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Wowzers, summer is flying by! Our Summer Reading Program has been a blast. Its winding down over the next two weeks, and the library has seen so many folks dropping in for books, meetings, and programs there's been no summer break at all here!

Our Travel Monkey, Edison, has been all over the place, and our new Kindle Fires are starting to circulate, saving our patrons from waiting for Audiobooks on Libby.

We continue to plot out our migration over to our new circulation system (Koha) and discovery layer (Aspen). Aspen will be a major improvement for our patrons, making searching for materials much easier and intuitive.

Legislatively things have slowed down. Locally, Governor Ayotte has signed many bills affecting the library's operations. We have tried to make changes as seamlessly as possible, but we do know some of these changes are less than optimal - like the elimination of Library Cards for Patrons under 18. and the need for us to require signatures to share account access. We are determined to comply with the new laws though, and these steps help us with that.

On a federal level, much is still undetermined. While IMLS staff have largely been excused from their offices, we do not know if this is permanent or temporary. We do not know the future state of federal library funding either. While IMLS provided administration of library funding, LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) was the actual funding, LSTA funding is a discretionary appropriation and requires an annual renewal and we have no news regarding the status of that act.

I wish there were more concrete news to share, but that's where we are for now. As events develop further, I'll post updates here.