



Mr. Brad!

Drexel

Mr. Brad visited Drexel to sing and dance with the children as part of our Summer Library Program: Color Our World.



Cookie Color Chaos

Harrisonville

Baked by Nina came and shared how her bakery came to be. She brought sugar cookies and icing and taught attendees about the different icing tips and decorating techniques.



Lenticular LEGO

Garden City

Lenticular LEGO was a grant-funded art event where patrons learned to create image-shifting LEGO designs.





Author Visit: Brenda Conway Teen Craft Project

Northern Resource Center Former Cass County resident, Brenda Galloway Conway visited the branch to discuss her book, Spirit Animal Lessons.



KC Zoo Zoomobile Garden City

The zoo keepers from the KC Zoo were very knowledgeable and talked about animals and art.

Drexel

The June craft projects for teens were working with perler beads and learning how to journal.



Color Craze Obstacle Course Harrisonville

This annual event remains one of the most popular programs with a variety of fun and engaging activities.



TWEEN Arts and Crafts
Pleasant Hill

Tweens painted with natural paint.



Trivia Night

Northern Resource Center

Many families came together to test their knowledge on movies, music, books, and more.



Marko Polo Music

Archie

Marko Polo visited and sang fun, interactive songs that the children loved.



Coaster Craft

Drexel

Attendees used tiles, napkins, and Mod Podge to make coasters. Everyone had a lot of fun.



Udderly Delicious Harrisonville Genealogy Manager, Sam, presented attendees with a variety of dairy treats from around the world.



Hot Dogs and Bingo

Pleasant Hill

Everyone enjoyed a hot dog and chips while they warmed their spot and prepared for Bingo.



Dungeons and DragonsGarden City

This month, the group split in two different directions to explore the caves.



Read My Lips: DIY Lip Gloss Outreach

This event was such a success! Nine participants came, and we are thankful to Pastor Wendy Minshall for the use of the Peculiar United Methodist Church's kitchen.



Teen Coffee Workshop

NRC at Random's Coffee Random's Coffee hosted NRC for 2 sessions. The branch had 26 participants who learned how to work the espresso machine and prepared their own lattes.



Read-a-Thon Extravaganza

Pleasant Hill

We scheduled hourly Zoom and in-person guests, including authors and libraries from across the country.



Watercolor Landscapes

Archie

Ben Palmer, Adrian Art Teacher walked patrons through painting 2 watercolor landscapes.



Storytimes

Outreach

Outreach had 25 storytimes this month with 89 book checkouts!

11,663 Active Customers Circulation Net Promoter Score

53,297

80

Collection Management

477

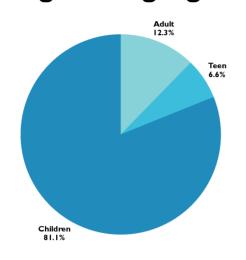
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Adult Print Adult eMedia Titles Ordered Items Ordered 208

Items **Cataloged**

Customer **Favorites**

Program Highlights



Attendance by Age Group

In June, the library offered a vibrant mix of programs for all ages. Highlights included watercolor painting with Ben Palmer, cookie decorating with Baked by Nina, and a lively "Udderly Delicious" tasting program. Teens enjoyed hands-on experiences like tribute token crafts, a coffee workshop, and paper mâché. Kids had a blast at the Color Craze Obstacle Course, storytimes, and musical performances by Marko Polo and Mr. Brad. A Pokémon GO Tournament, trivia night, and a visit from author Brenda Conway rounded out a month full of creativity, learning, and community fun.

253

Programs

4,726

In-Person Attendees

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

2 Sisters Murder Investigation Lethal Prey Nightshade

Adult Nonfiction

The Complete Guide to Crochet Food Lovers Guide to Kansas City Food Journeys of a Lifetime

Young Adult Fiction

The Hunger Games: The Illustrated Ed. The Tenant Mockingjay Sunrise on the Reaping

Juvenile Fiction

Big Jim Begins Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Dog Man and Cat Kid

eBooks

Atmosphere Great Big Beautiful Life Say You'll Remember Me The Let Them Theory Onyx Storm Fourth Wing 25 Alive The Missing Half

eAudiobooks

Great Big Beautiful Life One Golden Summer Atmosphere Broken Country Leather & Lark The Missing Half





Youth Services



Youth Services activities in June focused on supporting the Summer Library Program, including attending kickoff and music events at multiple branches. This year, the program was enhanced to offer two prize books per completion, and these additional books were distributed to branches. New and replacement youth materials were ordered from several major vendors, and four STEAM kits were repaired and restocked. Staff participated in the Coordinators Meeting, a branch staff meeting at NRC, and a review of the Youth Nonfiction collection with a World Book representative. Two professional development webinars were also completed.

72
Storytimes

1873 **Storytime Attendees**

Technology Support

Several technology updates were completed recently. New staff computers were installed at all north branches, with south branches to follow. Staff computer inventory was finalized, and other equipment is now being reviewed. Equipment was moved to the new WiFi network. Forty support tickets were resolved, including computer updates at the Harrisonville and Pleasant Hill Branches, printer and WiFi issues, file and phone tree updates, and repairs to the scanning feature at the Pleasant Hill Branch.

1,026

WiFi

Sessions

1,191

Computer

Sessions

Community **Outreach**

This month's quilt at Archie Branch is on loan from Cindy Stover. Her 90-year-old aunt made it. Archie Branch also partnered with the school to make sure summer school kids were able to attend this year's SLP kick-off party.

At the Harrisonville Branch, Neisha was able to collaborate with the HCC Summer Camp to make weekly "invites" for campers and their families inviting them to the next week's library programs - promoting to all ages and children's programs. Neisha also connected with the Senior Center director about providing table tents to promote adult programs. Susie is making the table tents and plans to have them distributed at the beginning of July. Shannon welcomed Special Education students from Harrisonville's summer school program for a storytime and a guided tour of the library.





The NRC conducted a supply drive for Belton Free Hot Soup June 9th-19th.

Facilities Coordinator

At the NRC, electrical outlets and USB charging stations were installed in tables located in the study area near the circulation desk. At Pleasant Hill, a Knox Box was installed for the Pleasant Hill Fire Department, and a contract was entered into with DuBois Consultants to begin phase one of the story walk. In the Annex, electrical, plumbing, drywall, and lighting work for the upstairs renovation was completed, with project completion estimated for mid to late July. At Drexel, items have begun to be acquired for the renovation scheduled for September, and meetings were held with Leigh, Sara, Rhonda, and Amy to discuss project logistics and to plan for bookmobile service during the branch closure.





All hands on deck cleaning the Bookmobile!

Community Spaces

| 4 Community Room Reservations 249
Study Room
Reservations

Community **Engagement**

Outreach Department Lobby Stops are getting a lot of positive feedback from patrons and their caregivers! They've even started requesting puzzles and book club titles.



Marketing Emails Sent

| 47, | 77

Marketing Emails Opened

7,910 Social Media Reach

925

Social Media Engagements

8,136 **Total Website Users**

17,295

Total Website Pageviews

Community **Engagement**

"After Libby, [ConsumerReports] has to be my favorite library resource! Use it for nearly all my appliance and electronics purchases."

-Brad S., Facebook Comment

"Thanks for having me! So fun to visit your libraries!!"

-Marko Polo Music







"Introduced my 12 year old cousin to this library in walking distance from her new home. The first time she has shown excitement moving from Belton is during our visit to this library. She explored the huge kids' room and loved the theater seating for story time. She worked on a puzzle and lounged in the teen area where she played Pac Man, found her favorite Young Adult series, and made drawings on the art table. She left with a handful of activity flyers detailing cooking, craft, and art events for every member of her family. Her mom said she made her promise to get her a library card as soon as she returns from camp. Of all the places I tried to sell her on, I am thrilled the local library still engages children six decades after it become one of my favorite havens."

-Dee C., Google Review Harrisonville Branch

StaffActivities

ARCHIE

Cherie attended Busy Bee
Quilters gathering on
Wednesdays and Adrian
Library's Coffee, Tea & Talk
on Thursdays. She was also
on the interview panel for
the Pleasant Hill Branch
Manager role.

DREXEL

Rachel planted the 2 wooden barrels in front of the branch. She used plants from her own yard and keeps them watered.

GARDEN CITY

Jana attended the ALA
Conference in Philadelphia,
connecting with colleagues
and authors and attending
valuable sessions. GC staff
continue to support each
other, including during the
busy Summer Kick-Off party.

HARRISONVILLE

Shannon has been actively organizing the branch's storage areas. Neisha has been wedding out the YA collection in preparation for consolidating the collection before the branch relocates. Karen and Kris have been working on staff evaluations and documentation.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

Rod participated in webinars "BACKUP: How Coworkers Should Provide Back During Conflict" and "The Able Course: Evaluating Reference Sources".

GENEALOGY

Julie, Carrie, and Sam assisted with historical research, digitization projects, and patron support. Highlights include microfilm work, genealogy help, and an in-depth investigation into an 1890s Freeman family mystery.

OUTREACH

Amy attended the Raymore Chamber Coffee and "Soft Skills for Library Staff" webinar. Once Tayler is sworn in, 75% of the Outreach staff will be notaries.

LookingAhead

ARCHIE

July 15th the branch is hosting Teen Hunger Games Escape Room which they think will be a huge hit.

DREXEL

SLP events continues on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during July. Ellen Bloomer-Thorton from the University Extension office will be coming to present about color foods.

GARDEN CITY

Our ending party with Wings of Love is towards the end of the month. We're all excited to have Yvonne back with her beautiful birds. Due to her health, she is doing limited engagements, so we are fortunate to have her visit.

GENEALOGY

Sam will presenting Noir Nibbles as the international food program this quarter!

Lots of exciting events coming up at the branch: Wacky Water Day, Creative Chaos, special guests Exotics 'R' Us and Priscilla Howe, Meowsterpiece Art Gallery Show, Taste of India, Paint Along with Angela, and

Stained Glass Art.

HARRISONVILLE

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

The NRC branch is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on July 18th.

OUTREACH

July's Craft & Snack will be Squirt Bottle Art on July 12th. Sam Farr of the Genealogy branch will be hosting Noir Nibbles on July 24th.

Check out the events page for more!



PLEASANT HILL

If you want to bone up on your technical skills, the branch will be hosting a continuation of basic computing classes. On Friday, July 11 at 1:30 pm, we will host an Introduction to Microsoft Excel class.

Our **Team**



Archie Branch staff celebrate Summer Library Program kick-off party! The branch had 200-300 kids and adults in attendance.

0 New Hires

Position Changes