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# Monthly Review

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## Chess Tournament Northern Resource Center

NRC staff partnered with RayPec to host a chess tournament for South and East Middle School students. Players who qualified for the district finale will compete for the championship title at the NRC in February.



## Toddler Time Harrisonville

Both Toddler and Preschool storytimes continued working through the alphabet with letter-themes crafts, exploring Q, R, S, and T.



## Puzzle Challenge Pleasant Hill

Teams competed to finish the same Valentine's Day puzzle in the shortest amount of time. All teams took home the puzzle and the winners received a prize.



## Button Making

Garden City

Teens participated in a fun button making activity, drawing and crafting up their very own button designs to take home.



## Scrabble Club

Archie

Scrabble Club members got out in the cold to compete against each other for this quarter's Scrabble championship.



## Paper Mache

Drexel

Teen groups continued to make progress on their various paper mache artworks.



## Hide & Seek Storytime

Outreach Services

During storytime, kids read "Ploof" by Ben Clanton, and participated in a correlating hide and seek activity.



## Teen Money Workshop Northern Resource Center

Financial advisor, Brenda Schuppe, held an interactive workshop to help teens learn the essentials of money management.



## Adult Book Club Garden City

Several patrons joined together to discuss Margaret Mizushima's "Killing Trail" for this month's Adult Book Club meeting.



## Family Drop In Pleasant Hill

After the holidays, families stopped by for board games and crafts to temporarily escape the cold weather.



## Pajama Storytime Archie

During Pajama Storytime, kids got the chance to play with toy trains in homemade rice sensory bins.



## Teen Meet-Ups Outreach Services

New Outreach group, Teen Meet-Ups, met at Peculiar Games and Hobbies for a lively game of Poetry for Neanderthals. The group allows teens to decide what they'd like to do each month in the Cass County area.

**12,063**

Active Customers

**51,348**

Circulation

**84.6**

Net Promoter  
Score

## 02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

**205**

Adult Print  
Titles Ordered

**94**

Adult eMedia  
Items Ordered

**1,104**

Items Cataloged

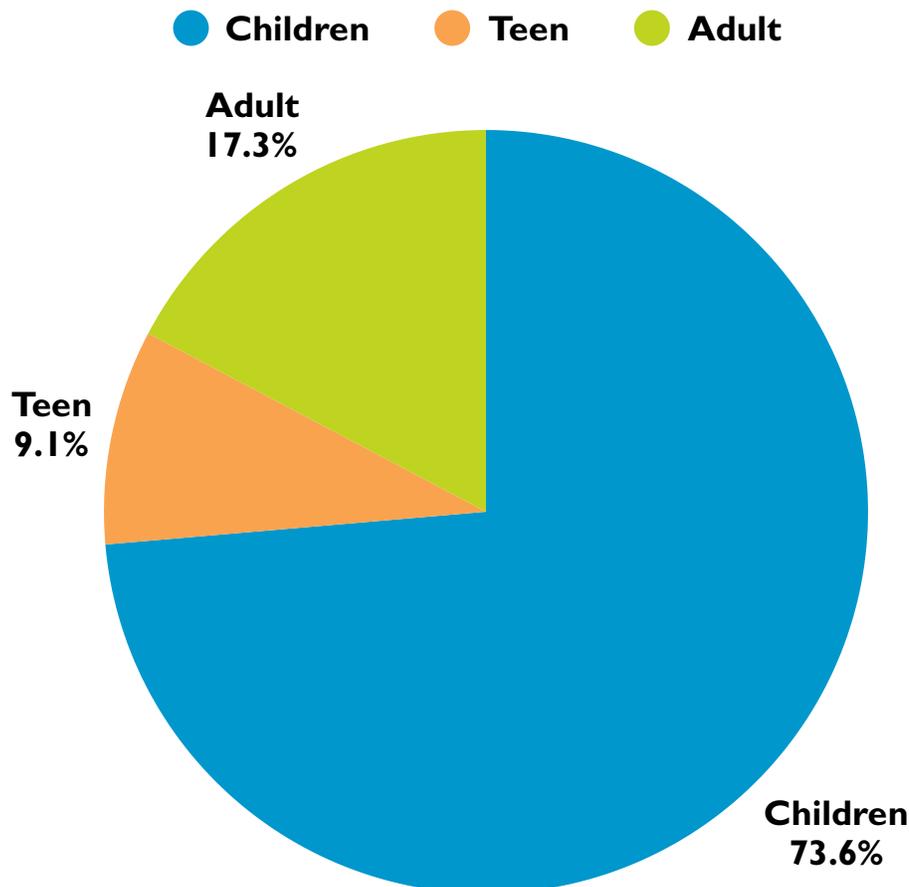
## Program Highlights

The month was filled with a number of cozy, indoor activities to help patrons escape all the freezing weather that January had to offer. Book club meetings and puzzle challenges were a hit with the adults, while teens stuck to board games and various creativity groups. Storytimes continued to be the most popular activity amongst children and their families, as well as crafts and sensory play. While many of the events revolved around the winter season, there were also several other entertaining programs for patrons of all ages and interests.

**196**  
Programs

**2,015**  
In-Person  
Attendees

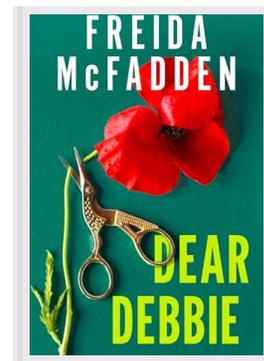
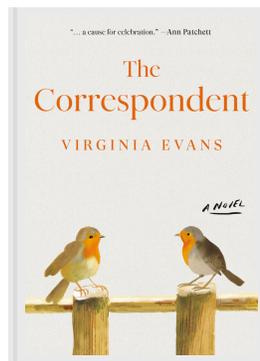
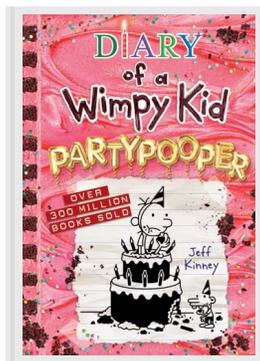
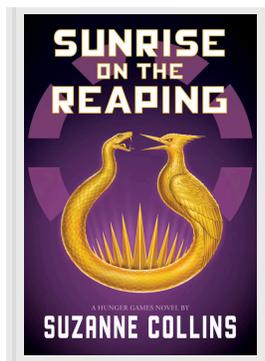
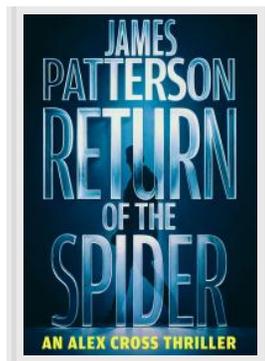
### Attendance by Age Group



# CUSTOMER FAVORITES

## Top Checkouts

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	<i>Return of the Spider</i>	<i>Skinnytaste: High Protein</i>	<i>Sunrise on the Reaping</i>	<i>Partypooper</i>	<i>The Coore-spondent</i>	<i>Dear Debbie</i>
2	<i>The Picasso Heist</i>	<i>Nobody's Girl</i>	<i>The Book Thief</i>	<i>The Scarlet Shedder</i>	<i>Atmosphere</i>	<i>The Housemaid</i>
3	<i>The Intruder</i>	<i>Teach Yourself Visually Quilting</i>	<i>Pride and Pre-meditation</i>	<i>Jessi Ramsey, Pet Sitter</i>	<i>The Women</i>	<i>The Housemaid's Secret</i>



## 04 YOUTH SERVICES



**67**

Storytimes

**1,187**

Storytime Attendees

The Winter Reading Challenge continued, and extra teen prizes were purchased for future completions. Meanwhile, planning progressed with the Summer Library Program, including acquiring supplies, performers, and prizes. Additionally, several replacement materials were added to the catalog from Ingram, Amazon, and Overdrive.

## 05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

IT completed 22 support tickets, addressing printer issues, website updates, internet access, and more. Key project work included starting the setup process for new patron computers, updating links and job postings on the CCPL website, setting up Eduroam internet access for students at all branches, fixing gear issues on the Express Library Kiosk, and providing phone routing for AARP at the Harrisonville branch.

**1,811**

WiFi Sessions

**1,186**

Computer Sessions



In January, CCPL staff continued to bring engaging storytimes to elementary schools throughout the community. Outreach Services also made stops at various senior living facilities to provide library resources to those who were unable to make it to the library on their own. Additionally, staff at the Northern Resource Center visited RayPec's South and East middle schools and hosted a lively chess tournament for the students. The championship will be held at the NRC in February.



*Archie's interior south wall was repaired by the landlord after being hit by a vehicle in November.*

The Facilities team completed 27 work orders this month, providing several building repairs and additions to each of the branches. Notable projects included replacing ceiling tiles at NRC, adding a filtration system to Garden City's water fountain, and installing a new furniture display at Drexel. Additionally, HVAC filters were changed branch wide and an inventory list was created for all branches.

24

Community Room  
Reservations

238

Study Room  
Reservations

## 09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with the community through collaborative events such as the Red Cross blood drive and the First Student school bus storytime held at NRC. Archie was given their quilt of the month by The Quilted Cow store in Raymore, and various staff attended the Cass County Coalition Meeting to learn more about how to help unhoused community members.



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Marketing Emails  
Sent

14,790

Social Media  
Reach

8,282

Total Website  
Users

0

Marketing Emails  
Opened

1,067

Social Media  
Engagements

18,245

Total Website  
Pageviews

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

“

The staff at NRC and HV are super friendly and helpful. The displays of new and seasonal books have inspired me to choose new genres of books to read.

– **Survey Response**

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Great people, very helpful, well organized place. Lots to do for everyone.

– **Google Review (Sherie H.)**

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Great employees, a lot of variety, my son loves the LEGO club.

– **Google Review (Bruce F.)**

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I love the Cass County Library events email! I honestly had no idea there was that much going on around us.

– **Survey Response**

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**Archie**

Staff continued storytimes at Archie Preschool on Wednesdays and collaborated with The Quilted Cow store in Raymore to receive a quilt to display in the library for the month of January.

**Outreach Services**

Annual maintenance and repairs were completed on the Bookmobile and interviews were conducted in the hopes of adding new staff members to the Outreach team in the near future.

**Drexel**

As poor weather persisted, the Youth Specialist collaborated with local kindergarten classes to bring storytimes to their schools.

**Garden City**

Staff signed thank you cards for a patron who donated several graphic novels, and participated in various maintenance projects such as changing smoke alarm batteries and taking inventory of supplies.

**Genealogy**

Due to multiple patron research requests, staff spent the month diving deep into the history of Western Kansas and Colorado.

**Harrisonville**

The new branch manager led her first staff meeting and conducted a fun activity to help attendees get to know each other better.

**Northern Resource Center**

Staff hosted the Cass County Coalition meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> and attended the Missouri Building Block selectors meeting in Columbia, MO on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Pleasant Hill**

Staff participated in a branch meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> and continued discussing various Vector trainings. Staff also spoke with Aspire and planned out future visits for February.



## **Archie**

Apart from their familiar storytimes and group meetings, Archie will be focusing on planning events for the Summer Library Program.

## **Outreach Services**

Outreach will be attending both, the Peculiar Vender Fair and the Galentine's Book Fair. They will also be having their second game night at Peculiar Games and Hobbies with their Teen Meet-Up group.

## **Drexel**

Drexel is focusing on the Winter Reading Challenge, and is looking forward to handing out prizes to patrons who complete it in February.

## **Garden City**

Garden City will be holding a Winter Olympics bash and a bracelet making activity for children and teens in February.

Check out the



events page!

## **Genealogy**

Genealogy will be hosting, Kelp Yeah!, a program for patrons to try international dishes featuring seaweed. They are also in the process of creating a book club for the upcoming Summer Library Program.

## **Harrisonville**

Harrisonville will be rolling out a new Teen Positive Behavior initiative with the hopes of encouraging more teens to be leaders in good behavior, and encourage more positive interactions with other library staff.

## **Northern Resource Center**

The NRC will host the third annual Mini-Con at the library, featuring artists and craftsman from all over Kansas City and surrounding areas.

## **Pleasant Hill**

Pleasant Hill will be holding a photo contest throughout the month of February for the Dr. Fred L Seevers Memorial Bridge before the local landmark is demolished.

# 12 OURTEAM



*Human Resources Generalist, Pat Peel celebrated 10 years with CCPL.*



*CCPL's Youth Services Coordinator filled in for storytime at the Harrisonville branch.*



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**New Hires**

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**Position Changes**