

MARCH 2025



AroundCCPL



Storytime

Harrisonville

The energy and excitement in the room have been wonderful to see, as caregivers and little ones engage with stories, songs, and movement. Families were especially thrilled about our newest addition to the Children's area—the truck shelf unit!



Leprechaun Hunt

Northern Resource Center

This was the 7th year that Leppy the Leprechaun left his shamrocks for the kids to find. Nearly 60 people showed up to find the shamrocks!



Cookbook Club

Archie

Twelve people attended the branch's first Cookbook Club and brought 8 different dishes for everyone to try.



Teen Time

Archie

Teens used playing cards to create fun crafts.



Watercolors by Marcia

Northern Resource Center

Wildlife was the theme for paintings this month.



Author Visit

Drexel

Local author Jonathan Jones presented his book *The Kingdom of Amarugia*. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and even purchased one or more of his books.



Laptop Station/Gaming

Harrisonville

Teen laptop usage was 48 this month! Gaming is consistently seeing an increase in numbers.



Monster Teeth Craft

Archie

Kids enjoyed making monsters after storytime.

Teen Mental Health Kits

Garden City

Kits were handed out during the first week of March and included small fidgets, a back scratcher, and snacks.



St. Patrick's Day Party

Pleasant Hill

Families had a great time at the St. Patrick's Day party with crafts, activities, including a scavenger hunt, and green snacks.

Junk Journal

Harrisonville

Shelley Maddox, longtime scrapbooker, presented to 17 attendees.



Coffee & Conversation

Garden City

More participants continue to join. This month they completed two puzzles.



Hooks & Needles

Pleasant Hill

The group made fidget blankets to be included in the Memory Lane Kits that Outreach has created.



Creative Club

Drexel

Each month the kids create an art wall with a new theme. This month's theme was kites.



The Intrigue Files

Outreach

The book *The One and Only Family* by Katherine Applegate got 9 out of 11 thumbs up from the kids, stating they wanted to read more of the book on their own.



Teen Game Zone

Pleasant Hill

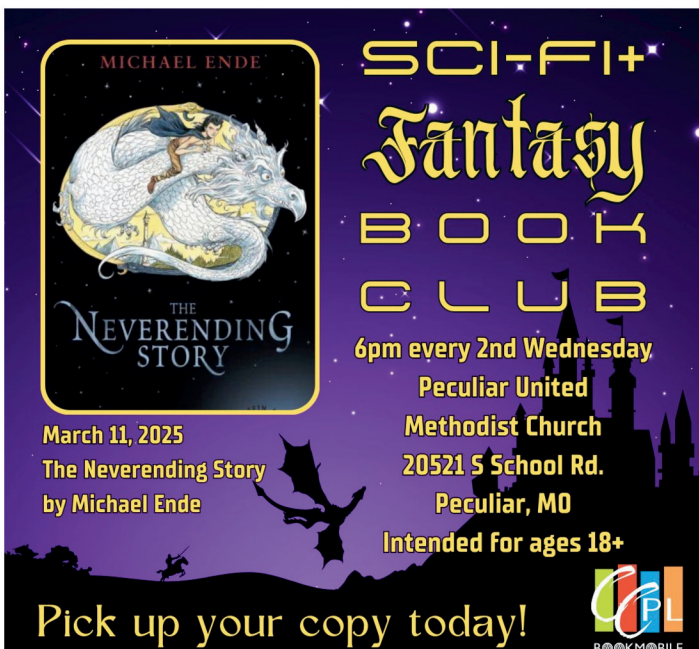
Moving the game set up to the open space in the YA section brought in a lot of new faces.



Minecraft Club

Garden City

The kids had such a good time that next month's program is already full.



Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club Outreach

The group met to discuss March's book pick: *The Neverending Story* by Michael Ende.



Teen Craft: Paper Mache

Two of the teens finished their paper mache project that they started last summer.

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The Hunger Games: Escape the Arena

Northern Resource Center

This was an immersive escape room where 17 participants had 45 minutes to “escape” the room by finding codes/keys to unlock boxes with additional clues. Many commented that they had a great time with all of the immersive elements as well as the challenge of the clues.



Impact on Native America

Genealogy

Two participants learned about cultural differences between different North American Native American groups, and were introduced to historical and present-day challenges for Native Americans.

11,636

Active Customers

48,473

Circulation

85

Net Promoter Score

Technical**Services**

252

**Adult Print
Titles Ordered**

137

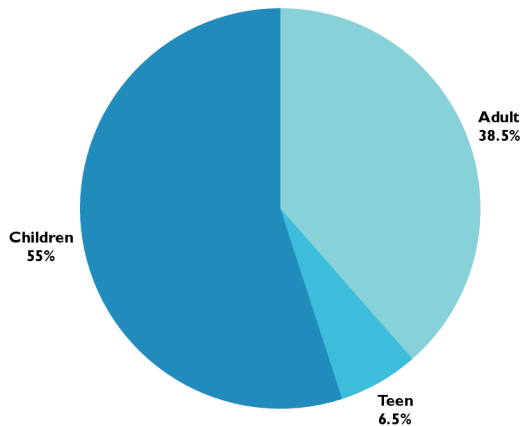
**Adult eMedia
Items Ordered**

414

**Items
Cataloged**

Customer Favorites

Program Highlights



Attendance by Age Group

205
Programs

2,868
In-Person Attendees

In March, CCPL hosted a range of activities for all ages, including craft events where participants created fun projects, teen game time for some friendly competition, and escape rooms that challenged participants to solve puzzles. Staff went out into the community to book fairs and storytime sessions, connecting with local residents and promoting library programs.

Staff also focused on gearing up for Summer Library Program: Color Our World, which promises to be a colorful and interactive experience for everyone.

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

Paranoia
The Mirror
Three Days in June

Adult Nonfiction

Calvin and Hobbes
Garfield Takes His Licks
The Radium Girls

Young Adult Fiction

Sunrise on the Reaping
Catching Fire
The Hunger Games

Juvenile Fiction

Dog Man and Cat Kid
Big Jim Begins
Grime and Punishment

eBooks

Onyx Storm
The Women
The Queen of Sugar Hill
Iron Flame

Fourth Wing
The Let Them Theory
None of This Is True
The Wedding People

eAudiobooks

Onyx Storm
The Crash
Fourth Wing
Iron Flame
The Women
The Wedding People
The Good of the Woods



Youth**Services**



Storytime at Garden City

Youth Services worked on the MOLIB2GO Steering Committee, helping to approve the MOU for CCPL's Overdrive consortium. Summer Library Program planning is in full swing, booking Marko Polo Music for all branches and discussing potential visits from local author John Hare. Scott collaborated with the Outreach Department for future events and countywide coverage for children and completed the installation of AWE Early Learning Computer Stations at all branches. Youth Services also worked with the NRC branch manager on a children's collection revitalization project.

58
Storytimes

951
Storytime Attendees

Technology**Support**

Tasks included setting up a new's TV at NRC and configuring Google Meets for a library event. A DNS filter switch was made ahead of MoreNet's June support end, the new report system was finalized, and inventory was completed in preparation for computer quotes. Additionally, CCPL was selected for a network upgrade grant through MoreNet for \$60,000–\$70,000 in technology improvements.

The Technology Coordinator also completed 43 tickets which included printer set up at branches and admin, spam calls, and replacing the TV display at Drexel.

1,022
**WiFi
Sessions**

2,325
**Computer
Sessions**

Community**Outreach**

Archie Branch supported the FFA Agricultural Contest by allowing them to use the branch facility to complete testing on March 10th. The branch's quilt this month is on loan from Cheryl Ann New from Garden City.

NRC hosted the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on 3/25.



Harrisonville Branch staff members Karen, Kris, Shannon, and Amanda all volunteered at the Harrisonville Schools Scholastic Book Fair



Laura and Rhonda of Pleasant Hill branch went to the Pleasant Hill Primary Building to participate in their Family Activity Night event with over 260 people in attendance.

Facilities**Coordinator**

Facilities: At the NRC, we began constructing a quilt display shadow box, moved a chandelier, and serviced its HVAC. At Pleasant Hill, we fertilized turf, held a virtual meeting for civil engineering specs for a story walk, and guided staff on safety protocols. The Peculiar Kiosk was renovated and signage for the Bookmobile was re-faced. We assembled Harrisonville's book truck in the Children's Area and tables for various areas in the branch, while also guiding staff on safety protocols. The Annex had its roof sealed, continued renovations, and installed drop boxes for library mail. We are planning Drexel's interior renovations in September, with exterior work starting in April. Archie received new folding tables, and at Garden City we started building frames for pillars, and installed the new sign.



Courier: The two courier positions have been filled. Marty White started on March 25th and John Smith will start on April 14th. Marty and John will go through the onboarding process which will include trainings and review of the library's policies and procedures.

Community**Spaces**

32

**Community Room
Reservations**

348

**Study Room
Reservations**

Community**Engagement**

ICYMI: The Cass County Public Library Board voted to move forward with the acquisition of a 2 acre plot to be the new home for the library's administration and the Harrisonville Branch. You can read more [here](#).



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Marketing Emails Sent

88,571

Marketing Emails Opened

7,142

Total Website Users

5,995

Social Media Reach

16,455

Total Website Pageviews

1,425

Social Media Engagements

Community **Engagement**

“Congratulations 🎉 I’m so excited for this new space and all the modern amenities it will have!! This is another huge benefit of having Prop L.”

-Elisabeth T., Facebook

“That's wonderful. You get settled I'll get a card and check out stuff. Down there alot for mom. Loved you guys growing up.”

-Lisa R., Facebook



-Dianne B., Google Review
Harrisonville Branch



“Great little library.”

-Jacob M., Google Review
Drexel Branch



-Karen S., Google Review
Pleasant Hill Branch

Staff**Activities**

ARCHIE

Cherie attended Archie Busy Bees Quilters on Wed. 3/5 and Adrian Libraries Coffee, Tea, & Talk on Thursdays.

Rachel went to the preschool on Wednesday mornings and afternoons to read stories when school was in session.

DREXEL

Amber went to the Drexel Preschool for storytime to read and sing songs.

GARDEN CITY

Jana received the scholarship to attend the ALA Conference in Philadelphia in June. Kathy created an interactive bulletin board for Character March Madness.

GENEALOGY

Julie helped with WWII research, completed training, and worked on a digitization project. Carrie finished training, assisted patrons with research, and collaborated on a craft program. Sam had key interactions with patrons on Mormon ancestry and osteopathic history.

HARRISONVILLE

Karen and Kris interviewed candidates for a PT Flex position. Karen was on the committee to select the Harrisonville School Support Staff member. Neisha attended Kiwanis and Shannon distributed awards at the McEwen Terrific Kid Assembly.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

Managers and Specialists began emailing community partners and school districts to advertise for Summer Library Program. Staff had a first aid and CPR presentation from CCHD. Volunteers contributed 56 hours of shelving work at the branch.

OUTREACH

Amy participated in the Raymore Chamber Coffee, Peculiar Chamber Coffee, and the Cass County Coalition meeting. Kim and Joyce reorganized the Bookmobile shelves for better accessibility to children's items, while everyone has been updating faded spine labels. Tayler and Joyce focused on the Memory Lane kit project and attended the Virtual Dementia Experience hosted by Benton House.

PLEASANT HILL

Monica attended the Pleasant Hill Chamber Board meeting. Staff wrapped up their Vector training for the quarter. The branch also started a "Staff Picks" section for a book display to share their recommendations with patrons.

Looking**Ahead**

ARCHIE

Nick Kuehner with the Missouri Department of Conservation will be here in April to talk about Mammals in Missouri.

DREXEL

Stitchin' Time will be making Burrito pillow cases this month. The teens will be making an Embroidery Hoop craft that will be used as library decorations for SLP

GARDEN CITY

Color Our Shirts Program is happening in April in preparation for SLP: Color Our World. All branch staff members got a shirt for the community to come and color.

GENEALOGY

Carrie is planning a craft program for July, Julie is planning a program on family quilts, and Sam is planning a food program that goes along with this year's SLP theme.

HARRISONVILLE

Neisha has Mock Interviews at the high school, middle school, and Cass Career Center. Shannon has Mock Interviews at the high school, readings at the Early Childhood Center, and will attend the Vendor Market at Mill Walk Mall on 4/5.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

St. Croix Hospice will be presenting a program on Aging Resources for Seniors on 4/17.

OUTREACH

The Bookmobile is back servicing the community with 3 stops on Wednesdays: Foxwood Springs & Country Club Bank in Raymore and True Value Hardware in Peculiar, and 10 Storytime venues across the county. Lobby Stops are also in the works! Outreach staff will pop up in the lobby areas at different businesses in the county to serve the community.

PLEASANT HILL

Child Birth Class for expectant parents will be held once a month in April, May, and June. SLP Kick-Off Party will be May 31st from 10 AM - 12 PM.

Check out the events page for more!



Our **T**eam



Archie Branch celebrated Glenna Callen's retirement on March 7th.



NRC Staff participated in basic first aid and CPR training presented by the Cass County Health Department.

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New Hires

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Position Changes