Each month Bossier Parish Library branch managers fill out a Monthly Statistics Report and send it to the Central Library. The numbers are compared with previous months and years in order to measure library usage. We also turn them in to the State Library to be posted in the Annual Report.

Just to give you some idea of what that looks like on paper I have listed some of the stats at the Aulds Library for September.

Patron Count: 5,667; Computer Usage: 927; Laptop Check-outs: five; Items Checked Out: 5,294; Items Checked-in: 5,611; Total Items Circulated: 10,905.

Programs held during September: Friends of BPL sponsored an Overdrive downloadable eBook training program, BTOP class on Computer Foundations (free computer classes).

In total: 15 groups used the meeting room, 33 patrons used the study rooms, five tests proctored in September.

Storytime Tuesdays for 3-5 yr olds, 30 children attended; Cuddle time on Fridays for birth to three-year-olds, 33 patrons attended; Teen craft was duct tape wallets, three three patrons attended; Tween craft was button books, six patrons attended.

These numbers reflect only one branch. Some of the other branches are bigger and some smaller, but they are all busy.

Make a note:

- The History Center has a new collection available now. The James Edwin Allison collection has been completely cataloged and is available for public viewing. It includes personal letters, photographs, and artifacts. Stop by the History Center to learn more about this

new addition.

- Monday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the History Center meeting room, Scott Dearman Park Manager at the Mansfield State Historic Site will talk about Civil War artifacts.

- Tuesday, Oct. 16 for kids ages seven and up are invited to participate in an archaeology lab in the Children's Department at Bossier Central Library between 2:30-4:30 p.m. There will be hands-on activities and items to take home. Call Pam in the History Center at (318) 746-1693 for more information about these activities.

- Tuesday, Oct. 16 teens ages 13-18 are invited to attend the program "Literary Monsters and Their Legends" at the Bossier Central Library History Center from 4:30-5:30 p.m. And on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. there will be a program about "Cryptology: Are These Creatures Real?" Contact Tonya at the Central Library for more information, (318) 746-1693.

- Friday, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon, Family Practitioner Leah L. Reed will conduct the last program in the mini-series on Sleep Disorders and Sleep Hygiene in the conference room at Bossier Central Library. Call Anne for more information at the Central Library.

- Monday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Aulds Library is offering a free computer class on Microsoft Office Excel 2010: Level 1. It will be taught by State Library representatives. To register for the class call (888) 487-2700 or go to www.lajacc.org/training.

New Books

Fiction
"Black Dahlia & White Rose" by Joyce Carol Oates
"Silver Return to Treasure Island" by Andrew Motion
"Queen of Wands" by John Ringo
"Dead Tease" by Victoria Houston
"Return to Atlantis" by Andy McDermott
"Trust Your Eyes" by Linwood Barclay
"Tiger's Claw" by Dan Brown
"Vengeance" by Benjamin Black
"Dead and Not So Buried" by James Conway
"This is How You Lose Her" by Junot Diaz

Nonfiction
“The Race for What’s Left” by Michael T. Klare
“The Hidden World of Secret Societies” by LIFE
“Comic Book Price Guide” by Overstreet
“Confessions of a Band Geek Mom” by Stacy Dymalski
“2013 The Old Farmer’s Almanac” by
“Presumed Guilty” by Jose Baez
“How it Began” by Chris Impey
“Coming of Age on Zoloft” by Katherine Sharpe
“Beyond the Sling” by Maim Bialik, Ph.D.
“Gun Digest 2013”

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