



# Around **CCPL**



## **Back to School Bash** Harrisonville

The Back to School Bash drew nearly 100 attendees for popsicles, a photo booth, raffles, and library card sign-ups.



## **Noir Nibbles** Garden City

Sam from the Genealogy branch hosted. Everybody loved tasting everything except the century egg.



## **Hooks and Needles** Pleasant Hill

Participants showed off their latest handmade projects and shared inspiration with fellow crafters.



## **Storytime**

Drexel

The children listened to stories, sang songs, and made stick puppets.



## **Creation Station**

Archie

The kids created friendship bracelets.



## **Julie Mulhern, Author Meet & Greet**

Pleasant Hill

The author of the Country Club Murders series discusses her books, being an author, and where she finds her inspiration.

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## **Page Turners Book Club** Northern Resource Center

Book club members created personal care kits for the unhoused, inspired by their reading of *How to Stay Invisible* by Maggie C. Rudd.



## **Take and Make Crafts** Outreach Services

Kids made paper rainbow flowers. They were all very creative and got some awesome cutting and drawing practice in.



## **Book Club** Drexel

Book Club members enjoyed discussing *Frozen River*, a historical novel about a midwife in the 1700s, and gave it glowing reviews.



## 2nd Saturday Recipes

### Pleasant Hill

One participant brought a steak with peppercorn sauce dish called “kangaroo tenderloin” to share at our cookbook-inspired program.



## Teen Dungeons & Dragons

### Northern Resource Center

Teens gathered for an adventurous round of Dungeons & Dragons at the library.



## Plants & Bingo

### Archie

All Bingo winners went home with a plant or two. Thanks to Ben Palmer for the donation of all the plants.



## **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** Garden City

The branch celebrated another completion of 1000 Books Before Kindergarten



## **Splash Bash** Pleasant Hill

A record crowd of families enjoyed a wet and wonderful end to the Summer Library Program!



## **Mystery Maker Monday** Harrisonville

Fifteen creative kids decorated notebooks and crafted colorful duct tape pencil pouches, leaving with school supplies that were both fun and functional!

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## **Bicentennial Quilt**

Northern Resource Center  
Margaret McIntyre visited the NRC to see her Bicentennial quilt, which depicts historical Cass County landmarks, in its new home. The quilt box was built by Scott from CCPL Facilities, and Margaret was interviewed by Allen Edmonds of the North Cass Herald.

11,776

**Active Customers**

50,388

**Circulation**

84.6

**Net Promoter Score**

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## Collection **Management**

283

**Adult Print  
Titles Ordered**

137

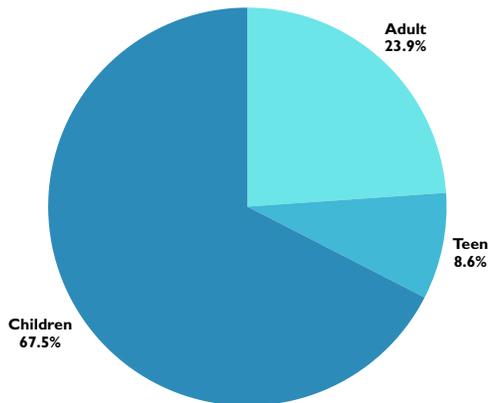
**Adult eMedia  
Items Ordered**

732

**Items  
Cataloged**

# Customer Favorites

## Program Highlights



In August, CCPL branches offered a variety of programs for all ages. Highlights included Bingo for Books, Hobby Club, and a Back to School Bash at Harrisonville that drew nearly 100 attendees. Drexel held Book Club and Cook the Book along with interactive storytimes, while Garden City hosted Noir Nibbles, Back to School Survival Kits, and Bad Guys Day. Archie featured Plants & Bingo and kids' crafts, NRC's book clubs and teen D&D continued to grow, and the Bookmobile engaged patrons with craft kits and a Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club discussion.

## Attendance by Age Group

182 Programs      3,503 In-Person Attendees

## Top Checkouts

### Print

#### Adult Fiction

*The Hamptons Lawyer*  
*A Mother's Love*  
*The Unraveling of Julia*

#### Adult Nonfiction

*Atomic Habits*  
*Hungry Girl Sheet Pan Cookbook*  
*1000 Hours Outside*

#### Young Adult Fiction

*Good Different*  
*The Black Queen*  
*Mockingjay*

#### Juvenile Fiction

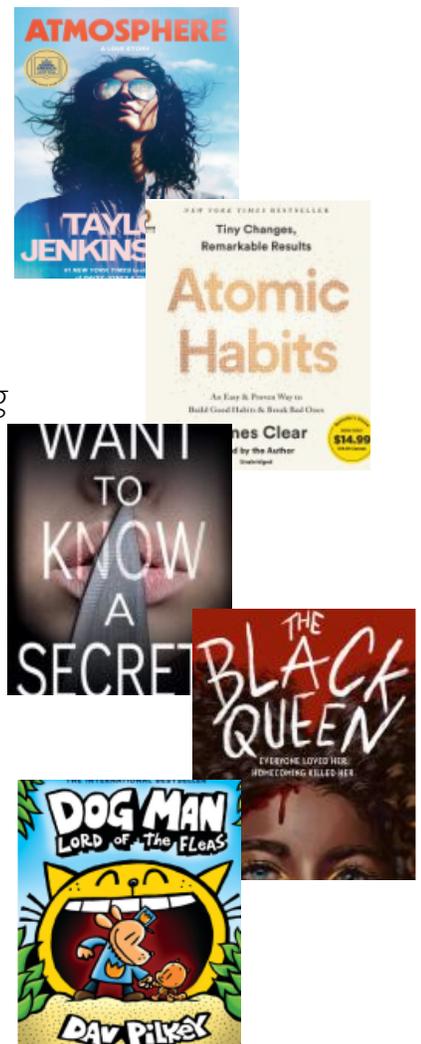
*Lord of the Fleas*  
*Rodrick Rules*  
*Grime and Punishment*

### eBooks

*Atmosphere*  
*Project Hail Mary*  
*The Let Them Theory*  
*Don't Let Him In*  
*A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping*  
*Accomplice to the Villain*  
*The Hamptons Lawyer*  
*Fourth Wing*

### eAudiobooks

*Want to Know a Secret*  
*Atmosphere*  
*Great Big Beautiful Life*  
*Accomplice to the Villain*  
*The Housemaid's Secret*  
*The Housemaid*  
*Brain Damage*



# Youth**Services**



In August, Jana began her role as Youth Services Coordinator while also supporting the Garden City branch manager transition. Work focused on wrapping up the Summer Library Program, touring branches to meet with specialists, and beginning to organize a systemwide youth staff meeting. Additional efforts included setting up vendor accounts, approving youth events submissions, preparing fall program calendars and schedules, participating in Staff Development Day planning, attending systemwide meetings, and mentoring the new Garden City manager through a four-week training plan.

74

**Storytimes**

1,223

**Storytime Attendees**

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# Technology**Support**

In August, IT prepared for the Drexel renovation by ordering security cameras, an AV audio upgrade, and a new network rack, while also improving the internet speed to 50 mbps. Systemwide efforts included reimaging older staff computers to clear them for resale through the GovDeals website, verifying ADA compliance on the library's website, organizing IT storage at the Annex, and assisting staff with estimated pricing for 2026 budget requests. A total of 46 support tickets were completed, covering a range of issues including network configurations, equipment repairs, and system updates.

1,097

**WiFi**

**Sessions**

2,469

**Computer**

**Sessions**

# Community Outreach

This month, Lobby Stops reached nearly 60 patrons across 4 stops at 3 locations. For many, such as residents at Carnegie Village and Greenleaf Estates, this is their only access to library resources. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with patrons expressing deep appreciation and giving the service a glowing 5/5 stars..



Taylor added new art to the bookmobile door.

| CCPL Lobby Stop:                        | CCPL Lobby Stop:   | CCPL Lobby Stop:   |
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| Stop: <u>Carnegie</u>                   | Stop: <u>Carnegie Village</u>  | Stop: <u>Carnegie</u>  |
| Name: <u>Pat Hood</u>                   | Name: <u>Stephanie Reynolds</u>  | Name: <u>Shirley Ross</u>                                    |
| Hate it! Love it!                       | Hate it! Love it!  | Hate it! Love it!  |
| ☆☆☆☆☆                                   | ☆☆☆☆☆  | ☆☆☆☆☆  |
| Why:                                    | Why:   | Why:   |
| <u>THANK YOU</u>                        | <u>You rock! The fact you bring the library books for the book club is outstanding. Thank Taylor and Joyce are extremely helpful and patient. Great job!</u> | <u>So accommodating and offering a wide variety of books</u> |
| <u>for coming.</u>                      |  | <u>Welcome to Carnegie!</u>                                  |
| <u>It is wonderful to have you come</u> |  |  |
| <u>Pat Hood</u>                         |  |  |
| Cass County PUBLIC LIBRARY              | Cass County PUBLIC LIBRARY   | Cass County PUBLIC LIBRARY                                   |

Lobby Stops continue to go well, with the only suggestion being to visit more often. Four new Library by Mail patrons also signed up this month through various referrals.

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## Facilities Coordinator

In August, Facilities focused heavily on preparations for the Drexel renovation, including securing temporary storage, a dumpster, staging purchases, and coordinating necessary staff duties and bookmobile services during the closure. Routine maintenance continued systemwide with carpet cleanings, HVAC filter replacements, and pest control. Additional improvements included installing new display and brochure racks in branches, completing vegetation trimming to resolve a city citation at Pleasant Hill, and repairing the automatic door at NRC. The Annex was fully furnished and occupied, and planning moved forward on access control upgrades for both Drexel and the Annex, along with preparations for winter readiness through the purchase of electric snowblowers for all branches.

# Community**Spaces**

12

**Community Room  
Reservations**

209

**Study Room  
Reservations**

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# Community**Engagement**

CCPL staff carried out a wide range of community engagement activities in August. Harrisonville staff signed up nearly 30 new cards at Cass Midway and shared resources with over 350 teachers, while NRC staff engaged with veterans and civic groups, securing support for future programs. Outreach services received glowing Lobby Stop feedback and added new Library by Mail patrons, and staff at other branches participated in back-to-school nights, art partnerships, and program planning.



**Archie's August Quilt**

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**Marketing Emails Sent**

0

**Marketing Emails Opened**

6,908

**Total Website Users**

2,932

**Social Media Reach**

14,406

**Total Website Pageviews**

608

**Social Media Engagements**

# Community **Engagement**

“They are very helpful and nice.”

**-Survey Response**

“I love the library!”

**-Survey Response**

NRC is small but mighty! My daughter enjoys toddler story time and I always find something good to check out. If they don't have the book I am looking for, I've never had an issue getting it from another branch or from another library across the state. I love the auto-renewals and the lack of fines for overdue materials!



**-Ellie C., Google Review**

“The staff is friendly and [the] environment is pretty nice.”

**-Survey Response**

“The staff is incredibly friendly & helpful. The kids programs are great and exciting. The online access to checking out & reading books is awesome. This makes it so easy to keep reading alive in our family. I love our library.”

**-Survey Response**

# Staff**Activities**

## **ARCHIE**

Archie staff attended Back to School Night and also prepared for the return of Pajama Storytime.

## **GENEALOGY**

Genealogy staff prepared fall programs with the Historical Society, advanced digitization and research projects, and continued work on Underground Railroad quilt history.

## **OUTREACH**

Outreach staff continued popular Lobby Stops with glowing feedback, signed up new Library by Mail patrons, prepared for the arrival of a new manager, and began developing a new teen program.

## **DREXEL**

Staff have been preparing for the renovation by completing extensive weeding, clearing walls and removing displays.

## **HARRISONVILLE**

Staff supported multiple back-to-school and community events, promoted new resources like HelpNow, and continued collaborations with local schools and organizations.

## **PLEASANT HILL**

The branch manager attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring U.S. Congressman Mark Alford, and the library was recognized as Business of the Month for September.

## **GARDEN CITY**

Staff coordinated the return of student artwork displays, welcomed new Branch Manager Amy, and celebrated Julie's 10th anniversary with CCPL.

## **NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER**

Staff engaged with veterans and civic groups, hosted the unveiling of the Bicentennial quilt, and received community support for next year's Summer Library Program.

## ARCHIE

- September 4:  
Pajama Storytime  
returns
- September 18 @  
5pm: Gather  
Together Cook  
Club

## DREXEL

- Storytime resumes  
September 24 @ 10  
am
- Teen Activities will  
return in October

## GARDEN CITY

- September 24 @ 6  
pm: Medicare  
Information Session  
with Mize Drug

## HARRISONVILLE

- October 27 @ 6:30 pm:  
Spooky Storytelling at  
the Cabin with Priscilla  
Howe

## NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

- September 25 @ 6 pm:  
Creative Writing Program
- September 27 @ 2 pm:  
Hiking Tips & Hidden Trails  
Around Kansas City

## OUTREACH

- October 7 @ 11 am:  
Lobby Stop – Greenleaf  
Estates

## PLEASANT HILL

- September 27 @ 2  
pm: History of  
Pleasant Hill with Pete  
Shortridge

Check out the events  
page for more!



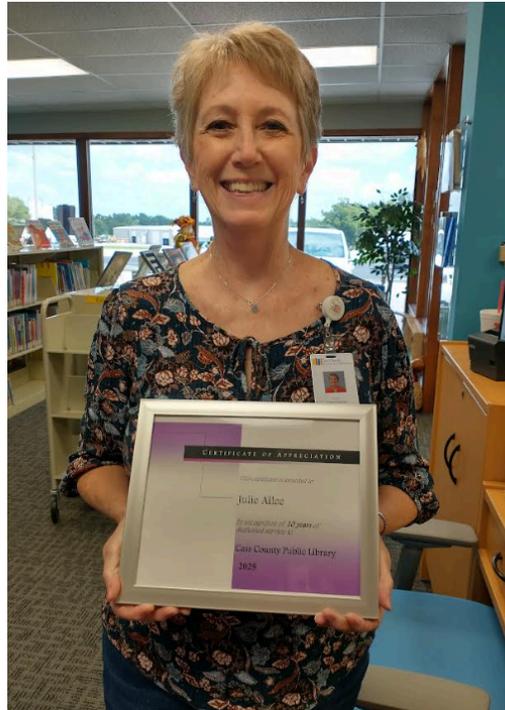
# Our Team

## Milestone Service Anniversaries

10 Years

**Julie Allee**

Garden City



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**New Hires**

2

**Position Changes**