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Monthly Review

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Chick Hatching

Harrisonville

From March 16th to March 28th, patrons had the opportunity to observe and learn about the life cycle of a chicken. The program began with the incubation of eggs, and continued with a number of chicken themed activities until the eggs hatched, and the chicks were moved to the farm.



Leprechaun Hunt

Northern Resource Center

NRC held their annual leprechaun hunt to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Participants searched the library for hidden shamrocks in order to win a special prize.



Easter Cards

Garden City

Adult Book Group met to discuss "The Rose Arbor" by Rhys Bowen, and several stayed after to make Easter cards.



Stitchin' Time

Drexel

The Stitchin' Time sewing group had 9 participants this month, each crafting their own, unique bags from handkerchiefs.



Junk Journals

Archie

Teens enjoyed junk journaling for the first time this month, and plan on continuing with the activity in April.



Teen Meet-Up

Outreach Services

Teens enjoyed paracord crafting and magnetic rock game play during this month's Teen Meet-Up.



Service Dog Education

Harrisonville

Staff attended a classroom partner visit where service dogs were introduced to Mrs. Hasting's 2nd grade class, providing students with an engaging and educational experience.



Crafternoon

Garden City

13 patrons ranging in age from 6 to 90 joined for March's very first Crafternoon to work on different creative projects.



Giant LEGO Build

Archie

Giant bricks were brought out for this month's LEGO Build, allowing kids to get creative with designs and structures.



Indoor Camping

Pleasant Hill

A tent was set up in the children's area for a change of scenery, and it didn't take long for young patrons to make it their new favorite reading spot.



Creative Club

Drexel

Many patrons gathered for Creative Club, taking part in coloring activities, drawing, building kits, and more.



Outreach Lobby Stops

Outreach Services

Outreach staff made stops at several assisted living facilities in the area to provide library services to individuals who are unable to visit their local CCPL branch in person.

12,222

Active Customers

51,340

Circulation

84.7

Net Promoter Score

02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

133

Adult Print
Titles Ordered

104

Adult eMedia
Items Ordered

1506

Items Cataloged

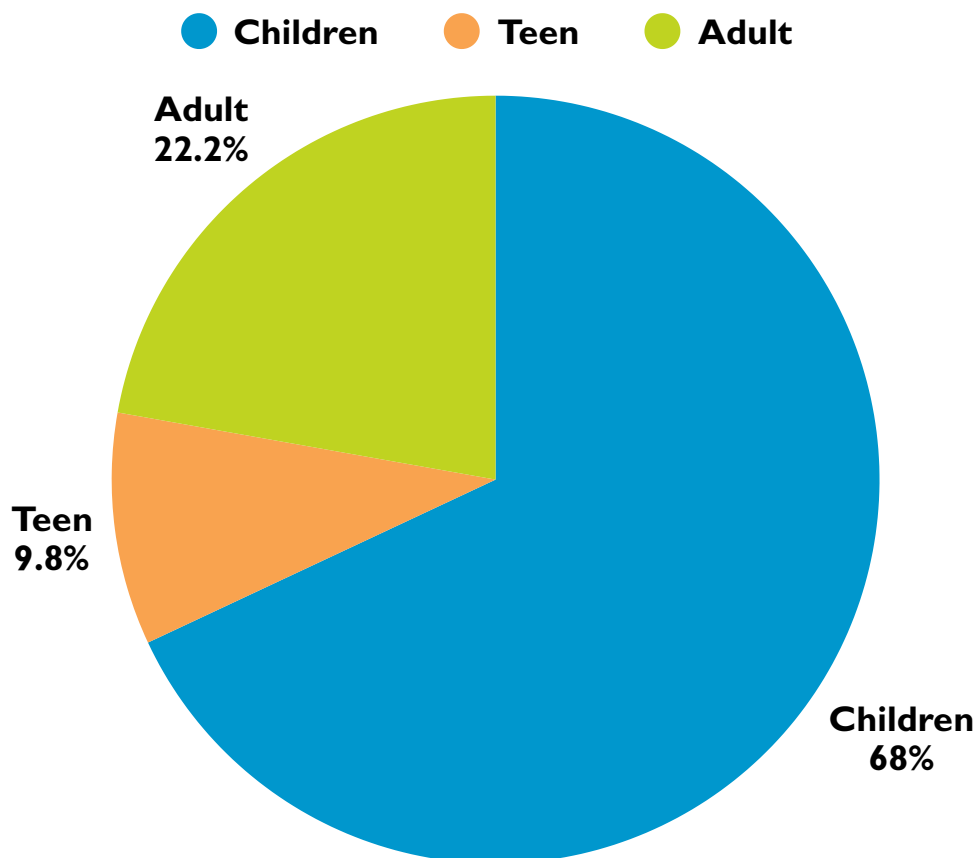
Program Highlights

Spring and Easter themed events were a huge hit with the younger crowd during March, such as egg crafts, holiday cards, and chick hatching. Kids also enjoyed St. Patrick's Day activities like NRC's leprechaun hunt and Outreach Services' shamrock craft. Book clubs and conversation groups were well attended by adults at many of the branches, and teens had fun participating in new creative projects and games. Additionally, staff hosted several outreach events in March that attracted new patrons to CCPL.

272
Programs

4,153
In-Person
Attendees

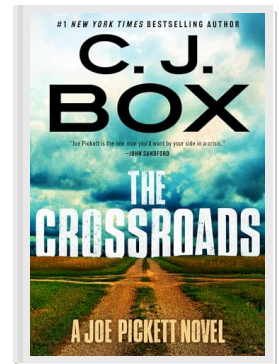
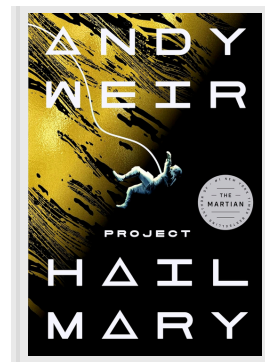
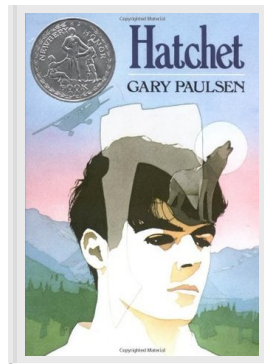
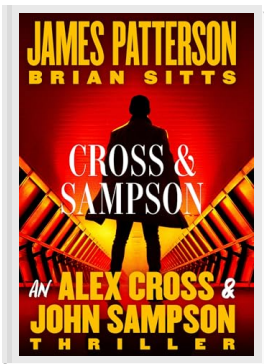
Attendance by Age Group



CUSTOMER FAVORITES

Top Checkouts

	Adult Fiction	Adult Non Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	<i>Cross & Sampson</i>	<i>Anatomy of a Con Artist</i>	<i>Hatchet</i>	<i>Four Eyes</i>	<i>Project Hail Mary</i>	<i>The Crossroads</i>
2	<i>Nash Falls</i>	<i>Eisenhower: Soldier and President</i>	<i>A Year to the Day</i>	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>	<i>Theo of Golden</i>	<i>Theo of Golden</i>
3	<i>One & Only</i>	<i>Rebel Girl</i>	<i>Call it What You Want</i>	<i>Minecraft: The Dragon</i>	<i>The Correspondent</i>	<i>The Correspondent</i>



04 YOUTH SERVICES



78

Storytimes

1,591

Storytime Attendees

Summer Library Program planning has been in full swing, with several materials, performances, and special guests being secured for the event. Additionally, CCPL's youth specialists joined the Youth Services Coordinator for the Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri and the Innovation Summit at Raymore-Peculiar High School.

05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

IT completed 57 support tickets, addressing PC upgrades, printer malfunctions, internet connectivity issues, and more. Key work included finishing installing new patron PCs at all branches, adding new ethernet cables and Access Point to Pleasant Hill to improve Wi-Fi coverage, fixing Outreach and Admin printer issues, and adding an HDMI wall plug at Drexel.

2,289

WiFi Sessions

1,323

Computer Sessions



In March, Outreach Services was able to bring back the Bookmobile, and had several successful stops throughout the county. They also visited assisted living facilities and elementary schools to provide various library services with their Lobby Stops. In addition, CCPL staff hosted/attended outreach events such as the Innovation Summit at RayPec, the Terrific Kid Awards at Harrisonville Elementary, and button making at the 4H Club in Garden City.

The Facilities team completed 56 work orders this month. Key projects included installing a new thermostat, emergency light, and TV at NRC, clearing out the storm shelter at Pleasant Hill to make it more accessible for occupants, repairing an exterior light at Archie, and welding plates to Peculiar's City Hall book drop box for Outreach Services. Additionally, planning on Pleasant Hill's StoryWalk continued, with construction to begin mid-April.

36

Community Room
Reservations

361

Study Room
Reservations

09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with the community through events such as the Red Cross Blood Drive at NRC, visits from Journey Outpost at Harrisonville, and partnerships with Outreach Services and local elementary schools for Read Across America and Touch-a-Truck. Additionally, members of the community provided homemade quilts to display at both NRC and Archie.



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Marketing Emails
Sent

2,652

Social Media
Reach

7,339

Total Website
Users

5,582

Marketing Emails
Opened

128

Social Media
Engagements

26,514

Total Website
Pageviews

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

“

Great selection of books, friendly workers, easy to request books, convenient location.

– **Survey Response**

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“

For being a guest from out of town the staff here are very kind and helpful ready to help you with any questions you may have!!

– **Google Review (Luke F.)**

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“

We love it, so much to do.

– **Google Review (Jacob M.)**

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“

The staff were very friendly & helpful. The library is arranged nicely & is neat & clean. Good selection of books & materials!

– **Survey Response**

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Archie

Staff held storytimes for preschoolers on Wednesday mornings and afternoons, and hosted an art show for Archie students at the library.

Outreach Services

Two Outreach staff members participated in training with the Genealogy branch manager to better their understanding on how to assist patrons with genealogical research.

Drexel

Staff participated in a branch meeting this month and hosted storytimes at Drexel elementary schools to prevent students from having to get out in the cold, stormy weather.

Garden City

Staff organized the adult DVDs and shifted them so there are none remaining on the bottom shelf. They also updated all shelf labels to accurately reflect the call number ranges.

**Genealogy**

Staff helped a patron locate a grandparent's birthplace, assisted Harrisonville High School students with their community project, and helped a patron use the computer to access Family Search for their genealogy research.

Harrisonville

Staff attended the Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri and had the opportunity to meet participating authors and librarians.

Northern Resource Center

Staff attended the Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri and the Innovation Summit at Raymore-Peculiar High School.

Pleasant Hill

Staff participated in a branch meeting this month and spent time altering the teen area to make it more inviting for patrons aged 12-18.



LOOKING AHEAD

Archie

Archie is looking forward to celebrating their 5 year anniversary of being in their current location, and will be hosting a party for patrons and staff.

Outreach Services

Bookmobile will be attending a special night at Kentucky Trail Elementary School, and are excited to be training two new staff members.

Drexel

Staff will be participating in Evergreen Refresh training, inventory, and planning for SLP.

Garden City

Garden City is looking forward to seeing the Zoomobile this summer, which will allow patrons to meet animal ambassadors from the Kansas City Zoo.

Check out the



events page!

Genealogy

Staff have been reading a historical fiction book to prepare for their brand new book club.

Harrisonville

Harrisonville is looking forward to participating in the Neighborhood Forest tree giveaway in conjunction with Earth Day. Registered participants will receive free tree seedlings to plant and enjoy.

Northern Resource Center

NRC is looking forward to hosting another escape room: Crimes of Fashion, based off of the movie "The Devil Wears Prada."

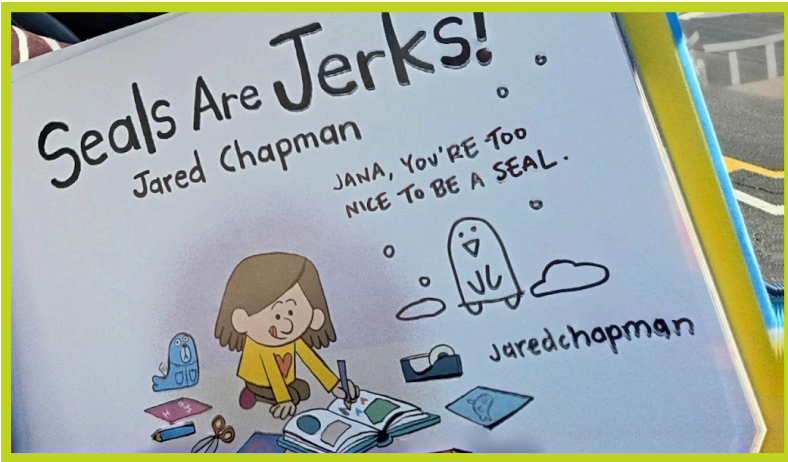
Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill will be partnering with the Pleasant Hill Art League April 17th - 25th for a special youth art exhibit, showcasing the creativity of young artists in the community.

12 OUR TEAM



Youth Specialists from each branch attended the Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri and had the opportunity to chat with/get autographs from participating authors.



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New Hires

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Position Changes