

Lucknow Branch

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Early Literacy Programs: Programs for babies, children, and parents that develop pre-reading skills	Story Time	Lucknow Branch holds a Story Time each Friday morning for pre-school children. The hour consists of songs, stories and a fine motor activity such as colouring and Mega Blocks. We have been enjoying singing our parachute songs, which require us to listen to instructions and use our gross motor skills to shake the parachute to the rhythm of the song. Over the month of May, 49 parents and children attended the program.
	Baby Time	This baby and parent group aims to encourage early literacy between babies and caregivers by using songs, rhymes, and stories. Each week we discuss easy ways we can engage with our babies to encourage language and pre-literacy skills. No matter how young, babies acquire language and literacy. This month, 11 babies and parents attended.

Community Development: community events, partnered programs with community groups	Sepoy Manor	Every other Wednesday the Supervisor visits the retirement home where we share short story collections and discuss other authors we enjoy. In May, 22 residents enjoyed our visits and group discussions. These visits help to bring literature to those who can no longer read independently and can also address the loneliness some older adults can experience when living in care homes. We have been getting more requests for specific titles, which shows that our visits have encouraged residents to read and use the library, even if they cannot get to us in person.
	Lucknow Town Yard Sale	Lucknow branch participated in the annual town yard sale. Our cart had heaps of treasures and our table had lots of library information. More importantly, we got to meet lots of people, some of whom were new to town or hadn't used the library recently. At the end of the sale, we met with approximately 65 people and sold \$40 worth of weeded material.

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	Lucknow Messy Church	Messy Church is a popular family program held at the Lucknow Presbyterian Church. We were invited to show off our building toys as they fit with the theme of that week. Kids visited our table to use our Lego and KEVA planks, and check out some books. We handed out calendars and talked about Summer Reading Club. Approximately 50 people attended this month's group.
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Adult and Senior Programs	Vegan and Vegetarian Conversation Circle	Our clerk, Karen McGugan, is an expert vegan who hosts this program for those who want to incorporate more plant-based recipes in their diet. This program has also encouraged participants to borrow our cookbooks for more recipe ideas. Eight people attended this month's meeting. Karen made vegan cookie dough bites for the group, using dates, oats, almond butter, raisin and flax seed to share - a delicious alternative to sugary snacks!
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Technology Based Programs	Book a Coach	This month, we helped two seniors better navigate their phones and computers. One user commented that she would have had to drive approximately 30 minutes to ask the questions she got answered right in her town at the library.
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Total Circulation for May	1101 items
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