

December 2024 Professional Staff Board Report

CWC Library

Current Numbers (as of 11/26/24)

Daily Engagement - 10,030 patrons have visited the CWC Library this semester

- The CWC Library's Toast to Mondays program has been met with great enthusiasm. The initiative provides complimentary breakfast to students, staff, and faculty members between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM every Monday that CWC is open. **This semester the program has served over 360 individuals, demonstrating its popularity as a positive start to the academic week.**
- This month our CWC Librarian, Sam Keeney, has developed fun interactive activities for our patrons to explore gratitude. The library has embraced "**5 weeks of Gratitude**" to finish out the fall season with various activities to engage our CWC community. Highlights include an interactive gratitude journal bulletin board, whiteboard stations to practice reframing stress into gratitude, a thank-you card station for creating or using pre-made cards, and an online survey for sharing gratitude remotely.
- Rebecca Chavez attended a conference for Library Marketing and Communication in November and has implemented a few new initiatives that will help promote library services to our campus community. We are hopeful that faculty and students enjoy what is to come next semester.
- Sam Keeney also attended a conference on November 1st called Bricks and Clicks. Brick & Click is a one-day event focused on providing sessions relevant to today's academic libraries. The conference supports the information needs of both on-ground (brick) and online (click) students, library professionals, and paraprofessionals.



Material Checkout - 596 items circulated since July 1st (saving our patrons over \$50,192.26)

- This year, the CWC Library has collaborated extensively with the HiSet program on projects and grants that benefit the entire CWC student body. In May, we were awarded the Dollar General (DG) Adult Literacy Grant in the amount of \$8,000. Our eligibility for this grant stemmed from the construction of a DG store in Riverton. DG has a longstanding history of supporting literacy programs for all ages. Our grant proposal outlined the acquisition of resources such as Spanish language materials, ESL resources, financial literacy texts, Spanish healthcare publications, and entry-level reading materials to support our HiSet and ESL students. These resources will be accessible to all library patrons. A significant portion of the funds has been allocated to the purchase of eBooks, ensuring that students at our Jackson, Lander, and Wind River locations can conveniently access these materials through the CWC Library website.
- We have also seen an increase of use of our digital library platform, Libby. As part of CWC Library's participation with the Wyoming Library Database (WYLD) and the State Library system our patrons have access to over 77,000 digital and audio items through Libby - essentially a library in their pocket. Last year we only had 51 users - **this year, we have 53 users so far that have read or listened to 380 books since July 1st.**

(last month's report numbers 529 circulation = \$45,918.33 in savings)

CWC Jackson Outreach Center

Cooking with Community: Fall Harvest Fermentation



CWC Jackson had an opportunity to host Linda Williamson of Lander's Meadowlark Market and Kitchen. Joined by 10 students, Linda presented an evening event on November 4th focused on fermentation ideas with fall harvest goodies. Held at the Elks Lodge kitchen, this hands-on workshop provided students with both education and instruction for home fermentation skills. Participants brought their favorite knife and well-loved cutting board, ready to roll up their sleeves and start chopping. The fruits (or is it veggies) of their labor included take-home mason jars of sauerkraut, pickled carrots, and more.

The team is excited to introduce additional Cooking with Community workshops in 2025. Future topics may include wine & chocolate, high-elevation baking, and functional nutrition for active adults.