

Becca Boutin does homework at the Mustang Public Library Friday, September 15. PHOTO BY JAYSON KNIGHT



Eric Coleman uses one of the computers at the Mustang Public Library Friday, September 15. PHOTO BY JAYSON KNIGHT

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School, High School Equivalency, TABE, College Entrance Exams and ASVAB. There is also help for English Language Learners. Beyond tutoring, this program offers help for veterans and for job seekers.

"We will soon be offering a seed checkout program (seeds were donated by Mustang Lowe's).

"Keaton Flickinger, local Girl Scout, started an Art for All Program for her Gold Award this year. She raised money to purchase art items for programming, including drawing, crocheting, foam printing, Gelli Plate printing, knitting, and sculpting.

"We acquired a greenhouse for the Wildhorse Gardens & Market through a Healthy Literacy Grant from Oklahoma Department of Libraries. In return, they are partners with the library teaching gardening to all ages.

"The Friends of the Library paid for a much needed recovering for our furniture.

"We have started a Chess Club that meets twice a month on Saturday."

Director Slupe shared some of the fun times the library has had in the last year, saying, "For our wrap up to Summer Reading, we had a pizza, glow-in-the-dark dance party. We hosted an Are You Smarter than a Librarian' program against the Mustang Teen Leadership Council in August. The teens are not smarter! We had a booth at Western Days where we hoped to raise awareness of what our library has to offer."

While the last year has been fun and educational at Mustang Public Library, Director Slupe has plenty that she, her staff, and the community is looking forward to.

"We are planning a bike program, senior bowling, a seed library and an herb garden," Slupe said. "We also are working on a new program called 'Book Club in a Bag.' The bag includes several copies of the same book and discussion questions."

Asked what some of the more underutilized services the library offers are, Slupe responded, "The library has cake pans, games to strengthen the mind, and exercise equipment for checkout. We work with area artists to display their work in our meeting room space. We host the Infant Crisis Center Baby Mobile that provides food, formula and diapers to children ages 0-3 years old."

For more information, go online to cityofmustang.org/o/ library



Young men play a game of chess at the Mustang Public Library Friday, September 15. PHOTO BY JAYSON KNIGHT