

THE PATMOS PRESS

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Your community. Your library. Your season of discovery.

A Note from the Director

What a summer! Between nearly 1,000 Summer Reading participants, thousands of library visits, new services, new collections, and a whole lot of programming, Patmos has been a busy place—and we wouldn't have it any other way! As we head into Fall, we're excited to share some of the ways your library continues to grow, change, and serve our community.

And yes, there are still plenty of books. We promise. 😊

🌀 SUMMER AT PATMOS — BY THE NUMBERS

995	82	8,080	16,040	15,485
Summer Reading Registrations	Programs & Events	Program Attendees	Physical Books Circulated	Library Visits

Our 2026 Summer Reading Program was our biggest yet! Over eight weeks, 995 people registered for Summer Reading, while 82 programs and events brought more than 8,000 people through our doors.

Our End-of-Summer Celebration was the perfect way to wrap things up, with 658 visitors joining us for food, games, face painting, inflatables, a foam blaster, and plenty of summer fun.

A huge thank-you to everyone who participated, volunteered, donated, attended an event, or simply stopped by the library this summer. You helped make this program our largest Summer Reading season on record!

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📖 A NEW WAY TO FIND YOUR NEXT BOOK

Patmos is saying goodbye to Dewey numbers in Adult Nonfiction!

If you've visited the library recently, you may have noticed something different in our Adult Nonfiction section. We are transitioning from the traditional Dewey Decimal System to BISAC (Book Industry Standards and Communications) subject categories.

So what does that mean for you?

Instead of remembering that a particular subject belongs in the 500s, 600s, or 900s, you can simply look for the category that makes sense:

LOOK FOR THE SUBJECT, NOT THE NUMBER

Cooking • Sports • History • Animals • Biography • Travel • Health • Gardening • True Crime • Crafts & Hobbies • and more!

The goal is simple: make it easier to find the books you're looking for.

This is a significant project for our library, and we're excited about how this new system will make browsing our nonfiction collection more intuitive and user-friendly.

❤️ MORE WAYS TO ACCESS YOUR LIBRARY

Talking Books & Accessible Library Services

Patmos Library is expanding access to library services through the Library for the Visually and Physically Disabled (LVPD), a federally funded program through the Library of Congress.

Through this program, qualifying individuals can receive accessible reading materials and services at no cost. One of the most exciting resources is the Talking Book Program, which provides specialized audio reading equipment and books to individuals with qualifying visual, physical, or reading disabilities.

Patmos will be helping community members learn about and apply for these services, and we look forward to connecting more of our patrons with resources that make reading accessible to everyone.

We're also growing our Dyslexia-Friendly Collection!

Our new collection of books for kids and tweens features dyslexia-friendly fonts, increased spacing, and engaging stories designed to support struggling readers.

The response was immediate. After only two days, half of the collection had already been checked out!

We love seeing our patrons tell us what they need—and we enjoy finding ways to respond.

MORE THAN BOOKS

GATHER 2 GROW

This summer, Patmos launched Gather 2 Grow, a partnership providing free summer meals to youth ages 18 and under and qualifying disabled adults up to age 26.

The program is part of the Feeding America network and gives local families access to nutritious meals during the summer months.

For us, this is another example of what a public library can be: a place where families can find books and information, but also a place where the community can find resources, support, connection, and practical help.

We are proud to be part of this important community partnership.

THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Who says libraries only lend books?

Our refreshed Library of Things collection launched with nine brand-new items, and patrons were ready for them!

Our first new item was checked out within just 90 minutes of opening.

The collection was reviewed and refreshed to better reflect the interests and needs of our community, giving patrons even more opportunities to borrow useful, interesting, and fun items beyond traditional library materials.

Even better, the entire refresh came in at \$577, under the Board-approved \$600 budget.

We love a good bargain almost as much as we love a good checkout statistic!

WHEN BABY GOATS COME TO THE LIBRARY...

Our Family Story Time partnership with Parkside Farms was a huge success, bringing 77 people to the library for stories, family fun, and—of course—baby goats!

Families lined up down the Depot Room hallway and into the main library for the chance to pet and feed the goats.

Apparently, baby goats really do bring people to the library. Who knew? 

Community partnerships like this give families a fun reason to visit the library and create memories that go well beyond checking out a book.

FALL IS HAPPENING AT PATMOS!

The calendar is packed this fall with both new programs and returning favorites.

 **Trunk or Treat**

 **Open Play Labs**

 **Classic '80s Film Afternoons**

 **LEGO Club**

 **Makers Meetup**

 **Make & Take Your Own Book Tote**

 **Bad Art Night**

 **A Culinary Experience**

 **Hallolympics & Monster Mash Halloween Bash**

 **Pokémon Club**

And that's just a sampling!

We are also continuing many of the programs our patrons already love, including Children's Story Time, Sensory Time, Book Club, Tae Kwon Do, Strength & Stability, and more.

Check our website and social media for dates, times, registration information, and additional programs.

PATMOS IN THE NEWS

6 PRESS RELEASES • 4 PICKED UP BY LOCAL NEWS

Recent coverage has included our Talking Book Program, Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative.

Our library has been getting noticed!

We're excited to continue sharing the programs, services, and stories happening at Patmos with the larger community.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF PATMOS

Whether you visit us for a book, a program, a community resource, a quiet place to read, or simply to see what's happening, you are what makes Patmos Library a community library.

Thank you for supporting us, participating in our programs, sharing our posts, bringing your families through our doors, and helping us continue to grow.

We can't wait to see what the next season brings!

See you at the library!

We hope you'll check us out this fall!

(Yes, we had to.) 😊

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