

July 2025

## Kansas City ZOO & AQUARIUM



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## **Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium**

### Northern Resource Center

The Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium Zoomobile visited this month to talk about animal communication. They did a great presentation that included a boa constrictor and a macaw! Over 50 people attended.



## **Preschool Storytime**

### Bookmobile

A preschool Storytime suggestion inspired a new verse in the Bookmobile Song featuring American Sign Language for "Thank You." The children loved it—many even signed as they left!



## **Homeschool Hangout**

### Archie

Teens painted Waterloo Bridge by Andre Durain, a French Fauvist artist, from 1906.



## **Stained Glass Art for Adults** Harrisonville

Participants created stunning faux stained glass art using glue and paint with no glass cutting required.



## **Family Rock Art**

Genealogy

All ages enjoyed creating a unique family portrait using rocks.



## **Annual UNO Tournament** Pleasant Hill

After coming off the waitlist, this tournament champion battled through multiple rounds to claim the title and his very own UNO Attack game.



## **SLP Closing Party** Drexel

More than 40 people came out to celebrate the end of the Summer Library Program and make marshmallow shooters.

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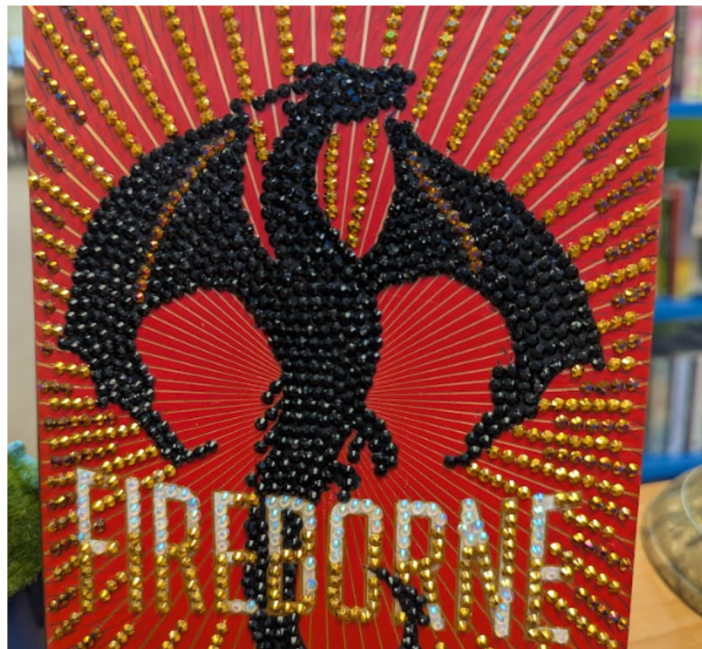


## **Creation Station Summer Style** Archie

Kids got creative with guided, hands-on crafts.



## **Storytime** Garden City



## **BYOB - Bling Your Own Book** Harrisonville

Teens turned plain covers into dazzling displays with rhinestones and creativity.

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## **Nintendo Switch Sports** Pleasant Hill

Teens brought their game faces on July 18, competing in Nintendo Switch Sports with rounds of bowling, basketball, and a self-made golf tournament.



## **July Quilt** Archie

Our quilt for the month was on loan from Jerian Cesonis.



## **Chaotic Teen After Hours** Garden City

Teens faced off in fun challenges during the high-energy SLP finale featuring games, snacks, and a library-wide round of Sardines.



## **Teen Craft Day**

Drexel

Teens used tongue depressors, clothespins, and imagination to create everything from pyramids to angel wings.



## **Using AI in Genealogy Research**

Pleasant Hill

Participants used library laptops to learn how AI can assist with document translation, family connections, and more from Sam, the Genealogy branch manager.



## **Color Our World in Greetings**

Archie

Adults created three cheerful greeting cards to brighten someone's day.

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## **Wings of Love**

Garden City

The birds sang, performed tricks, and wowed the crowd, especially with a dramatic flyover by a Eurasian owl.



## **Festivals of India**

Harrisonville

Dr. Achala Tiwari from the NRC branch led a well-attended adult program on the festivals of India.

11,750

**Active Customers**

56,998

**Circulation**

84.6

**Net Promoter Score**

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## Collection**Management**

85

**Adult Print  
Titles Ordered**

101

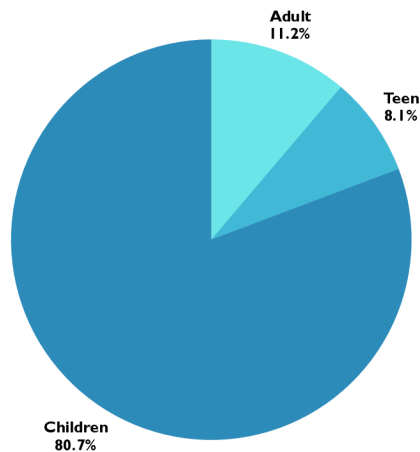
**Adult eMedia  
Items Ordered**

749

**Items  
Cataloged**

# Customer Favorites

## Program Highlights



July brought creativity and connection across the library system. Harrisonville's "Bling Your Own Book" was a teen favorite, and nearly 200 patrons attended an exotic animal show. Garden City wrapped up summer with a high-energy teen after-hours event and a crowd-pleasing Wings of Love bird show. From indoor putt-putt at NRC to hands-on art at Archie and a new ASL verse in the Bookmobile Song, programs delighted patrons of all ages.

## Attendance by Age Group

275

Programs

4,869

In-Person Attendees

## Top Checkouts

### Print

#### Adult Fiction

*2 Sisters Murder Investigations*

*The Women*

*Nightshade: a Novel*

#### Adult Nonfiction

*A History of Ghosts, Spirits, and the Supernatural*

*Birds of Missouri Field Guide*

*Garfield Large & In Charge*

#### Young Adult Fiction

*Catching Fire*

*It Found Us*

*Mockingjay*

#### Juvenile Fiction

*Roderick Rules*

*Big Jim Begins*

*Brawl of the Wild*

### eBooks

*Great Big Beautiful Life*

*Atmosphere*

*One Golden Summer*

*Onyx Storm*

*The Let Them Theory*

*Fourth Wing*

*Say You'll Remember Me*

*The Wedding People*

### eAudiobooks

*The Housemaid*

*The Housemaid's secret*

*The Housemaid's wedding*

*Great Big Beautiful Life*

*Atmosphere*

*Lights Out*

*Caught Up*



# Youth**Services**



82

**Storytimes**

2,287

**Storytime Attendees**

New and replacement youth materials were ordered from OverDrive, Ingram, and Junior Library Guild. Three STEAM kits were repaired and resupplied, and zipper bags were ordered to improve kit organization.

Summer Library Program prizes were distributed to branches ahead of August drawings.

Meetings attended included the MOLIB2GO Steering Committee, Coordinator's Meeting, Foundation quarterly meeting, Branch Staff Meeting, and planning sessions for Staff Development Day and the Harrisonville collection. Scott also served on the interview panel for the Youth Services Coordinator position and participated in two webinars focused on teen and picture book services.

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# Technology**Support**

New staff computers were deployed systemwide, and outgoing devices are being inventoried. The IT office space was moved into the renovated Annex.

Planning began for AV and security camera upgrades at Drexel. HelpNow, an online tutoring resource, was added to the website.

Thirty-nine tech support tickets were completed, including Evergreen printing fixes, webpage updates, staff phone list revisions, and adjustments to patron computer settings.

1,079

**WiFi**

**Sessions**

1,248

**Computer  
Sessions**

# Community**Outreach**

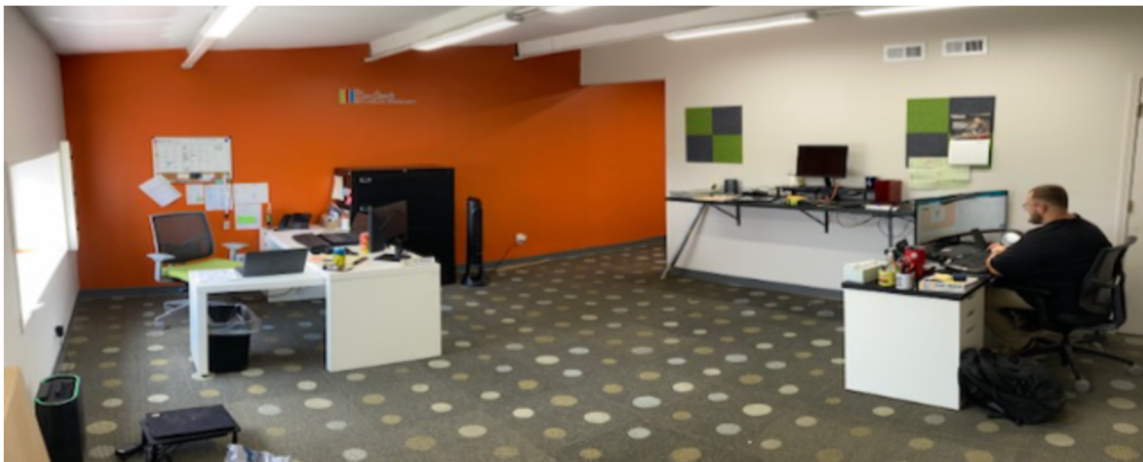
July outreach efforts saw strong contributions from both the Outreach Department and individual branches. Staff connected with summer camps, senior centers, and local school districts, with multiple back-to-school events already in the works. Outreach Department initiatives such as lobby stops and mobile notarizations continued, while branch staff visited care centers, explored off-site programming opportunities, and secured participation in upcoming community festivals. These collaborative efforts strengthened community relationships and increased the library's visibility across all service areas.



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## Facilities**Coordinator**

Breaker panels at NRC were labeled, and repairs to the automatic doors are pending. Pleasant Hill's HVAC unit was repaired under warranty, and site planning began for the StoryWalk by engineering firm DuBois Consultants. Renovations at the Annex were completed. The administrative offices' doors and windows were sealed against water leaks. Preparations for Drexel's September renovation are underway, including flooring orders and the arrangement of temporary Bookmobile visits. Fire extinguisher and security training were arranged with the Cass County Sheriff as part of Staff Development Day.



# Community**Spaces**

17

**Community Room  
Reservations**

262

**Study Room  
Reservations**

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# Community**Engagement**

July was a strong month for community engagement, highlighted by Harrisonville's MEOWsterpiece Art Gallery, where teen-created cat-assisted art drew 75 community votes. Staff hosted the monthly Community PR Lunch, attended Chamber meetings in Pleasant Hill and with the Cass County Coalition of Chambers, and supported a successful Red Cross blood drive at NRC. Self-guided activities and interactive displays continued to offer patrons fun and flexible ways to engage with the library.

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**Marketing Emails Sent**

20,587

**Marketing Emails Opened**

3,534

**Social Media Reach**

501

**Social Media Engagements**



7,631

**Total Website Users**

16,350

**Total Website Pageviews**

# Community **Engagement**

“Cass Co Library does a lovely job w/ the summer reading program. Any chance to further develop children's & adult programs has my support.”

**-Survey Response**



“Thank you for being a great part of our community!”

**-Survey Response**

“I enjoy using the library. I like the book club.”

**-Survey Response**

# Staff**Activities**

## **ARCHIE**

Cherie attended the Busy Bee Quilters each Wednesday and has been mentoring Scott Pagel in his new role as Pleasant Hill Branch Manager.

## **DREXEL**

Drexel staff worked hard to give kids a fun and memorable Summer Library Program.

## **GENEALOGY**

The Genealogy Branch had a busy month helping patrons with research, from tracing property records to solving family mysteries. A Family Rock Art program at Harrisonville was a hit, and plans are underway for another session this fall.

## **HARRISONVILLE**

Harrisonville staff resumed their monthly meeting on 7/22 after a June break. Karen and Kris have been involved in planning meetings with the architects and staff development team. Karen, Kris, and Neisha participated in the Community PR meeting. Karen also attended the Bright Futures Advisory Board and Branch Manager meetings.

## **OUTREACH**

A staff meeting was held on Tuesday, July 29, to review the new internal Outreach calendar and procedures for posting events and statistics.

## **PLEASANT HILL**

Scott Pagel, the new branch manager, has been receiving training and support from the circulation coordinator, HR, the assistant director, and a branch manager mentor.

# Looking Ahead

## ARCHIE

- August 21 @ 4 pm:  
Noir Nibbles
- August 23 @ 10  
am: Plants and  
Bingo

## DREXEL

- September 8 -  
Branch closes for  
renovations
- Bookmobile @ the  
Food Fair Parking  
Lot 5-7 pm  
September 8, 15, 22

## GARDEN CITY

- Jana will lead her final  
sessions with the Rec  
Room and Dungeons &  
Dragons groups in  
August as she has been  
promoted to fill the  
Youth Services  
Coordinator position.

## HARRISONVILLE

- August 18 @ 2:30 pm:  
Back to School Bash

## NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

- August 29 @ 11 am:  
Stacy Brady, Missouri  
Assistive Technology

## OUTREACH

- Wednesdays @ 4:30 - 7  
pm: Bookmobile at  
Peculiar True Value  
Hardware

## PLEASANT HILL

- September 25 @ 5:30 pm:  
Outdoor Yoga with Mandi  
Player from Divine Om Spa

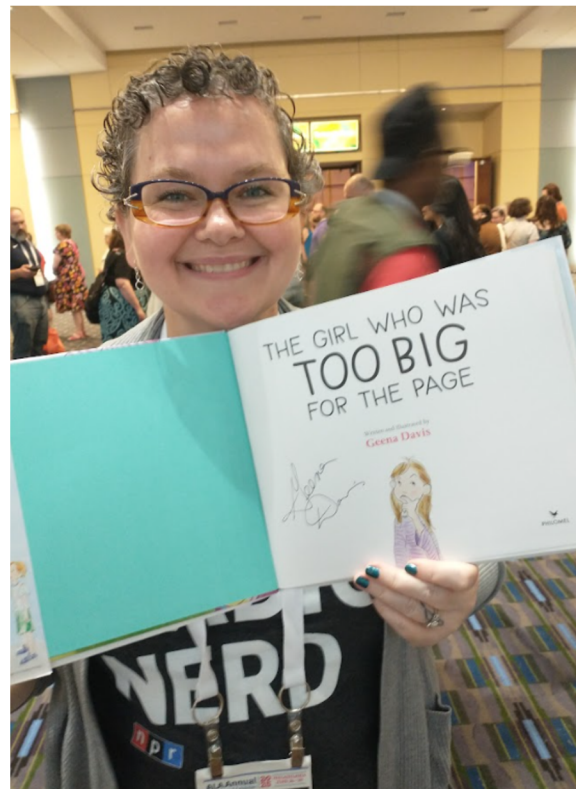
Check out the events  
page for more!



# Our **Team**



Staff celebrated Facilities Coordinator Ian's birthday by gifting him his own workstation at the NRC.



Jana was thrilled to attend the ALA Conference in Philadelphia, where she focused on workshops and panels. She called it a wonderful experience and highly recommends it.

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## New Hire

## Position Change