



Monthly Review

August 2026

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StoryWalk Grand Opening

Pleasant Hill

Patrons and staff celebrated the grand opening of Pleasant Hill's StoryWalk installation with a special outdoor storytime featuring *The Kissing Hand* by Audrey Penn.



Stitchin' Time

Drexel

The Stitchin' Time quilting group learned how to make reversible baskets from dish draining mats.



Role-Playing Games

Outreach Services

Bookmobile's Teen Meet-Up group met at Peculiar Games and Hobbies for a lesson on role playing games from Casey Trumble.



Stargazing Storytime

Archie

Following an extraterrestrial storytime, staff led patrons on a star scavenger hunt throughout the library.



DIY Mouse Pads

Garden City

Kids were able to design and color their very own mouse pads during a fun DIY mouse pad workshop.



Pages in the Park

Outreach Services

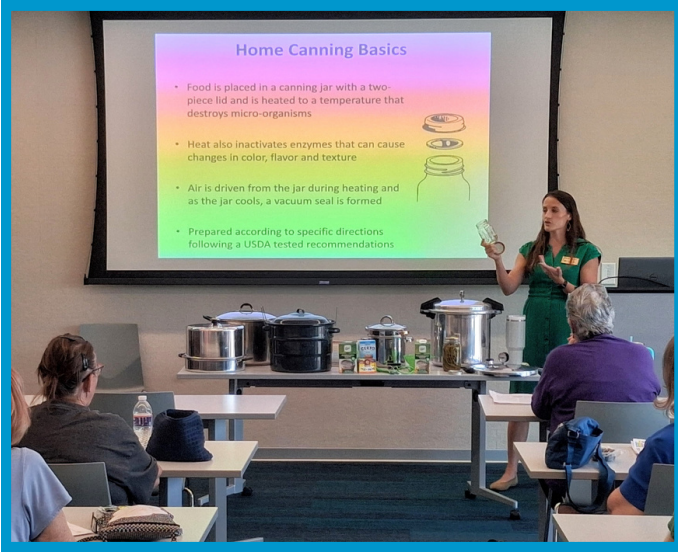
Outreach Staff participated in Pages in the Park at Belton's Memorial Station, where they visited with at least 150 participants.



Cow Storytime

Drexel

Storytime was a hit with 20 listening to That's Not My Cow, playing a shape game, and creating a cow craft.



Food Preservation

Pleasant Hill

Melissa Cotton from the University of Missouri Extension led a discussion about food preservation, covering canning, freezing, pickling, and dehydrating.



SLP Prize Winners

Drexel

Participants in the Summer Library Program received prizes for logging all of their books.



Teen Time

Archie

Teen Time group members had a blast testing out their poetry skills while playing Poetry For Neanderthals.



Interactive Storytime

Garden City

As storytime continued to be the most popular program, staff began implementing an interactive element to keep kids engaged.



Police Officer Storytime

Harrisonville

Harrisonville Police Chief, Darla Harris, made a surprise appearance during storytime to read to kids and show off two police vehicles.

12,227

Active Customers

55,269

Circulation

84.6

Net Promoter
Score

02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

153

Adult Print
Titles Ordered

82

Adult eMedia
Items Ordered

877

Items Cataloged

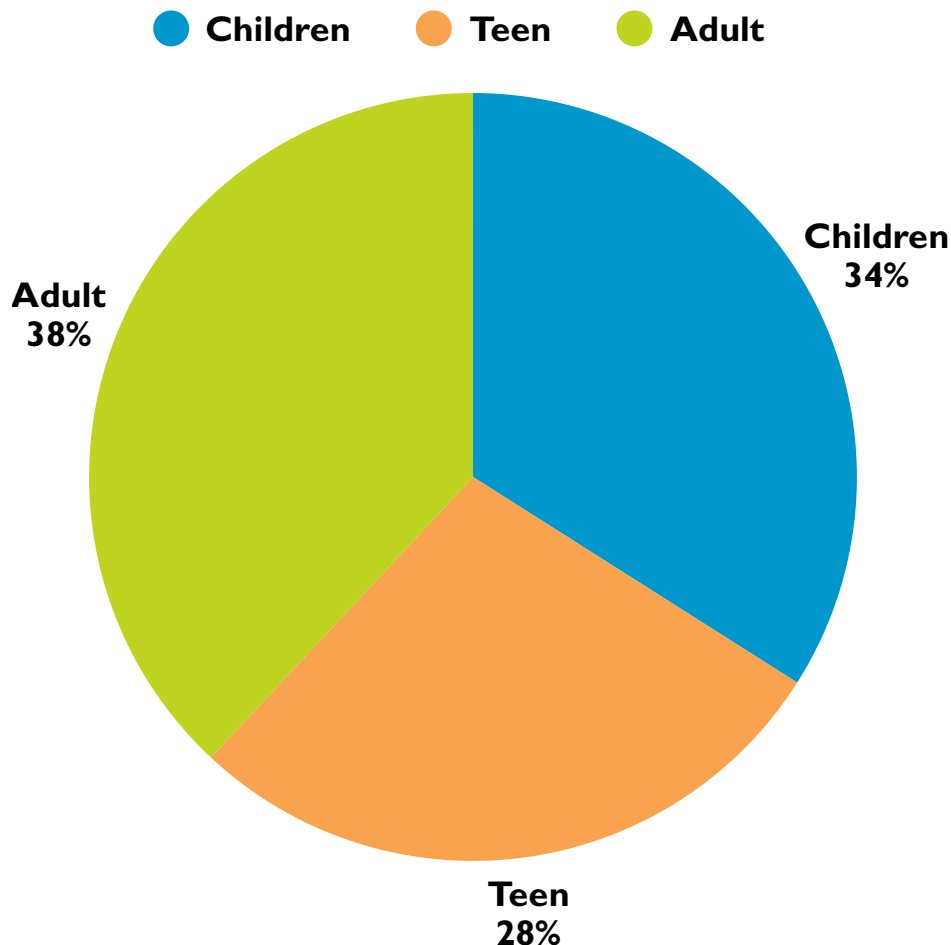
Program Highlights

August programming focused on wrapping up the Summer Library Program and introducing the fall season. Children and teens spent their last few weeks of summer vacation playing games, attending storytimes, and participating in arts and crafts. Adults gravitated towards book clubs and stitching/knitting centric groups. Additionally, Pleasant Hill was able to unveil their StoryWalk instillation to the public, with a well-attended ribbon cutting and special outdoor storytime.

170
Programs

2,668
In-Person
Attendees

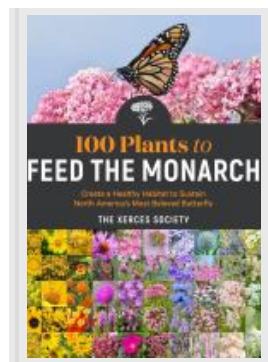
Attendance by Age Group



CUSTOMER FAVORITES

Top Checkouts

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	26 Beauties	100 Plants to Feed the Monarch	One Piece: East Blue, 10-11-12	Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties	The Calamity Club	The Calamity Club
2	A Life So True	Complete Guide to Dog Grooming	Agatha Harkness: Fall of the Coven	Talons of Power	Yesteryear	Yesteryear
3	It Could Have Been Her	Complete Idiot's Guide to Knitting & Crocheting	Another First Chance	The Last Dragon House	Dungeon Crawler Carl	Theo of Golden



04 YOUTH SERVICES



43

Storytimes

766

Storytime Attendees

Youth Services focused on wrapping up the Summer Library Program and preparing for new events coming this fall. To close out the season, prizes were sent to the branches and completion stats were collected. New supplies were also ordered, and guests were booked for September and October. Additionally, staff attended the Bright Futures Back-to-School event to inform students about helpful library resources.

05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

IT completed 31 tickets this month. Key projects included updating the website homepage, printer repairs, fixing phone signal issues, addressing coin machine jamming at Harrisonville and NRC, updating online hours for Garden City, and making wording revisions on the Libcal landing page.

2,386

WiFi Sessions

1,450

Computer Sessions



This month, staff from several branches stopped by their local Back to School Nights to talk to teachers about the upcoming school year and provide information about the library resources that are available to them. Outreach Services also participated in Pages in the Park at Belton's Memorial Station, where they visited with at least 150 participants.



The facilities team completed 31 work orders this month. Key projects included finalizing Pleasant Hill's StoryWalk installation for the grand opening, repairing the Outreach Services van, checking outdoor lighting fixtures, maintaining each of the branches' landscaping, and installing new hour decals at Garden City.

25

Community Room
Reservations

296

Study Room
Reservations

09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with the community through events such as Pleasant Hill's StoryWalk ribbon cutting, NRC's Intro to Astronomy program with Jeff Knoblauch and The Kansas City Astronomical Society, and Harrisonville's Police Officer storytime. In addition, Archie received their quilt of the month from local, Randy McDonnell.



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Marketing Emails
Sent

11,925

Social Media
Reach

7,356

Total Website
Users

14,286

Marketing Emails
Opened

399

Social Media
Engagements

23,164

Total Website
Pageviews

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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I just love the library. The books are in good condition, the building is in good condition, and the staff is helpful/nice.

– **Survey Response**

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Amazing staff! We like coming for baby story time.

– **Google Review (Bethanie S.)**

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“

The attendants are helpful and friendly. Great experience.

– **Google Review (Sugar L.)**

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“

I enjoy being at the library. If the book I'm looking for isn't available, the staff is helpful in finding a copy.

– **Survey Response**

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Archie

In preparation for the beginning of the new school year, staff attended Archie's Meet the Teacher Night.

Drexel

Staff received training on assisting patrons with faxing, and a refresh on how to handle potential bug or mold found in books.

Garden City

Staff made outdoor signs, flyers, and fridge magnets to help notify patrons of Garden City's new hours.

Harrisonville

Staff visited Harrisonville's Teacher Vendor Fair to talk with teachers about how the library can help in the upcoming school year.

Northern Resource Center

Staff attended Ray-Pec South Middle School's meet the teacher night and helped host the Cass County Coalition meeting at the NRC.

Outreach Services

Staff participated in Pages in the Park at Belton's Memorial Station.

**Pleasant Hill**

Staff conducted an overview meeting about the Summer Library Program and discussed what went good and what could be done differently next year.

Check out the



events page!



LOOKING AHEAD

Archie

Archie is looking forward to hosting a new home composting workshop in September with special guest Katy White.

Drexel

Drexel is looking forward to their Rock Hounding 101 program coming in September.

Garden City

Garden City is looking forward to their upcoming financial literacy programs for kids and teens, presented by the RG Federal Credit Union.

Harrisonville

Harrisonville is looking forward to the CCPL author series, with upcoming visits from Larry Wood, Dennis Minich, and John Foster.

Northern Resource Center

NRC is looking forward to Omar Bradley: Missouri Roots, Global Impact, a presentation by Lt. Col. Walter Lantzy (Ret.).

Outreach Services

Outreach is looking forward to attending Belton Railroad Days, the Log Cabin Festival Parade, NRC Fall Fun Fest, and the Garden City Fall Parade.



Pleasant Hill

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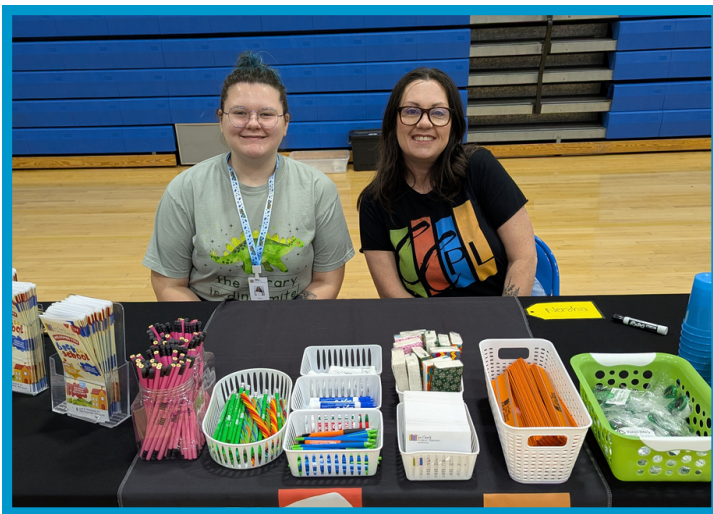


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12 OURTEAM



Patrons and staff enjoying the StoryWalk grand opening at Pleasant Hill.



Staff visiting Harrisonville's Teacher Vendor Fair to talk with teachers about the upcoming school year.



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New Hires

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Position Changes