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1st line item is the salary for a new library director. I will be retiring August 1st of 2016. My job has not been full time, but with the amount of people we have in the new library, the position will have to be made into a full-time position.

As of now we have 2014 registered patrons, in 2013 we had 1692. In the old library we were lucky to get 20 new patrons a year. Since the new library opening, (June 2, 2014) to this date we have registered 355 new patrons. One week does not go by that we don't sign up a new patron.

In 2014 we checked out 29,924 pieces of materials, for this year we are already at 26,551 and this report was done on the first of Aug.

Our summer reading program was a huge success this year. We had over 400 children participate. Two special events had over 150 participants at each one.

We will need four new patron computers this year and we are going to try Chrome boxes. They are a lot cheaper and we can still use our monitor's and keyboards.

The biggest jump in the budget is in the books and DVDs. I have never before had to buy more than one copy of a new book, yet this year I have had to because of the long waiting list of patrons wanting to read the new fiction. I am constantly having to order new books and DVDs to keep up with the demand.

As we all know, most patrons want the new books and DVDs not something that came out 2 years ago!

I am also replacing a lot of DVDs and children's books that have been well loved by our patrons!

The library's front door are a problem. The wind blows and last winter broke the open and shut mechanism. It was a costly fix. Something need to be built for a wind break.

We have had an almost 22% jump in checkouts of easy children's books and about a 18% jump in adult fiction check outs. Of course the cost of books and DVDs goes up every year!

I have cut down on purchasing magazines, in this day and age, they are just not that popular.

This library and its content can go up against any big library around. We are current with our technology, and with all the newest authors and their books.

Thank you for considering the budget proposal for the library for the 2016 year and if you have any questions, please e-mail or call me.

Sincerely,
Deb Matthys