

Southgate Veterans Memorial Library Director's Report

January 14, 2026

Library Events

We've had a few interesting events recently.

Teen Laser Tag was on Friday, January 9th at 5pm. 19 teens participated.

Silver Strings Dulcimer Society performed again on Wednesday, December 17th. 60 people joined us in enjoying the concert.

Teen Cookie Decorating was held on Saturday, December 13th. Unfortunately, only 1 teen joined us.

Bridgerton Escape Room was held again on Thursday, December 4th. 4 people participated.

Due to unexpectedly low turnout at what we thought would be some popular events, and low turnout at other events in previous years, we're planning to not hold any big events in December in the future, with the exception of the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society. It's simply too busy a month, and a lot of prep work to do when attendance is unreliable and spotty.

Movies at the Library

We are now showing 2 movies per month. Wednesday Night at the Movies will be on the first Wednesday each month, at 6pm. Saturday Morning Movies will be every 3rd Saturday of the month (excluding summer) at 11am. The next Wednesday movie is February 4th, when we will show *Dirty Dancing*, while the next Saturday movie is January 17th, showing *Wall-E*.

KultureCity

We have partnered with KultureCity, a nonprofit that works on sensory accessibility and acceptance. Through them, we have purchased several sensory kits, which include fidget items, headphones, cards to aid in communication, and weighted lap pads. We also have signs showing areas that are generally quiet, signs in areas where they might need headphones because it is loud, and a sign at the front desk showing where to find the sensory kits. KultureCity has also created a social story for us; social stories are intended to help people know what they need to do to visit the library, understand and meet social expectations, how and where to ask for help, etc.

Library Logo

I have engaged the services of a designer to help us create a new library logo. We have used a sort of unofficial one for years, created by a staff member, and I have been convinced it's time to have one put together by a professional. Once complete, it will be added to the website, some official documents, any branded prizes or bags, things like that.

Library Survey

Every three years, we put out a brief survey in the library for patrons to fill out, asking them to rate various aspects of library service. As in previous years, the ratings are overwhelmingly positive, with only a few ratings of Fair, and no Poor ratings this time.