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CCPL Monthly Review

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Trees through Neighborhood Forest Harrisonville

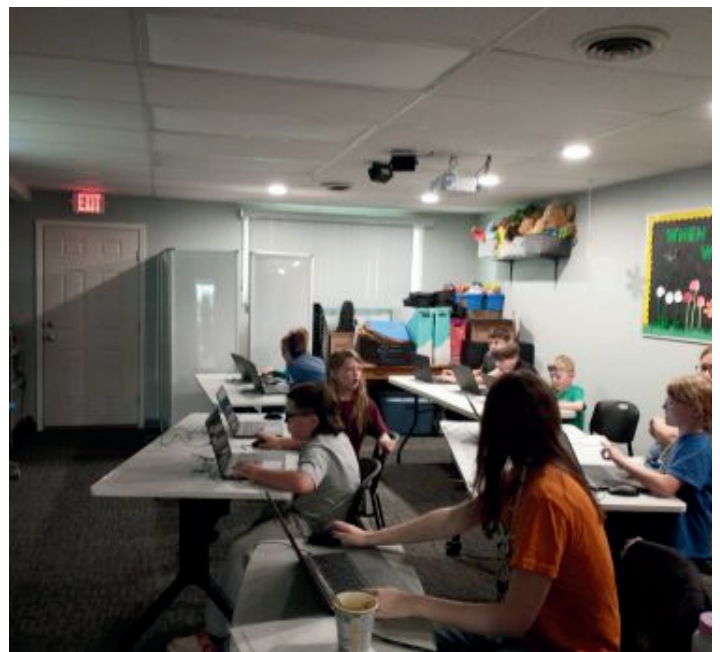
Parents had the opportunity to sign their kids up for Free Trees through Neighborhood Forest, a program that provides free trees to children every Earth Day. We distributed 160 trees in total.



Storytime

Drexel

Amber read books and sang songs that went along with the theme Frogs! Parents are always involved in storytime.



Trivia Avengers

Garden City

The group enjoyed Kahoot trivia on the library laptops and using the big screen to play.



Family Drop-in Day

Pleasant Hill

We made bunny ear head bands to provide giggles and fun to those around us.



Homeschool Hangout

Archie

Teens played an assortment of fun games and ate lots of food.



Earth Day Storytime

Garden City

The kids were excited for something new and different with Earth Day Storytime at the park.



Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

Outreach

This month, 6 attendees came and discussed George R.R. Martin's *Wild Cards*.



Pizza & Paint

Northern Resource Center

Teens could use templates or create their own paintings. Lots of pizza was eaten, new friendships were made, & fun was had by all.



Rec Room Activities

Garden City

Folks from Casco visited and created a magnet craft and foam chickens.



Mammals of Missouri

Archie

The Missouri Conservation Department did a presentation on mammals of Missouri to over 20 people in attendance.



MUGnificent Cakes Program

Harrisonville

Everyone loved learning how to quickly and easily make different flavors of mug cakes at home.



Stained Glass Style Art Project Drexel

Mirinda showed a video of what the final art project would look like and then put the 12 participants to work.



Teen Workshop at Press Monkey Studio Pleasant Hill

The owner of Press Monkey Studio introduced teens to different kinds of coffee and the history of different drinks.



Craft & Snack Outreach

April's Outreach Craft & Snack was Easter suncatchers, and the kids had a great time working on their scissor skills.



Chickens Hatching Harrisonville

We celebrated the hatching of eight chicks. The chicks were live-streamed on our YouTube channel so everyone could enjoy the excitement.

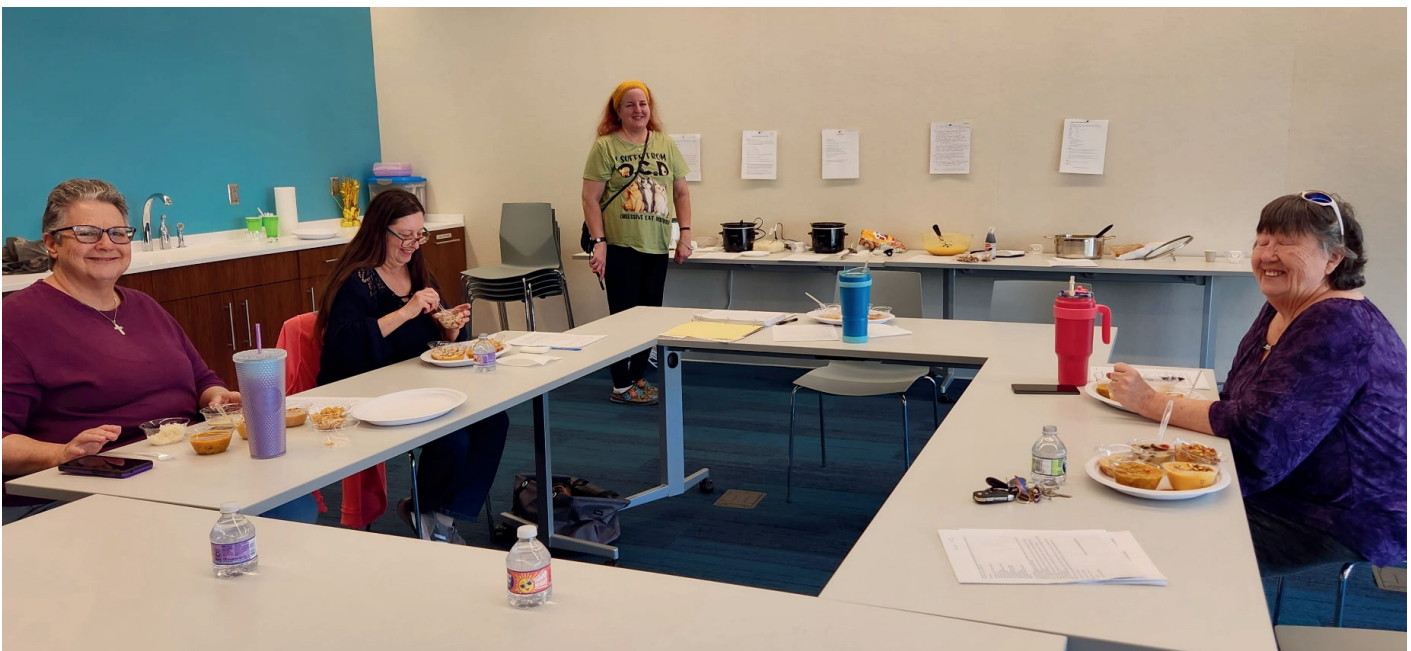


Puzzle Exchange Program Harrisonville

Patrons donated puzzles in return for exchange vouchers to pick up new-to-them puzzles.

Spring Storytimes Northern Resource Center

Storytimes this month focused on spring, bugs, rain, & airplanes. We had a great month of stories, songs, & play.



2nd Saturday Recipe Book Club Pleasant Hill

April's theme was Soups and Stews. This event continues to be one of the branch's favorite to host.

Around**CCPL**



Playdough Play Archie

A new event this quarter, the branch supplied playdough and accessories for families to have fun and get out of the house.

11,208

Active Customers

48,143

Circulation

83

Net Promoter Score

Technical**Services**

216

**Adult Print
Titles Ordered**

112

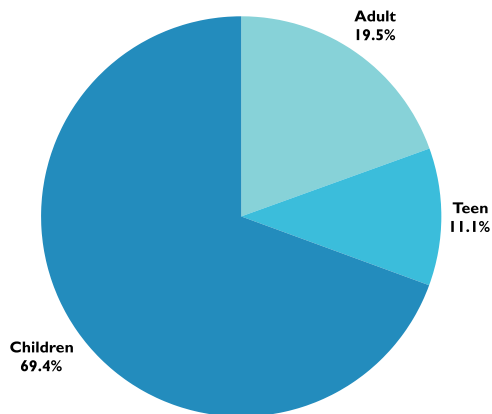
**Adult eMedia
Items Ordered**

831

**Items
Cataloged**

Customer Favorites

Program Highlights



Attendance by Age Group

216
Programs

3,289
In-Person Attendees

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

Three Days in June
Paranoia
Shattering Dawn

Adult Nonfiction

The JFK Conspiracy
Battlefield of the Mind
Guinness World Records 2025

Young Adult Fiction

Catching Fire
Long Way Down
Red Rising

Juvenile Fiction

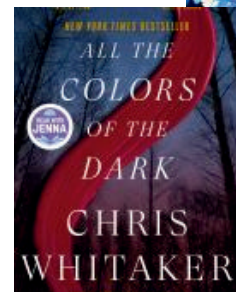
The Knight at Dawn
Anne of Green Gables
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

eBooks

Onyx Storm
Fourth Wing
Great Big Beautiful Life
The Let Them Theory
The Wedding People
Broken County
Iron Flame
The Nightingale

eAudiobooks

The Perfect Divorce
Onyx Storm
All the Colors of the Dark
Broken County
Deep End
Fourth Wing
The Frozen River



Youth**Services**



Pleasant Hill Branch staff went to Creative Kids Preschool for Storytime On the Go. The children were very excited to have a special storytime just for them.

76
Storytimes

1,627
Storytime Attendees

In Youth Services, preparations for Summer Library Program included creating Beanstack challenges and paper logs for all age groups, distributing sign-up and system-wide prizes, and coordinating CSLP promotional items. A trial of ComicsPlus was also organized for staff use in April 2025. Outreach activities included reading at the Early Childhood Center in Harrisonville, participating in a staff development meeting at Archie School District, assisting with Interview Week at Cass Career Center, providing translation support at NRC, and attending a staff meeting at the Harrisonville branch. Professional development included webinars and discussions on the First Amendment, youth and teen book previews, and library service roundtables.

Technology**Support**

Key initiatives this month included finalizing computer use agreements and securing competitive pricing on the replacement of all staff computers through state cooperative procurement program, keeping the project under budget. Ethernet was run at Harrisonville and Admin in preparation for the upcoming MOREnet network and firewall upgrade, scheduled for completion in May. A hardware issue in Pleasant Hill was resolved, and a Harrisonville High School student completed an IT-focused internship with the library. For the month, 52 IT support tickets were addressed.

1,085
**WiFi
Sessions**

2,366
**Computer
Sessions**

Community**Outreach**

This month's Quilt of the Month at Archie is on loan from Lisa Swigart who also works for the City of Archie.

Kasey and Elizabeth at Northern Resource Center started outreach to the local schools in preparation for the Summer Library Program. Between the two of them over 330 kids were contacted! Kasey and Elizabeth also went to the Ray-Pec 9th grade center and met with the media teacher and have been assisting the media students with their final project. Eight students came to the NRC to film their final project for the semester. NRC hosted the Cass County Coalition in-person meeting on April 28th.



Outreach held their first lobby stop at Greenleaf Estates on April 1st. Amy gave a presentation about library services to the Peculiar Senior Group luncheon.

Facilities**Coordinator**

Facilities: Several facility updates and improvements were completed across multiple branches. At Harrisonville, the bike rack was repaired, a bubble machine was installed in the children's area, and the employee break room and Teen walls were painted. At the Annex, a TV mount for the Book Mobile was installed, renovations continued upstairs, and a dust collector was added for woodworking projects. Pleasant Hill's front door was repaired and new shelving was built for basement storage. Drexel's exterior renovations began including the installation of a new sign reflecting the updated logo and location identifier. Archie's fire extinguishers were inspected and updated, and its interior door issues were resolved. At Garden City, new pillars were installed around the existing support pillars, posts and an accent wall were painted blue, fire extinguishers were inspected and updated, and plans for a building expansion are currently in progress. Ian also collected bids for a new cleaning service for the NRC, PH, and HA (Admin) branches.

Courier: Our second courier driver, John Smith, started on April 14th.

Community**Spaces**

31

**Community Room
Reservations**

380

**Study Room
Reservations**

Community**Engagement**

At the Garden City Branch, one of the patrons was very excited to finish the last step for the Community LEGO build that was started last summer.



7

Marketing Emails Sent

6,697

Total Website Users

91,839

Marketing Emails Opened

15,518

Total Website Pageviews

4,971

Social Media Reach

907

Social Media Engagements

Community **Engagement**

“What a wonderful service you are doing for our community. I hope many are able to take advantage of it.”

**-Denise H.,
Facebook Comment**

“These all turned out amazing!!
Beautiful job to everyone!
Thanks so much for sharing.”

**-Emily Seilhamer Art,
Facebook Comment**

“I love our libraries.”

**-Amber P.,
Facebook Comment**



**-America,
Harrisonville Branch
Google Review**



**-Warner Law Office,
Harrisonville Branch
Google Review**

“This is a very nice library.
You can feel the love.”

**-Patron Visit,
Harrisonville Branch**

Staff**Activities**

ARCHIE

Cherie and Scott, YS Coord., presented information about what CCPL has to offer to teachers and students at Archie School District's staff work day. Rachel went to the preschool on Wednesday mornings and afternoons to read stories.

DREXEL

Amber visited the Drexel preschool classes. Mirinda worked with a group of ladies on their stain glass style art projects.

GARDEN CITY

Kathy planned several spring themed activities for the kids. Jana finished up Summer Library Program planning and also filled in for a Storytime with Scott from Youth Services as a surprise guest.

GENEALOGY

The FamilySearch digitization project advanced significantly. Julie reviewed over 250 books and coordinated with others to prepare 24 titles for scanning. A surprising family connection emerged during a patron interaction, reminding staff of the deep human connections their work can uncover.

HARRISONVILLE

Karen attended the Bright Futures Advisory meeting, watched "Emergency & Crisis Management" webinar, and proctored an exam. Shannon attended the "Baby's Brain Gets Lit" webinar and "Time Management for Librarians" webinar on April 30. Branch staff attended Missouri Evergreen refresher training.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

Rhonda, Circ. Coord., conducted Missouri Evergreen refresher training with 11 NRC staff members in attendance.

OUTREACH

Amy created a booking calendar and pre-trip/pro-trip checklist for the new Outreach van, reviewed job descriptions for the Outreach Department, met with Sara Luellen, Tech Services Coord., about Memory Lane collection, and added cover art and synopses to the PCX items that had failed to load.

PLEASANT HILL

Monica helped the Pleasant Hill CARES with an event they hosted. She also attended the Pleasant Hill Chamber Board meeting and assisted in the Texas Hold 'em Tournament preparations. Branch staff attended Missouri Evergreen refresher training.

Looking**Ahead**

ARCHIE

Larry Brown from Columbia, MO will be coming to Archie for an Adult Storytelling Program. He will be sharing scary stories and stories about Lake of the Ozarks.

DREXEL

Storytime on Wednesday mornings happening at 10 AM. Creative Club meets after school on Thursdays at 3:45 PM. Teens will be making a project with leather.

GARDEN CITY

The branch is planning an Oreo Activities/Tasting event for children and excited for Genealogy's presentation of Stop and Taste the Flowers

HARRISONVILLE

Neisha is finishing up the Bob Ross promo video for Summer Library Program. Author JPS Stalder will be doing a meet-n-greet during Summer Library kickoff party. Shannon will be doing school visits to promote Summer Library. Herbal Chest Medicine program will be at 6 PM on May 28th.

NORTHERN

RESOURCE CENTER

The Summer Library Program kick-off event is scheduled for 5/31. We will have a large truck event in the parking lot, and the Belton and Ray-Pec robotics teams will have their robots at the library. The event is scheduled from 12-3 PM rain or shine!

OUTREACH

Three additional Lobby Stops will be added during May. Outreach will also be joining the Pleasant Hill Farmers Market, and NRC's SLP kick-off party.

PLEASANT HILL

The Summer Library kick-off event will be on 5/31 with carnival games, face painting, a crawl through fort, chalk drawings and more!

Check out the events page for more!



Our **T**eam

Milestone Service Anniversaries

20 Years

Rhonda Busse
Administration

10 Years

Victoria Caron
Pleasant Hill Branch



Rhonda Busse, Circulation Coordinator

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New Hires

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Position Changes