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# Monthly Review

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## Groundbreaking Harrisonville

A groundbreaking ceremony was held this month to celebrate the start of construction on the new Harrisonville branch. Members of CCPL, Crossland Construction, Navigate Building Solutions, and Clark & Enersen were in attendance.



## Stitchin' Time Drexel

Members of the Stitchin' Time club worked on patriotic quilt blocks to honor the USA's upcoming 250th birthday.



## Watercolors by Marcia Northern Resource Center

NRC's highly attended monthly watercolor class was filmed and posted on CCPL's YouTube channel for the very first time.



## Teen Meet-Up

### Outreach Services

Teens held a taste test of authentic Australian snacks during this month's Teen Meet-Up.



## 5-Year Anniversary

### Archie

Archie celebrated 5 years in their current location with yummy treats for patrons and staff.



## Kindergarten Storytime

### Garden City

Staff visited Sherwood Elementary School and read "The Very Impatient Caterpillar" to two kindergarten classes.



## Step Into Adventure

### Pleasant Hill

Roy Harryman from KansasCityHiker.com delivered a presentation about local hiking trails and campsites, and the importance of trail safety.



## Project Hail Mary

### Outreach Services

Members of the Sci-Fi/Fantasy book club met at the Belton movie theater to watch the film release of "Project Hail Mary."



## Homeschool Hangout

### Archie

Several teens stopped by for Homeschool Hangout and had a blast playing the game Headbandz.



## Ceramics Show

### Harrisonville

For the first time, Harrisonville hosted a ceramics show for local high school students where patrons could visit the library and vote for their favorite piece.



## Creative Club

### Drexel

During this month's Creative Club, patrons of all ages did crafts and coloring pages, and we're able to play with different building sets.



## Crimes of Fashion Escape Room Northern Resource Center

5 different groups of teens and adults participated in NRC's Crimes of Fashion escape room based on the upcoming "The Devil Wears Prada" sequel film.

**12,252**

Active Customers

**49,861**

Circulation

**84.7**

Net Promoter Score

## 02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

**168**

Adult Print  
Titles Ordered

**134**

Adult eMedia  
Items Ordered

**1,238**

Items Cataloged

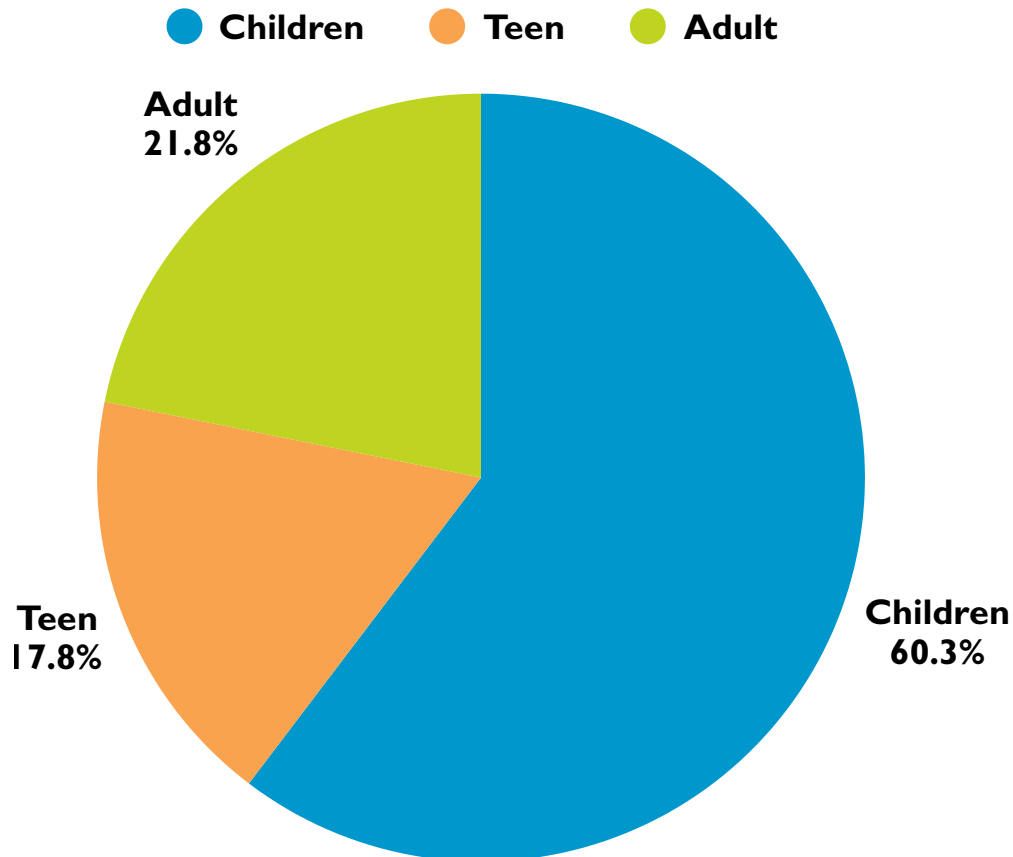
## Program Highlights

April was filled with a variety of fun events as branches began gearing up for summer. Creative storytime and craft programs continued to be the most popular category with children. Teens gravitated towards game oriented programs such as NRC's escape room, Outreach's Teen Meet-Up, and Archie's Homeschool Hangout. Adults stuck to hobby centric programs such as NRC's watercolor painting and Drexel's stitching club. There was also a heavy focus on the new Harrisonville branch's construction this month, which was exciting for patrons and staff alike.

**301**  
Programs

**3,688**  
In-Person  
Attendees

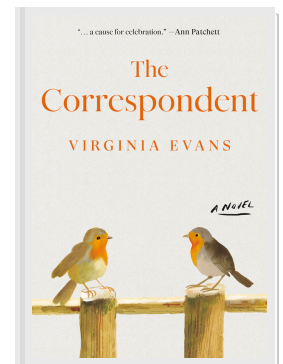
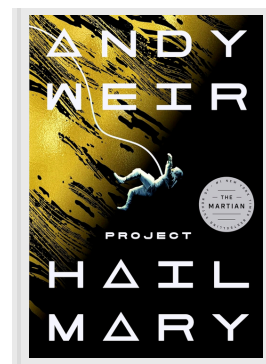
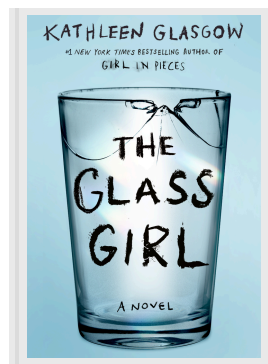
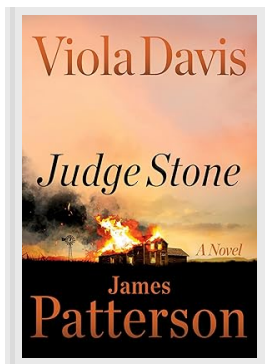
### Attendance by Age Group



# CUSTOMER FAVORITES

## Top Checkouts

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	Judge Stone	<i>Skinnytaste: High Protein</i>	<i>The Glass Girl</i>	<i>Dog Man and Cat Kid</i>	<i>Project Hail Mary</i>	<i>The Correspondent</i>
2	<i>Theo of Golden</i>	<i>Hormone Havoc</i>	<i>An Ember in the Ashes</i>	<i>Captain Underpants</i>	<i>The Night We Met</i>	<i>Rites of the Starling</i>
3	<i>Bloodlust</i>	<i>1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History</i>	<i>A Wizard of Earthsea</i>	<i>I Survived the Black Death</i>	<i>Theo of Golden</i>	<i>Theo of Golden</i>



## 04 YOUTH SERVICES



Reading logs, flyers, posters, brag tags, stickers, and shirts were all finalized and Beanstack was prepped for the Summer Library Program. Additionally, new reading materials were ordered from Ingram and Overdrive, and new games were purchased to circulate at Drexel and the Bookmobile.

**88**

Storytimes

**1,476**

Storytime Attendees

## 05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

IT completed 50 support tickets, addressing PC and internet issues, website updates, and more. Key work included correcting board meeting closed captions on YouTube, updating policy links and job postings on the CCPL website, fixing an internet outage at Garden City, repairing the people counter at Drexel, updating firewall systems and policies, and selling outdated patron desktop computers on GovDeals.

**2,325**

WiFi Sessions

**1,274**

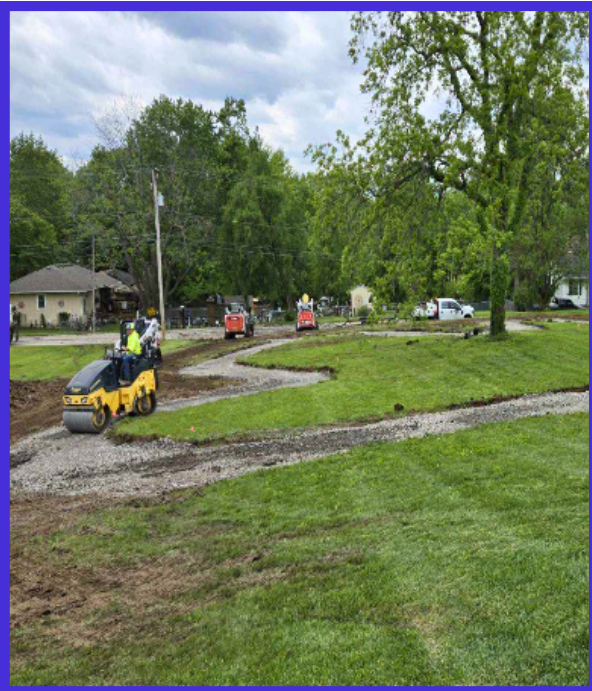
Computer Sessions

## 06 COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Throughout April, Outreach Services made several preschool storytime stops and visited Kentucky Trails Elementary School to introduce new patrons to the Bookmobile. They also continued with stops at assisted living homes and businesses in the area. In addition, CCPL branch staff also visited a number of different schools to provide storytimes and engaging programs to students, and NRC staff visited the Faded Pages book store in Belton to hand out informational flyers.

## 07 FACILITIES COORDINATOR



The Facilities team completed several work orders this month, including replacing a water fountain filter and repainting the community room at NRC, completing fire extinguisher inspections at Garden City, Archie, and Drexel, planning the asphalt instillation for Pleasant Hill's StoryWalk, and replacing HVAC and RTU filters at several of the branches.

20

Community Room  
Reservations

311

Study Room  
Reservations

## 09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with the community through events such as Harrisonville's High School ceramic show, NRC's Watercolors by Marcia program, Archie's Genealogy for Greenhorns program and loaned handmade quilt display, and Pleasant Hill's AARP tax aide programs.



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Marketing Emails  
Sent

28,922

Social Media  
Reach

6,910

Total Website  
Users

4,470

Marketing Emails  
Opened

2,182

Social Media  
Engagements

23,954

Total Website  
Pageviews

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

“

Love the staff at the Harrisonville MO Library. And also enjoy the adult activities such as bingo for books, escape room, and bunco.

– **Survey Response**

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“

Staff is really nice. Good spot to study/read.

– **Google Review (Chris V.)**

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Lots of community info and flyers, historical room, and many informative exhibits to see.

– **Google Review (Beth L.)**

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“

Extremely happy with staff & book selection. So helpful & easy to order. Happy with status quo.

– **Survey Response**

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## Archie

Staff continued to read at the local preschool on Wednesdays and plan for the upcoming Summer Library Program.

## Drexel

Staff reviewed the Safety and Security Manual during staff meetings this month, and visited local preschools for storytime.

## Garden City

Staff visited Sherwood Elementary School and read “The Very Impatient Caterpillar” to two different kindergarten classes.

## Harrisonville

Staff virtually toured the new Harrisonville branch and got to check out the layout and furniture options.

## Northern Resource Center

Staff visited the Faded Pages bookstore in Belton to pass out flyers and discuss partnership opportunities.

## Outreach Services

Staff decorated the Bookmobile like a jungle to get patrons excited for the Summer Library Program.



## Pleasant Hill

Staff spent the month preparing to host their SLP Kick-Off Party, and visited Creative Kids Preschool for storytime.

Check out the



events page!



# LOOKING AHEAD

## Archie

Archie is looking forward to the Summer Library Program and will be having visits from Preschool-5th grade classes to talk about all their upcoming events.

## Drexel

Drexel is looking forward to special visits from Mr. Stinky Feet, Missouri Dept of Conservation, Science City, and Dino O'Dell for SLP.

## Garden City

Garden City is looking forward to having their special May events: Star Wars Day and Mom & Me Tea Time.

## Harrisonville

Harrisonville is looking forward to planning their SLP kickoff and inviting hundreds of people into the building for games, snacks, and entertainment.

## Northern Resource Center

NRC is looking forward to hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on May 29th.

## Outreach Services

Outreach Services is looking forward to having a new storytime and Bookmobile stop, and will be joining Pleasant Hill for their SLP kickoff event.



## Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill is looking forward to hosting their Summer Library Program Kick-Off party at the end of May, with a special appearance from the Bookmobile.

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# 12 OURTEAM



CCPL board members and staff celebrate the start of construction on the new Harrisonville branch at the groundbreaking ceremony.



New Hires

Position Changes