



2013 Annual Report





Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide informational, educational, and enrichment services and resources to the community through a comprehensive and efficient library system.



Checking out books at the Pleasant Hill Branch.



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A young Harrisonville Branch patron finds a quiet corner for reading.



Highlights

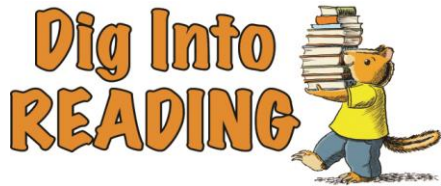
New website

The library unveiled an upgraded website that loads faster and works on mobile devices. With hundreds of ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and free access to subscription websites, our website is a digital branch for many patrons who rarely or never visit a physical branch.





Summer Reading Program



Almost three thousand children and teens read during the 2013 “Dig Into Reading” Summer Reading

Program held by the Cass County Public Library. Multiple programs funded by civic clubs, businesses, and individuals entertained and informed children and their families at the seven library branches.



Cass County history displays



The library partnered with Cass County Historical Society and Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area to create historical display banners about the Civil War history of Cass County. Titled *The Stern Visitations of War*, the banners are designed to go on tour around the community and have been exhibited in the rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City. Additional online content linked by QR codes on the banners is hosted on the library website.

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Financial Information

2013 Budget

Budgeted Revenues

Property Taxes	2,041,426
Fines, Fees, Other	55,000
State Aid	45,400
Investment Income	5,000
Contributions	26,463
Grants	2,000
Reserve Funds	438,746

Total Budgeted Revenues 2,614,035

Budgeted Expenditures

Payroll & Benefits	1,488,428
Library Materials	288,000
Library Operations	667,000
Capital Outlay	36,000
Matching Grant/Foundation Funds	12,000
Reserve Funds	122,607

Total Budgeted Expenditures 2,614,035



Libraries aren't just for books. They can be a place to play and make friends.



Statistics

Program Attendance by Branch in 2013		
Branch	Events	Attendance
Archie Branch	169	2,707
Drexel Branch	134	2,954
Garden City Branch	167	3,457
Harrisonville Branch	240	5,571
Northern Resource Center (Belton)	336	12,618
Pleasant Hill Branch	107	2,691
Bookmobile	51	1,660
Genealogy Branch	21	516
TOTAL	1,204	31,658

Public Circulation by Branch 2013	
Archie Branch	24,006
Drexel Branch	29,803
Garden City Branch	36,869
Harrisonville Branch	132,987
Northern Resource Center (Belton)	218,263
Pleasant Hill Branch	60,209
Bookmobile	8,7045
TOTAL	529,865



Storytime with Ms. Sarah at the Northern Resource Center in Belton.



By the Numbers

Cass County Population (Based on 2010 U.S Census) – **99,478**

2013 Total Circulation (including ebook checkouts) – **529,865**

Collection Size (at the end of 2013) – **270,822**

Items Added to the Collection in 2013 – **18,213**

Registered, Active Borrowers – **22,566**

New Patrons – **5,036** (22.3% of total active borrowers are first time patrons in 2013)

Summer Reading Program Participation – **2,915**

Summer Reading Program Completions – **1,548**

Event Attendance – **32,174**

Casscolibrary.org Visits – **196,438**

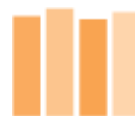
Public Computer Sessions – **72,305**

Wireless Internet Sessions – **8,842**

Ebook Checkouts – **18,973**

A special moment at the Harrisonville Branch. Libraries are a place for being together as a family and as a community.





The Board of Trustees

The Cass County Public Library system is governed by a five-member board of trustees. Board members are appointed by the County Commission. Board members serve four-year terms.

The board meets the third Wednesday of the month at 4:45 in Pearson Hall, 400 E Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO.

Mary Dobson, Board President, reappointed to the Library Board in 2010.

Randy Miller, Board Vice President, reappointed to the Library Board in 2012.

Peggy Dryden, Board Secretary/Treasurer, liaison to the Cass County Public Library Foundation, reappointed to the Library Board in 2013.



Roger Toomey, appointed to the Library Board in 2012.

Barbara Boucher, appointed to the Library Board in 2010.





Library Staff

Administrative/Technical Services Staff

Director	Christie Kessler, MLS
Assistant Director – Head of Public Services	Seth Hershberger, MLS
Business Manager	Lori Schneider
Youth Services Coordinator	Marie Vallee, MLS
Technology & Facilities Coordinator	Stephen Erichsen
Technical Services Coordinator	Colleen Miller
Technical Services Specialist	Christie Ogle
Interlibrary Loan Specialist	Nancy Lees

Branch Managers/Specialists

Archie Branch Manager	Gail Roberts, MLS
Bookmobile Manager	Amy Burkholder
Drexel Branch Manager	Deb Bova
Garden City Branch Manager	Jana Riggs
Genealogy Branch Manager	Jackie Polsgrove-Roberts
Harrisonville Branch Manager	Karen Allen
Harrisonville Branch Children's Specialist	Sara Steinmetz
Northern Resource Center Manager	Teri Milbourn
Northern Resource Center Children's Specialist	Sarah Schlageck, MLS
Northern Resource Center Circulation Specialist	Rhonda Busse
Pleasant Hill Branch Manager	Marianna Decker



Karen Allen became the new Branch Manager at the Harrisonville Branch.

Bookmobile Manager, Amy Burkholder, with Bookmobile driver and library assistant, Bob Stolte. The Bookmobile serves the communities of Peculiar Westline, Freeman, Cleveland as well as other locations around the county.



Library



Foundation

The Cass County Public Library Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to working with the library in a partnership to enrich the collections and programs of the Cass County Public Library.

Foundation Trustees

- Tiffany Hentschel, *President*
- Rita Benson, *Vice-President*
- Brenda Jurgens, *Treasurer*
- Betty Nichol, *Secretary*
- Curtis Clark
- Dave Clark
- Becky Klein
- Rhonda Kasper
- Billie Limpus
- Debbie Walker
- Peggy Yoakum
- Peggy Dryden, *CCPL Board Liaison*
- Christie Kessler, *Ex Officio*
- Marie Vallee, *Ex Officio*

Contestants in the 2013 Poetic Voices competition. The Foundation sponsored cash prizes for the contest.





Locations

Administrative Offices

400 E. Mechanic Street Harrisonville, MO 64701

PHONE: 816-380-4600; FAX: 816-884-2301

Archie

317 S. Main Street Archie, MO 64725

PHONE: 816-293-5579

Bookmobile

PHONE: 258-2244

Drexel

211 E. Main Street Drexel, MO 64742

PHONE: 816-657-4740

Garden City

201 W. Date Street Garden City, MO 64747

PHONE: 816-862-6611

Genealogy

400 E. Mechanic Street Harrisonville, MO 64701

PHONE: 816-884-6285

Harrisonville

400 E. Mechanic Street Harrisonville MO 64701

PHONE: 816-884-3483

Northern Resource Center

164 Cedar Tree Drive Belton, MO 64012

PHONE: 816-331-0049

Pleasant Hill

1108 N. Mo-7 Pleasant Hill, MO 64080

PHONE: 816-987-2231



The Northern Resource Center located near the intersection of Interstate 49 and Highway 58 serves the Northwest Cass County communities of Belton, Raymore and Peculiar.

