

JANUARY 2025



AroundCCPL



Monthly Author Event

Northern Resource Center

J. Colbert and two of his children, Ty'shion and Tyreek Colbert, presented on Teen Mental Health for NRC's author event. All three are published authors with Blessings Abound Publishing. The program also brought the local news station who interviewed all of the authors and captured footage during the program.



Bread Making 101 Class

Archie

The class filled up before it could even be promoted! Attendees discovered that there is a lot of work that goes into making homemade bread from scratch.



Creative Club

Drexel

Paper Chains was the theme and the kids teamed up to make a chain go all around the library.



Will Stuck's Winter Wonder-laughs

Garden City

The kids thought Will was absolutely hilarious.



Hobby Club

Harrisonville

Kristen led the class on bullet journaling.



Arts & Crafts

Pleasant Hill

Every Friday during the month of January teens came together for arts and crafts.

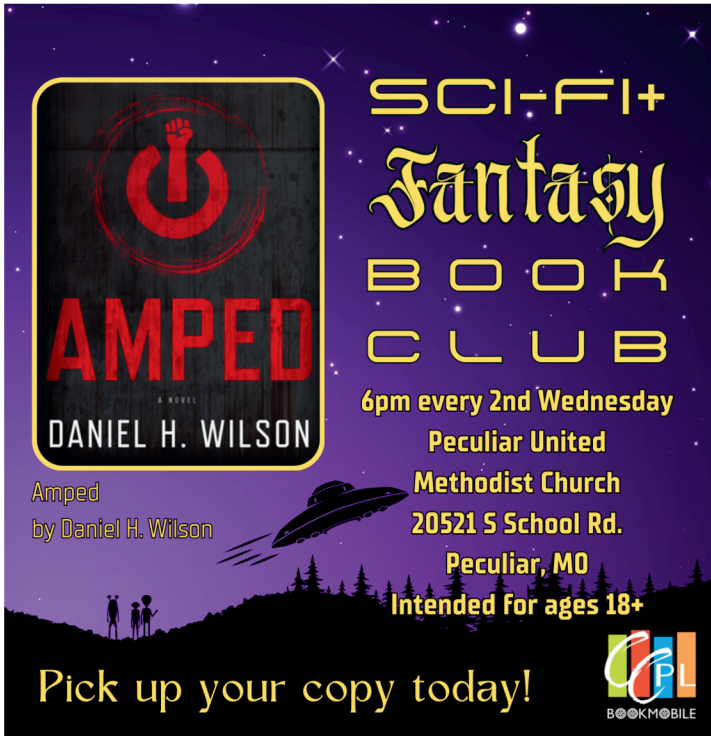


CCPL Genealogy Presents: Utterly Delicious

Genealogy @ Garden City

Sam led the group in dairy tasting where everyone learned a lot about dairy options around the world.

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Sci-Fi & Fantasy Bookclub Bookmobile

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club was snowed out, so they met the following Wednesday at Merle's Tavern in Peculiar and had a great conversation about this month's book:

Magic Kingdom for Sale--Sold! by Terry Brooks. Next month's book is *Amped* by Daniel H. Wilson.

11,942

Active Customers

46,680

Circulation

85

Net Promoter Score

Technical**Services**

237

**Adult Print
Titles Ordered**

143

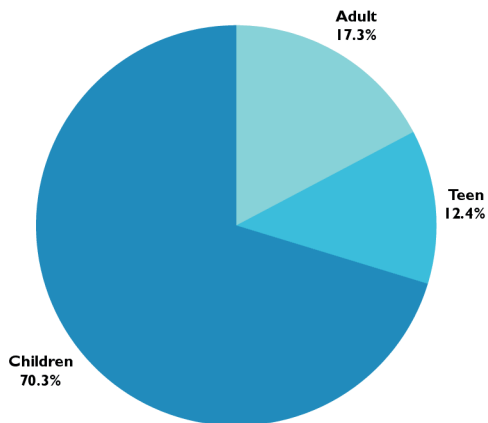
**Adult eMedia
Items Ordered**

673

**Items
Cataloged**

Customer Favorites

Program Highlights



Despite winter weather causing the branches to be closed on multiple days and having to reschedule a few special events, it has been a fun winter at CCPL! Many branches have started new programs like Hobby Club or added to existing programs like Giggles and Wiggles Storytime. So far, Winter Reading Challenge has had a total of 488 signups and 244 completions.

Attendance by Age Group

212
Programs

2,440
In-Person Attendees

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

In Too Deep
The House of Cross
Now or Never

Adult Nonfiction

Framed
Hillbilly Elegy
Counting the Cost

Young Adult Fiction

The Hunger Games
Crown of Midnight
Salt to the Sea

Juvenile Fiction

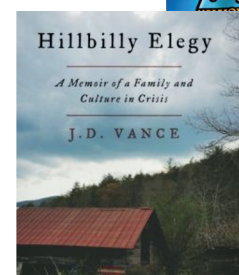
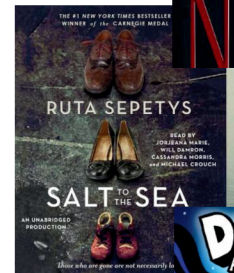
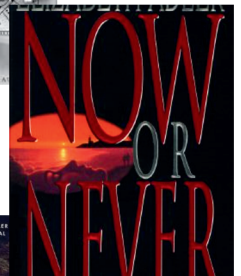
Dog Man and Cat Kid
Big Jim Begins
Hot Mess

eBooks

Onyx Storm
The Women
Fourth Wing
Iron Flame
James
Don't Believe It
Now or Never
All the Colors of the Dark

eAudiobooks

Onyx Storm
The Widow's Husbands Secret Lie
The Women
Fourth Wing
The Nightingale
Here One Moment
Iron Flame



Youth**Services**



Will Stuck travelled across Cass County Public Library to present his Winter Wonder-laugh's which was enjoyed by all!

A lot of exciting things are happening in Youth Services for the new year! Beginning preparations for Summer Library Program, roll out of new database LOTE4Kids which offers several books in Languages Other Than English (LOTE), and all the furniture for the AWE Early Literacy Stations have arrived with the plan for devices to be officially installed at all locations in February.

63

Storytimes

1,301

Storytime Attendees

Technology**Support**

Technology is in the process of finalizing a new monthly report system to centralize the branches' reports. AARP set up at NRC and Pleasant Hill was completed, along with updating the phone system to help direct call traffic. Computer Inventory is being updated to start the computer quote process for 2025. Zach also has an IT intern from Harrisonville High School who is working with him a couple of hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

823

WiFi

Sessions

1,872

**Computer
Sessions**

Community**Outreach**

The staff at Archie held a Mitten Drive asking patrons to help fill up their snowman basket. They received 7 scarves, 26 hats, and 35 sets of mittens and donated all of them to the Cass County Rescue Mission.



Amy attended the Peculiar Chamber coffee and assured participants that the Bookmobile is not out of service for good. She also attended Peculiar's State of the City luncheon on January 21st, and received a plaque on behalf of Cass County Public Library for support with strengthening community collaboration.

Facilities**Coordinator**

Facilities:

Garden City's updated sign is being made under budget. A tentative multi-phase plan is in the works with City Wide Facility Solutions for Pleasant Hill's Story Walk. TV and electrical got installed in Harrisonville's Children's area.

Courier:

Applications have been reviewed and interviews will start soon for 2 part-time drivers.



Community**Spaces**

19

**Community Room
Reservations**

246

**Study Room
Reservations**

Community**Engagement**

As part of the library's Capital Improvement Plan with the assistance of Steve Potter, we held 2 Community Needs Assessment meetings split between north county residents and south county residents. Identified leaders in the community were invited to share their valuable insight on the strengths and needs of the community and inform the library on ways to best fill the gaps of those needs.



2

Marketing Emails Sent

12,945

Marketing Emails Opened

7,515

Total Website Users

8,668

Social Media Reach

16,694

Total Website Pageviews

464

Social Media Engagements

Community Engagement

Kim did Outreach visits at most of the daycare facilities where she stopped in to say hello, handed out coloring sheets, picked up books from last month, and checked out new books. There were three locations where she was able to do Storytimes and took pictures of all the fun. All locations were asking how soon the Bookmobile would return and are looking forward to seeing it back.



Staff**Activities**

ARCHIE

Cherie attended Archie Busy Bees Quilters on Wednesdays and Adrian Libraries Coffee, Tea, & Talk on Thursdays. Rachel went to the Preschool on Wednesday mornings and afternoons to read stories.

GARDEN CITY

The Garden City staff set their goals for the year. Everyone set at least two goals and they have a joint goal of entries in a branch gratitude journal.

GENEALOGY

Julie completed training on the digitization project with FamilySearch. Carrie planned and hosted a craft program. Sam got to work with new patrons as new year's resolutions brought new hobbies including genealogy.

HARRISONVILLE

The branch hosted the Community Public Relations Lunch Meeting with Shannon, Neisha, and Karen in attendance. Karen participated in interviews for the Asst. Branch Manager position and helped at the Peculiar Vendor Fair.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

The NRC hosted the Cass County Coalition in-person meeting on 1/27. 38 representatives from various non-profit and social service organizations were present. Rod participated in the Niche Academy Webinar A Trauma-Informed Approach to Dealing with Difficult People on 1/30.

OUTREACH

Kim and Tayler have been filling in for Courier and learning Library by Mail. Kim and Amy have been working on LibCal submissions and revising the Bookmobile schedule for spring and summer, and we've included a new stop in Belton! Amy was sworn in again as a Notary Public.

PLEASANT HILL

Staff met and discussed their upcoming programming including Winter Reading, Summer Library, and SMART Goals.

Looking**Ahead**

ARCHIE

- Tuesdays @ 10 AM:
Coffee & Conversations,
ages 18+
- 3rd Tuesdays @ 4 PM:
Read Aloud Revival,
ages 7-12
- 4th Tuesdays @ 4 PM:
Teen Time, ages 13-18

DREXEL

- Mondays @ 2 PM:
Teen Paper Mache
Projects, ages 13-18
- Thursdays @ 3:45
PM: Creative Club,
ages 7-12

GARDEN CITY

- 2/20 @ 10 AM: Stuffie
Sleepover Rise and Shine!,
ages 0-10
- 2/26 @ 4 PM: Adult Book
Group, ages 18+
- 2/26 @ 5 PM: Get Your Mitts
on Trivia! Winter Reading
Wrap, ages 18+

GENEALOGY

- In the works: a
local history
program
presented by Julie

HARRISONVILLE

- Wednesdays @ 11 AM:
Homeschool Hangout,
ages 13-18
- Thursdays @ 4:30 PM:
Girls Who Code, 3-5th
grade
- 2/26 @ 6 PM: Bingo for
Books, ages 18+

NORTHERN

RESOURCE CENTER

- Tuesdays @ 4 PM: Girls
Who Code, ages 13-18
- 2/22 @ 10 AM: Mini-
Con at the Library, all
ages
- 2/28 @ 4 PM:
CrunchyRoll Viewing
Party, ages 12-18

OUTREACH

- 3/1 @ 1 PM: Craft & Snack! -
Slime, ages 10+
- 3/12 @ 6 PM: Sci-Fi &
Fantasy Bookclub, ages 18+

PLEASANT HILL

- 2/22 @ 10 AM: Winter Puzzle
Challenge, ages 18+
- 2/24 @ 2 PM: Just for Fun Games,
ages 18+
- 2/28 @ 3 PM: Teen Arts & Crafts,
ages 13-18

Check out the events
page for more!

