped me get ahold of Clark Arana of Big Sky Environmental Engineering to do further testing and verify our results.

The test results showed that there was an average of 12.6pCi/L radon in the building with spikes as high as 17.6. Mitigation is recommended for anything over 2pCi/L and over 4pCi/L is considered unsafe.

It should be noted that Cindy opened up the doors and windows when she got to work that morning. Windows and doors were open for two hours shortly before the test began.

I am now working with the mayor and emergency management officer to create a plan for both public and staff until mitigation can be done. Clark will talk to the mayor but he warned us it will be a couple of months before he can get to us.

Technology

We had a donation of a used computer. I will have Case Johnston clear its memory and see if it is in good enough shape to use in the library. We have several computers that are showing their age and would be good to replace.

Staff and Volunteers

Eden's last day is March 19. We enjoyed having her here in the library during the short time we got to know her. I wish her luck in her future endeavors.

Programming

We held our first Teen Space on Saturday, March 14. In spite of the weather and power outages around the area, two kids showed up. I took time to chat with them and got them comfortable and then they spent the time playing games and creating a Teen Space playlist for next time. They both stayed the whole time and helped me clean up afterward.

Chess Tournament

Quite a few people couldn't make it to our tournament on the 21st. We decided to postpone it to make it accessible to more players and to take some of the pressure off of the staff who have had a bit of a tough week this week. The chess tournament will be held on April 18th, hopefully, in the library building.

Fundraising

Our recent fundraiser, "Warm UP the Library", raised \$5,465. We are well on our way to planning the Bookin' It 5K and we already have 4 sponsors. All business donors and sponsors are listed on our website to thank them for their support.

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