

November 2025 Directors Report

We are working with the local Head Start and with Benchmark Human Services to promote early childhood services available in our county. There is a display just inside the door with information about the two organizations. Anita Marsh with Head Start provided give-away packets with a toy and information for our display. Stephanie from Benchmark came on November 12 and read to the kids for Storytime. She talked to the parents about the services Benchmark provides. I let the parents know that if for any reason visits aren't possible, the library would be happy to provide a meeting space for services to be provided.

The library has received enough donations of DVD's lately that we have more than enough to share back with the community. Soon we will begin reducing the number of books in the children's area to make room for the shelving upgrade. A table of free DVDs and soon, children's books, will be up in the library through the end of December.

I am preparing to mail letters/invoices to our out-of-district patrons to be mailed early in December. I have included a copy of the letter in your board packet. As approved by the board in August, the fee will be \$35 per year. The due date for the payment is February 1. Accounts that become past due will be blocked from use. So far, the feedback we have received is fairly positive. People have expressed interest in how our library is funded and questions about the difference in services between Plains and Thompson Falls libraries. While not all of them say they will pay the fee when it comes time, they do all seem to understand the reasoning. Some even say they would be happy to contribute.