

Adult Services Report of the Librarian April/May 2026

The month of April flew by, and not just because it was so windy outside.

Programming:

Bethany and both Leah and Leah had great turnouts for adult programs in April, especially crafts. Bethany and Leah J. have become comfortable hosting programs. I especially love how Leah J. interacts with patrons and makes everyone feel welcome. Katie excels at all ages programs. The positive feedback I hear is amazing. Katie also collaborated with Marcy for a poetry craft night so Marcy could get familiar with hosting programs. Marcy has also taken it upon herself to put together monthly craft kits for adults.

One issue we are addressing for adult programming is that our programs are filling up so fast and early, but then the day of the program, quite a few people do not show up. For summer programs, we are going to limit some popular programs registration to no earlier than one month before the program takes place so people don't forget they have registered.

The adult department also helped quite a bit with the Kleiman Creative Writing contest for youth. Some staff helped judge the books and then three of us helped with the setup and actual event and tear down.

The adult department hosted one new book club in April called Books at the Bar. We partnered with Noble County Public Library and the CLC to host a book club at Sylvan Cellars. Most patrons enjoyed it, but several of our patrons mentioned they prefer the normal format at the library because it is less noisy. We tried this book club to help prepare for acclaimed author Shelby Van Pelt's visit in May. She wrote *Remarkably Bright Creatures*.

Collections:

We featured our poetry collection in April since it is National Poetry Month. We also have been spending time trying to make a game plan for moving all of the books in the next phase of construction. Bethany and Leah J.

also organized our art print bins so that when the basement is finished, we are ready to put all of the art prints back out. We also keep the summer and miscellaneous art prints upstairs so we do not miss circulations. Many patrons have also been utilizing our seed library and checking out fruit, vegetable, herb, and flower seeds.