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Monthly Review

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Noon Year's Eve Harrisonville

Patrons of all ages came together to celebrate New Year's Eve with loads of snacks and activities, a themed storytime, and a balloon drop at the stroke of noon. The event provided a fun and safe way for children and caregivers to enjoy the holiday during daytime hours.



Santa & Mrs. Claus Drexel

Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by to share stories, take photos, and hand out treats before heading back to the North Pole in time for Christmas.



Gingerbread Houses Northern Resource Center

Teens participated in a festive gingerbread house building and decorating competition. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were awarded with gift certificates.



Gingerbread Crafts

Archie

While waiting to tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas, kids participated in making their very own gingerbread friends.



Storytime Signing

Bookmobile

Kids learned to use sign language while participating in a fun storytime activity.



Watercolors By Marcia

Northern Resource Center

Participants were taught the basics of watercolor techniques and got to take home their very own gold foil holiday paintings.



Christmas Crafts

Garden City

After taking pictures with Santa, kids hung out and crafted up some Christmas themed artwork with their families.



Gingerbread Decorating Pleasant Hill

Families participated in gingerbread house decorating, however some of the children preferred to have a taste test.



Storytime Songs Bookmobile

Kids danced and sang along to catchy songs during a musical storytime activity.



Christmas Crafternoon Harrisonville

Teens spent Christmas Crafternoon week making homemade gifts including bookmarks, ornaments, picture frames, hand sanitizer, and more.



Winter Storytime Northern Resource Center

Librarians visited Shull Early Childhood Center for the Parents As Teachers annual Winter Storytime. After, the children got to play, make crafts, and decorate cookies.



Prairie Dulcimer Club Concert

Pleasant Hill

The Prairie Dulcimer Club performed a heartwarming holiday concert for community members, showcasing traditional Christmas music played on both mountain and hammered dulcimers.

11,924

Active Customers

45,526

Circulation

84.7

Net Promoter Score

02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

202

Adult Print
Titles Ordered

127

Adult eMedia
Items Ordered

1,050

Items Cataloged

Program Highlights

December featured a variety of engaging programs, with a large number revolving heavily around the holiday season. Santa’s appearance was a huge hit with kids and parents alike, and teens enjoyed hanging out at several of the branches for their winter themed craft and movie nights. Other events such as book clubs, storytimes, puzzles, and game zones filled the month with entertaining programming for patrons of all ages and interests.

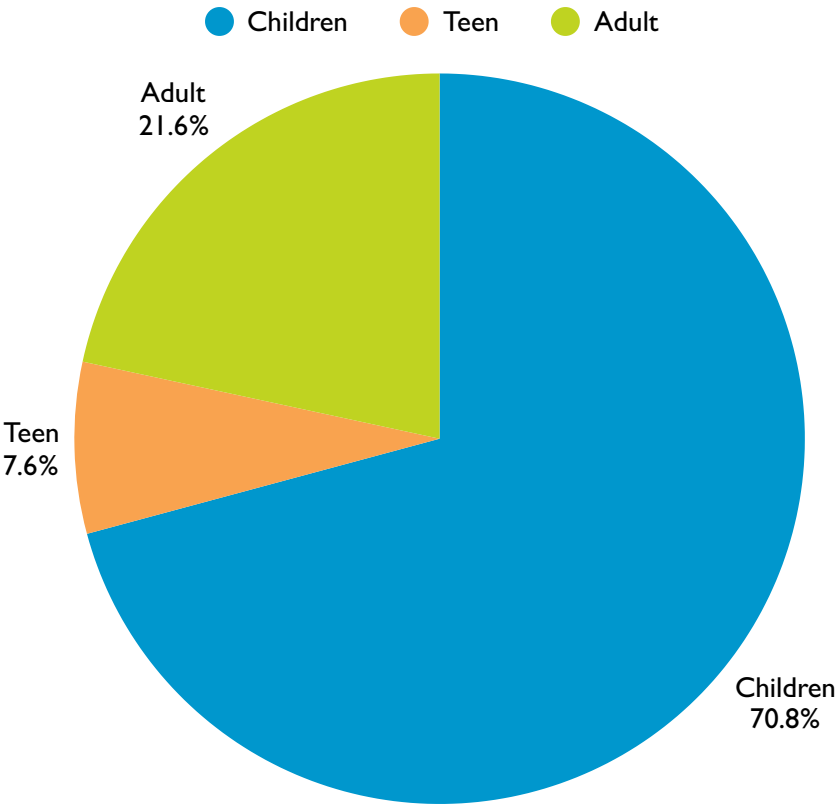
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Programs

3,655

In-Person Attendees

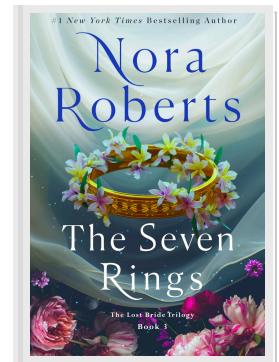
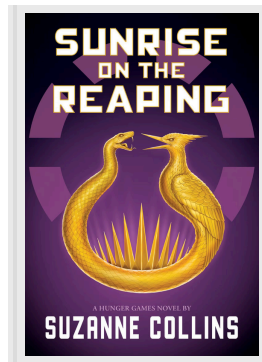
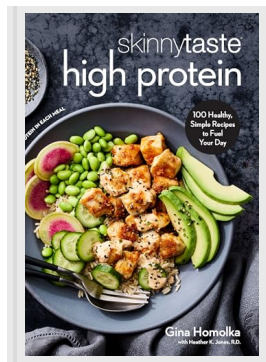
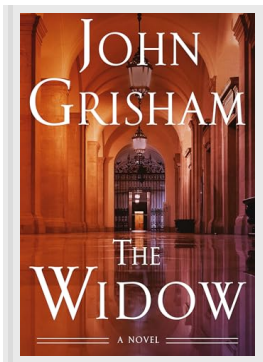
Attendance by Age Group



CUSTOMER FAVORITES

Top Checkouts

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	<i>The Widow</i>	<i>Skinnytaste: High Protein</i>	<i>Sunrise on the Reaping</i>	<i>Dog Man and Cat Kid</i>	<i>The Seven Rings</i>	<i>Brimstone</i>
2	<i>The Picasso Heist</i>	<i>The Gifts of Christmas</i>	<i>The Selection</i>	<i>Dog Man, Brawl of the Wild</i>	<i>The Women</i>	<i>The Housemaid</i>
3	<i>The Impossible Fortune</i>	<i>The Radium Girls</i>	<i>Don't Ask if I'm Okay</i>	<i>Jessi Ramsey, Pet-Sitter</i>	<i>The Widow</i>	<i>Quicksilver</i>



04 YOUTH SERVICES



146

Storytimes

2,588

Storytime Attendees

The annual Winter Reading Challenge went live and prizes, as well as hats, gloves, and stuffies, were distributed for future winners. Several new games were added to the library's catalog, along with 2 new STEAM kits. Additionally, the Youth Services Coordinator assisted in planning efforts for the Summer Library Program and attended the CSLP Summer Symposium.

05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

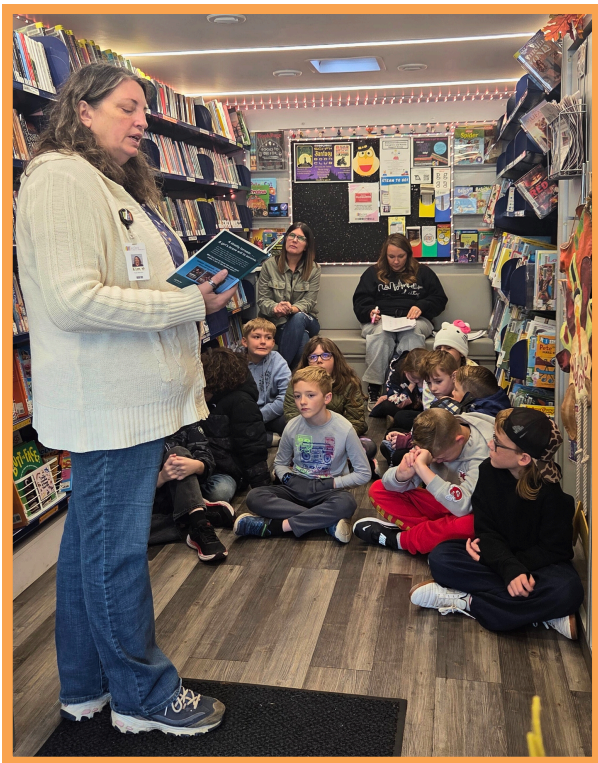
IT completed 35 support tickets, addressing webpage updates, TV display issues, printing errors, broken equipment, and more. Key project work included updating outdated website links, preparing for patron desktop replacements, installing cabling for new door card systems, adding equipment to inventory for tracking, selling surplus devices on GovDeals, and revamping the 2026 circulation report.

1,759

WiFi Sessions

1,060

Computer Sessions



In December, CCPL staff provided outreach to the community by collaborating with local Archie schools to display students' artwork in the library, visiting various preschool locations for storytime, and implementing new destinations for the Bookmobile and lobby stops. Harrisonville and Pleasant Hill staff members also attended the Mill Walk Mall Vendor Market, Terrific Kids Awards, and Kidz Inc. to interact and strengthen relationships with local families.



The Facilities team completed 23 work orders this month, providing several repairs and equipment installations throughout the branches. Notable projects included providing branches with ice melt and snow removal equipment, planning for Pleasant Hill's Storywalk installation, repairing various light fixtures, doors, shelves, and walls, and installing new network lines. Additionally, several surplus items were sold through GovDeals, and a preliminary draft of the Storywalk was presented to the Board.

23

Community Room
Reservations

262

Study Room
Reservations

09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with Cass County community members through events and programs, and collaborated with several local organizations on public activities. Notably, NRC welcomed the Ray-Pec choir to carol at the library, Garden city invited the Historical Society for an ornament making class, and Bookmobile set up 3 new lobby stops in various senior living facilities.



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Marketing Emails
Sent

8,299

Social Media
Reach

6,178

Total Website
Users

0

Marketing Emails
Opened

223

Social Media
Engagements

12,932

Total Website
Pageviews

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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They have a wide variety of books, and I like the activities they have for young children.

– **Survey Response**

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“

I go to this library at least twice a week. Good selection of new books and large print. They always have fun incentives to encourage all ages to read.

– **Google Review (Becky C.)**

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1. Good selection
 2. Good atmosphere
 3. Ample amount of computers
 4. Courteous staff
- **Google Review (Shawn M.)**

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So convenient to have a "well stocked" library sooo close to home!

– **Survey Response**

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Archie

Storytimes continued at the elementary school on Wednesdays, and staff participated in the “Can You De-Escalate” webinar through Niche Academy.

Bookmobile

Several new locations have been contacted about being added as stops. Outreach staff have also been training and mentoring a new team member.

Drexel

The Youth Specialist visited local preschool and kindergarten classes to bring storytime to students while the chilly weather persisted.

Garden City

Staff have been working hard on the faded labels project by acquiring missing pieces and labeling games with spine labels, bar codes, game summaries, and contents.

**Genealogy**

Staff supported patrons with specialized research assistance, collaborated with community partners, and assisted children with creating their own family trees.

Harrisonville

Staff members attended various community events such as the Mill Walk Mall Vendor Market, the Terrific Kids Awards, and local classrooms for storytime.

Northern Resource Center

Staff participated in the Niche Academy Webinar: The Efficient Library, and visited Shull Early Childhood Center for a holiday themed storytime.

Pleasant Hill

Staff participated in various vector trainings for the month, visited Kidz Inc. for storytime, and attended the Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

Archie

Archie will be implementing a Scrabble Club, and a Puzzle Exchange program that will be carried out through the final two weeks of January.

Bookmobile

Bookmobile will be going in for yearly maintenance at the start of the New Year, so staff will be unloading most of the books, cleaning and preparing to do some stops without it.

Drexel

Drexel is adding a new gaming program and snacking social to help improve adult engagement in library activities.

Garden City

Garden City is looking forward to bringing back their highly requested LEGO club for the New Year.

Check out the



events page!

Genealogy

Genealogy is looking forward to continuing helping patrons with research projects.

Harrisonville

Harrisonville is looking forward to introducing a new branch manager at the start of the New Year.

Northern Resource Center

NRC is looking forward to their in-library escape room, and having a table at the Peculiar Vendor Fair.

Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill is looking forward to several exciting Teen programs such as their Teen-Read-A-Thon and Super Smash Bros Tournament, and will be holding a Winter Puzzle Challenge for Adults.



New and veteran staff visited each CCPL location on December 18th for the quarterly branch tour.

**3****New Hires****0****Position Changes**