





# Around **CCPL**



## **Storytime on the Bookmobile** Outreach

Kids have loved reading stories and exploring the Bookmobile.



## **SLP Kick-Off Carnival**

### Pleasant Hill

This year's Kick-Off party was a carnival theme with games, a cake walk, farm animals to pet and hold, face painting, yard activities, and more!





## **Stop and Taste the Flowers** Garden City

The group enjoyed all of the samplings and learned several things about other cultures.



## **Teen Game Zone** Pleasant Hill

This event took off with the end of the school year. Lots of new faces and regulars coming in each week.



## **Adult Book Club** Drexel

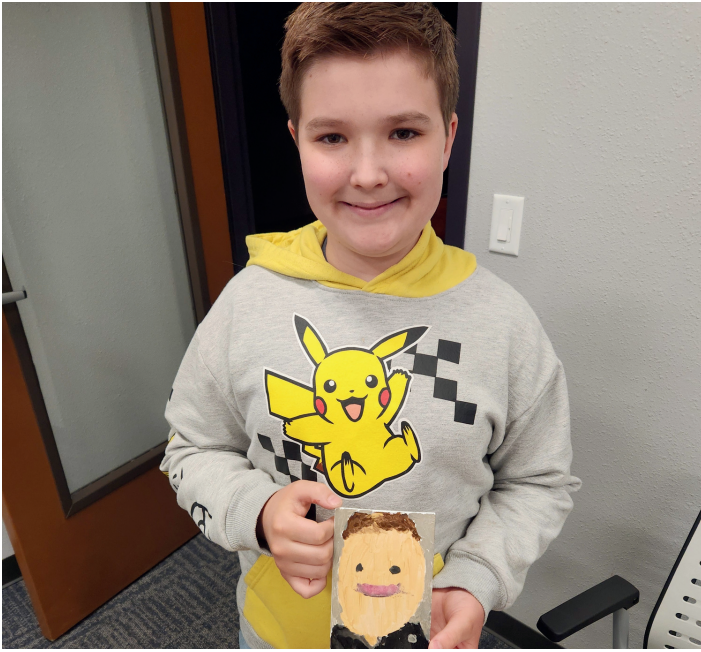
The group read *The Glass Ocean* by Beatriz Williams.



## **Summer Library Kick-Off** Northern Resource Center

Over 600 people attended this year's SLP Kick-Off event.





## **Self Portrait Painting**

Northern Resource Center

Kids had so much fun painting mini self portraits.



## **Larry Brown Storyteller**

Archie

Larry told stories and sang songs for the attendees.



## **Summer Library Promo**

Harrisonville

Neisha created a Bob Ross inspired promo video for SLP to share with Harrisonville, East Lynne, and Cass Midway School Districts.



## **Escape Room**

Garden City

Teens gathered to solve a murder in the library, following clues, solving puzzles and riddles, and working together to unearth the culprit.



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## Herbal Medicine Chest

Harrisonville

Emily Bichel, from Life Thyme Botanicals shared how to cultivate a thriving herb garden to address minor ailments.



## Mario Kart Tournament

Northern Resource Center

The winner went home with a trophy and \$25 gift card. Thanks to the Belton Cyber Pirates for helping run the event.



## Homeschool Hangout

Archie

Teens enjoyed hanging out, playing games, and eating food.



## Scavenger Hunt

Garden City

The kids worked together to solve riddles that led to clues hidden around the library.





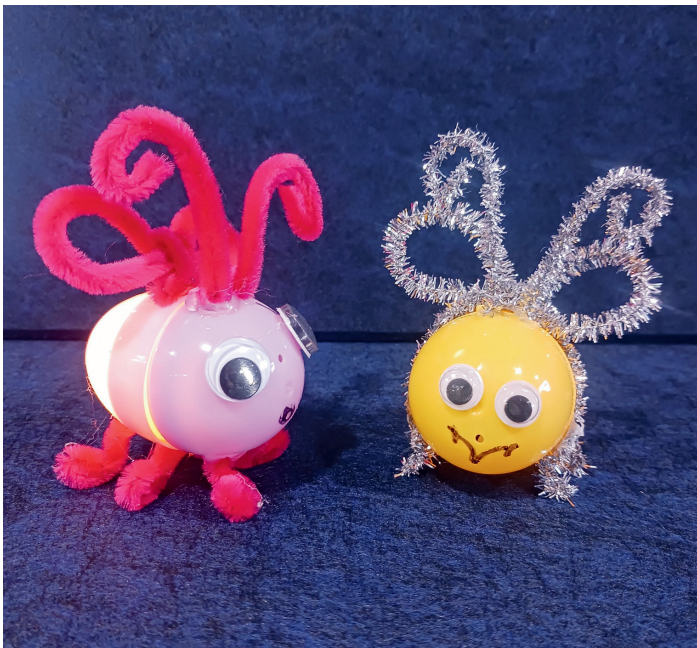
## **Summer Library Promo** Harrisonville

Shannon and Kristen (as the Wacky Wavy Inflatable Tube Man) shared the excitement of SLP to over 870 students and teachers in the Harrisonville School District.



## **Bingo for Books** Pleasant Hill

Patrons always look forward to the bi-monthly bingo activity and the selection of books as prizes.



## **Craft Kit: Fireflies** Outreach

We handed out 18 kits for all to enjoy.



## **Creation Station** Archie

Kids painted tile magnets this month.



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## **Teen Craft**

### Drexel

Teens made decorations using embroidery hoops and beads. They are now hung up in the branch for SLP.

11,432

**Active Customers**

48,967

**Circulation**

90

**Net Promoter Score**

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## Technical**Services**

244

**Adult Print  
Titles Ordered**

153

**Adult eMedia  
Items Ordered**

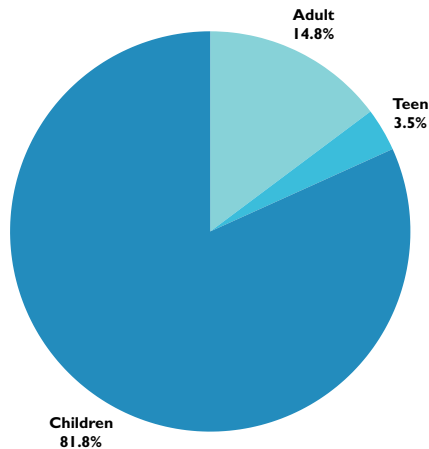
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**Items  
Cataloged**



# Customer Favorites

## Program Highlights



The community came together for book clubs, storytimes, crafting, and more! While regular programming continued as scheduled, staff began gearing up for Summer Library Program: Color Our World with school visits across the county and kick-off parties at the end of the month.

## Attendance by Age Group

218  
Programs

7,470  
In-Person Attendees

## Top Checkouts

### Print

#### Adult Fiction

*The Perfect Son*  
*Ward D*  
*Fahrenheit 451*

#### Adult Nonfiction

*The Highly Sensitive Person's Guide...*  
*Braids, Buns, and Twists!*  
*Joyfull*

#### Young Adult Fiction

*Sunrise on the Reaping*  
*Long Way Down*  
*Six of Crows*

#### Juvenile Fiction

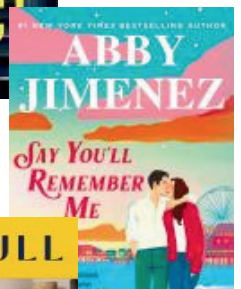
*The Wild Robot*  
*Dog Man and Cat Kid*  
*Big Jim Begins*

### eBooks

*Say You'll Remember Me*  
*Onyx Storm*  
*Great Big Beautiful Life*  
*Fourth Wing*  
*The Let Them Theory*  
*The Perfect Divorce*  
*Iron Flame*  
*The Wedding People*

### eAudiobooks

*The Tenant*  
*The Perfect Divorce*  
*Great Big Beautiful Life*  
*Onyx Storm*  
*Fourth Wing*  
*The Nightingale*  
*Broken Country*





# Youth**Services**



After storytime activity at Garden City Branch.

In May, Youth Services focused on preparing for the Summer Library Program.

Completion prizes, including books and age-appropriate items for pre-readers, readers, and teens, were distributed to all branches over several days. Additional prize books were ordered, and the option of offering two prize books per completion instead of one was considered. Professional development included attending the Penguin Random House Spring Book & Author Festival on May 8th and SLJ's Day of Dialog on May 22nd.

68

**Storytimes**

1,351

**Storytime Attendees**

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## Technology**Support**

Significant technology upgrades were completed, including new ethernet cabling and network infrastructure improvements, including enhanced wireless coverage, firewalls, and switches at all branches. New equipment was inventoried, and staff computer setups are nearly finished, with deployment planned for early June. Cybrarian software was also updated on all patron PCs. On the support side, 39 service tickets were completed, addressing a range of issues such as replacing broken peripherals, updating Bookmobile patron PCs, fixing a faulty receipt printer, and resolving print control issues on the Genealogy microfilm PC.

1,048

**WiFi**

**Sessions**

2,303

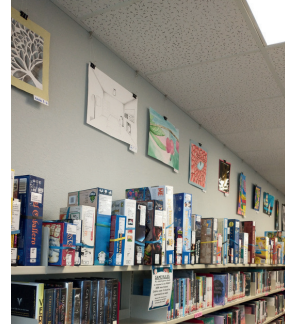
**Computer  
Sessions**



# Community**Outreach**

During the month of May, Archie Branch hosted field trips with the school district to promote SLP with grades PreK through 5th. The branch saw over 300 students and teachers!

Jana and Kathy at the Garden City Branch visited Sherwood Elementary to promote SLP which included reading books, handing out a colorful crepe paper challenge, and sending everyone home with an events calendar. They also connected with the art teacher at the school to have a rotating display of student artwork at the branch all summer.



Nine Harrisonville students took part in Senior Day of Service. They assisted with preparing bags for the Summer Library Program, helped with cleaning, and folded boxes. Four students from East Lynne also came on May 16th for their service day.

Emily and Rhonda at the Pleasant Hill Branch attended the city's Farmers Market on May 17th to promote Summer Library Program. The Bookmobile was there, and many people stopped to pick up flyers and check out the Bookmobile for the first time.

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## Facilities**Coordinator**

Facilities:

Key Log and Inventory was completed at all CCPL locations with all staff. The Pleasant Hill Branch's basement leak was repaired. Exterior renovations at the Drexel Branch were completed (power wash, new paint, railing installation, landscaping improvements, new security lights, and new sign). Harrisonville Branch's Children's Area had their bubble machine installed. At the Annex, floor plan renderings for the remodel have been finalized, de-construction has been completed, and the remodel will begin in June.



Drexel Branch Before & After



# Community**Spaces**

17

**Community Room  
Reservations**

309

**Study Room  
Reservations**

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## Community**Engagement**

Outreach began its new initiative: Lobby Stops. This month, Outreach went to 3 Cass County Senior Communities: Greenleaf Estates, Carnegie Village, and Beautiful Savior Lutheran Home. It was a very successful first month with high turn out, positive patron response and wonderful circulation and requests for more library services like bringing puzzles and book club books.



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**Marketing Emails Sent**

119,039

**Marketing Emails Opened**

2,404

**Social Media Reach**

314

**Social Media Engagements**

7,420

**Total Website Users**

16,462

**Total Website Pageviews**



# Community**Engagement**

“Thanks to CCPL - NRC, your staff and artist who painted this summer’s theme on the front of the library.

Doing art is smart.”

**-Harris D.,  
Facebook Comment**

“The library is exceptional, especially considering the town’s size. My book, *Guild of Four* by C.R. Guardian, is also there, which makes it even better!”

**-Aaron M., Google Review  
Archie Branch**



**-Cheryl M., Google Review  
Garden City Branch**

“The best library ever!”

**-Dora R., Google Review  
Northern Resource Center**



# Staff**Activities**

## **ARCHIE**

Cherie attended Adrian Library's Coffee, Tea & Talk on Thursdays. Rachel read stories at the preschool on Wednesday mornings and afternoons. Andrea R. joined the branch as a PT Flex Library Assistant.

## **GENEALOGY**

Staff supported patrons with historical and genealogical research, including projects on Spanish treasure, military history, and forensic genealogy. Julie advanced the digitization project and trained new volunteers, while Carrie and Sam assisted with local and family history inquiries.

## **DREXEL**

Staff got geared up for SLP and all the exciting events planned for the summer months.

## **HARRISONVILLE**

Karen and Neisha attended the Community Public Relations meeting. Karen and Kris attended the Schematic Design meeting for the new building. Karen and Madelyne attended the Family Fun Day at Red Barn Ranch. Neisha reached her 2025 SMART Goals at the end of May.

## **GARDEN CITY**

Staff put up colorful decorations for SLP and planned the start of SLP for June 1st. Jana completed an Information Technology class and started a Resources and Services for YA class.

## **NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER**

Kasey and Elizabeth visited 5 schools to discuss SLP. Rod proctored one test and participated in the webinar: Building Community Based Wellbeing or 'Social Prescribing' in the Library. NRC Volunteers completed 48 hours.

## **OUTREACH**

The department's monthly staff meeting contained a presentation on the Safety and Security manual as well as links and information on training through the Niche Academy.



# Looking**Ahead**

## **ARCHIE**

June will be a busy month with the SLP Kickoff party, Tiny Art Show, Hunger Games Tribute Tokens, and more!

## **DREXEL**

Ellen Bloomer-Thornton from the University Extension Office will come to talk about eating colorful foods. July 28th will be the SLP closing party.

## **GARDEN CITY**

Spots are filling up for the visit from the KC Zoo Zoomobile. There will be performances from Marko Polo Music and Mr. Brad. And returning programs like LEGO club, Dicey Dungeons, and a new Scavenger Hunt!

## **GENEALOGY**

Sam is conducting research for a program happening later in the summer - using AI in Genealogy.

## **HARRISONVILLE**

Neisha is excited for the community partnerships that SLP programs have this summer starting with author JPS Stalder who joined the kickoff party, Lena from Amazingly Ageless Medspa, and Nina from Baked by Nina!

## **NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER**

The branch will be conducting a supply drive June 16th through 26th to benefit Belton Free Hot Soup. The drive will end with a program on Homeless Awareness given by Rose Abrams on Thursday, June 26th at 6 PM.

## **OUTREACH**

The Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 10th, and Tuesday, July 8th. A new adult program will happen in June: Read My Lips: DIY Lip Gloss, and in July: Noir Nibbles. For kids, the Craft & Snack in June is Cut, Fold, Make, & Decorate! Dragons, Unicorns, & So Much More!

## **PLEASANT HILL**

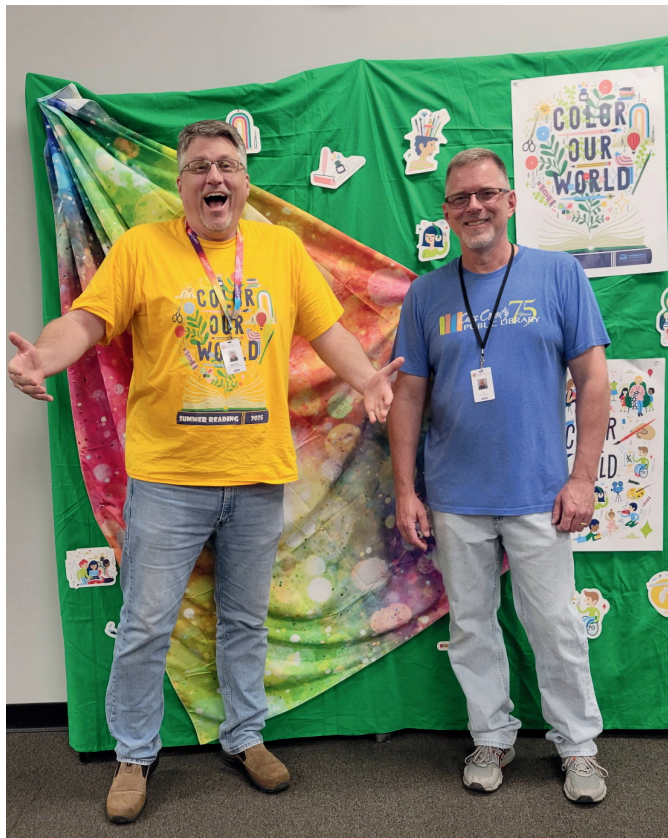
The branch staff are excited for Teen Still Life painting happening in June.

Check out the events page for more!





# Our **Team**



Scott, YS Coordinator, and Rod, NRC Branch Manager, at the Summer Library Program Kick-Off Party at NRC.

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**New Hires**

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**Position Changes**