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Monthly Review

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Mini Comic Con Northern Resource Center

For the 3rd year in a row, NRC hosted a mini comic convention where library patrons had the opportunity to interact with several local artists, authors, and craftsmen. There were 14 different tables and over 100 guests in attendance.



Winter Olympics Bash Garden City

Patrons competed in a variety of Olympic themed games and decorated sugar cookies to celebrate the 2026 Winter Olympics.



Crochet Day Pleasant Hill

Teens took a break from studying to learn a new type of crochet stitch and have some stress-free fun with their friends.



Creation Station

Archie

Families participated in Creation Station where they made bracelets and other various perler bead crafts.



Stitchin' Time

Drexel

Drexel's Stitchin' Time group focused on a quilting project where each member had a chance to sew their own quilt block.



Photo Contest

Pleasant Hill

To honor the Dr. Fred L SeEVERS Memorial Bridge before its upcoming replacement, community members submitted their best photo to be voted on by PH patrons.



Valentine's Day Cookies

Northern Resource Center

Families stopped by before Valentine's Day weekend to decorate their own heart-shaped sugar cookies.



Classroom Visit Harrisonville

Harrisonville staff provided an activity for Mrs. Hastings' second-grade class through the Classroom Partner program.



Teen Meet-Up Outreach Services

Teens visited Peculiar Games and Hobbies for their monthly meet-up and played the Exchange board game.



Adult Book Club Garden City

Adult Book Group was well attended as they gathered to discuss "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhorn.



Chess Championship Northern Resource Center

RayPec East and South Middle School students competed in a final chess tournament, and the winner earned a \$20 gift card to Peculiar Games and Hobbies.



Teddy Bear Sleepover

Pleasant Hill

Children dropped off their stuffed animals with host teddy bear, Mr. Stuffy, for a night of fun. They crafted, ate snacks, went on a book cart ride, and participated in storytime, before their owners picked them up the next day.

12,120

Active Customers

46,166

Circulation

84.6

Net Promoter Score

02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

147

Adult Print
Titles Ordered

103

Adult eMedia
Items Ordered

958

Items Cataloged

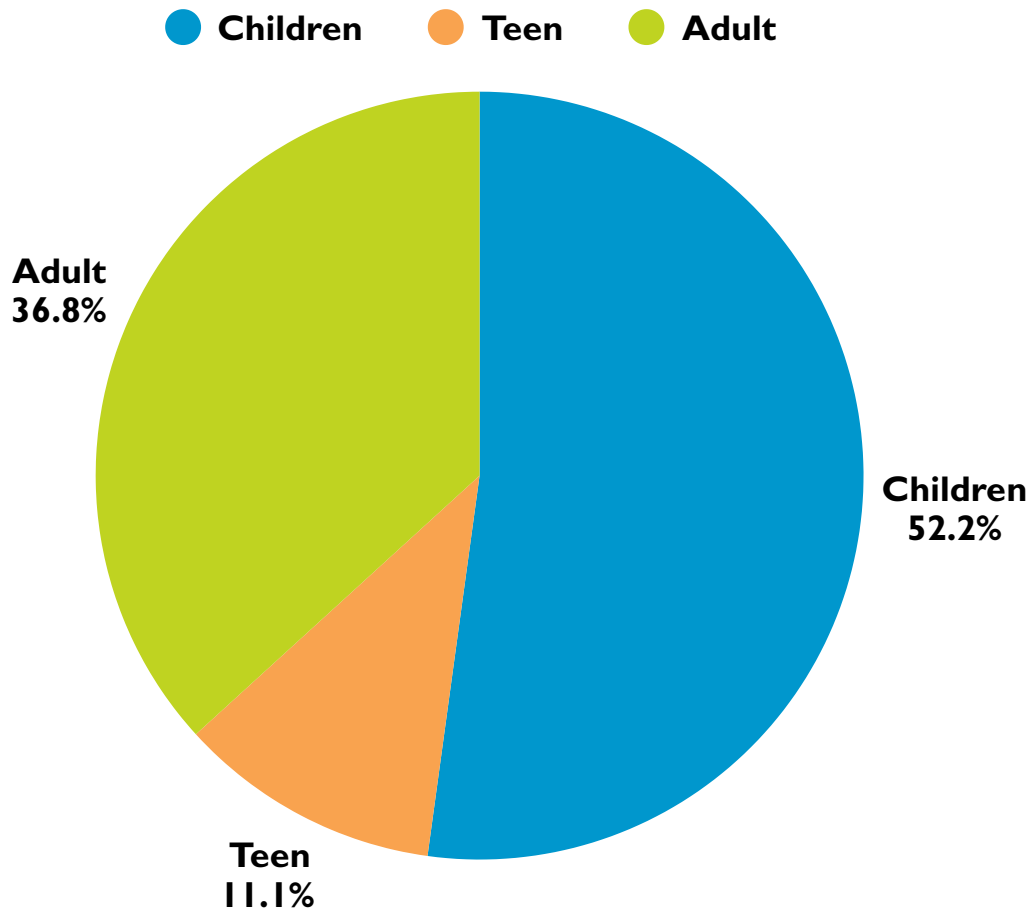
Program Highlights

February featured several Valentine's Day themed activities for the younger crowd including cookie decorating, card making, and friendship bracelet crafting. Adults and teens gravitated towards events such as NRC's Mini-Con, Pleasant Hill's photo contest, and Garden City's Winter Olympic Bash. Book clubs were also a popular stop this month, along with chess clubs and storytimes. In addition, CCPL staff attended a number of community events to engage with present and future patrons.

242
Programs

3,370
In-Person
Attendees

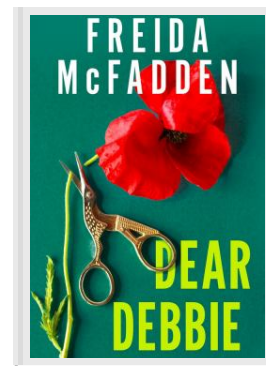
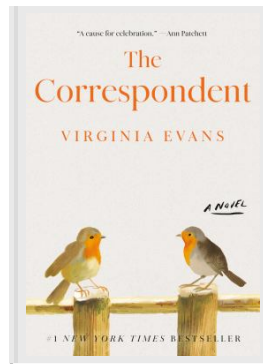
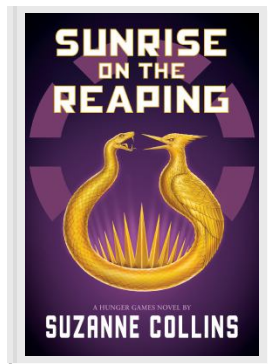
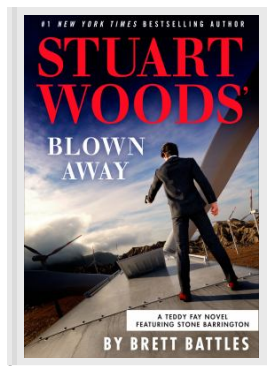
Attendance by Age Group



CUSTOMER FAVORITES

Top Checkouts

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	<i>Stuart Woods' Blown Away</i>	<i>The 30-Day Inflammatory Reset</i>	<i>Sunrise on the Reaping</i>	<i>Wings of Fire Legends</i>	<i>The Correspondent</i>	<i>Dear Debbie</i>
2	<i>The Color of Hope</i>	<i>The Pioneer Woman Cooks</i>	<i>Betting on You</i>	<i>Dog Man and Cat Kid</i>	<i>Theo of Golden</i>	<i>The Correspondent</i>
3	<i>The First Time I Saw Him</i>	<i>Spanish in 3 Months</i>	<i>Immortal Consequences</i>	<i>Hard Luck</i>	<i>The Widow</i>	<i>The Housemaid</i>



04 YOUTH SERVICES



80

Storytimes

1,413

Storytime Attendees

The Winter Reading Challenge wrapped up at the end of the month, while planning continued for the Summer Library Program. Guest performances were solidified for each of the branches for both June and July, and various promotional materials were discussed. Additionally, a children's specialist meeting was held to share ideas about other possible SLP activities, games, storytimes, and events.

05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

IT completed 27 support tickets, addressing website updates, software issues, equipment installations, and more. Key project work included setting up AARP equipment for tax season, installing new patron PC's at several branches, repairing printer and laptop software issues, updating blocked websites on the firewall, and updating online job postings.

2,032

WiFi Sessions

1,108

Computer Sessions

06 COMMUNITY OUTREACH



In February, CCPL staff made several stops at elementary schools around Cass County to provide storytimes and educational programs to students. Outreach Services also visited senior living facilities, churches, daycares, and other community centers to provide materials to people with limited access to the library. Additionally, staff participated in a Bingo Trivia event at RayPec South Middle School and manned a table at the Peculiar Vendor Fair to better connect with members of the community.

07 FACILITIES COORDINATOR



The Facilities team completed 31 work orders this month. Notable projects included several fire/fire extinguisher inspections, replacement bathroom flooring and light fixture installations at Drexel, and soundproofing installations at NRC in community and study rooms. Additionally, progress was made on Story Walk planning, and deep carpet cleanings were scheduled for May.

23

Community Room
Reservations

258

Study Room
Reservations

09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with the community through events such as NRC's Mini-Con and middle school chess competition, Pleasant Hill's bridge photo contest, and Archie's student art display and quilt of the month, loaned by Christie Feild, displaying an intricate elephant design. Throughout the month, staff also continued to attend several events in the Cass County area.



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Marketing Emails
Sent

5,670

Social Media
Reach

7,539

Total Website
Users

0

Marketing Emails
Opened

72

Social Media
Engagements

22,724

Total Website
Pageviews

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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The library provides something fun and accessible for every age and stage in life.

– **Survey Response**

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I love the auto-renewals and the lack of fines for overdue materials!

– **Google Review (Ellie C.)**

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“

The staff seems to be very helpful and kind. There are a bunch of resources available. I like that they have a shredding box option.

– **Google Review (Andreana D.)**

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

– **Survey Response**

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Archie

Staff shadowed storytimes at both the Harrisonville and the Drexel Branch, and attended a Garden City book club meeting to get ideas for their own new book club.

Outreach Services

Outreach Services added new members to the Outreach team and revamped the Bookmobile to make it more accessible for patrons.

Drexel

Staff visited several daycares to provide storytimes and fun, educational activities to students.

Garden City

Staff began an inventory of both reusable and consumable programming items, and mounted fishing poles on the side of the shelf next to the Exploration Library kits, making them more visible and tidy.



Genealogy

Staff helped a patron to locate their great-grandfather's grave, and helped another view negatives of their family that were saved from a house fire.

Harrisonville

Staff attended a Youth Specialist meeting on February 2nd where the Youth Coordinator discussed the Summer Library program and handed out Dino-themed activities for the branches to use.

Northern Resource Center

Staff manned a table at the Peculiar Vendor fair and participated in the Niche Academy webinar: College Student Actually Do Read.

Pleasant Hill

Staff held a Storytime on the Go at a local daycare, and participated in a branch staff meeting on February 6th.



LOOKING AHEAD

Archie

Archie is looking forward to bringing back their Lego program and starting a new RPG program for ages 10+ called Archie Adventurers.

Outreach Services

Outreach Services is looking forward to bringing back Bookmobile stops and continuing with their storytimes/new teen group meetings.

Drexel

Drexel will be collaborating with Genealogy to host an event where patrons will have the opportunity to learn how to use online family research databases.

Garden City

Garden City has invited the Missouri Conservation Department to present programs on animal fur and fish this summer.

Check out the



events page!

Genealogy

Genealogy will be hosting an event called: Underground Railroad Quilt Codes, where patrons will have the opportunity to learn about the symbols that helped enslaved people escape to freedom.

Harrisonville

Harrisonville is acquiring a chick incubator again this year, and the staff is looking forward to seeing the eggs start to hatch around mid-March.

Northern Resource Center

NRC will be having a leprechaun hunt in March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day where patrons have the chance to win a prize if all shamrocks in the library are found.

Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill is looking forward to their upcoming event, Rollin' Down the River: Exploring the Missouri River from Start to Finish.



Staff from NRC and Outreach attended the Peculiar Vendor Fair on February 7th.



Teen Specialists held a share meeting to discuss summer programming.



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New Hires

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Position Changes