

**NOVEMBER 2024**







## **Page Turners Book Club**

### **Northern Resource Center**

Page Turners Book Club read *Alone* by Megan Freeman, a story about a young girl left alone after political unrest causes the west coast population to be evacuated. The readers completed a survival themed scavenger hunt and ate Twinkies, a food that is mentioned frequently throughout the book.



## **Book Club & Hamburger Pancakes**

Archie



## **Great Turkey Escape Room**

Harrisonville





## Storytime

### Bookmobile

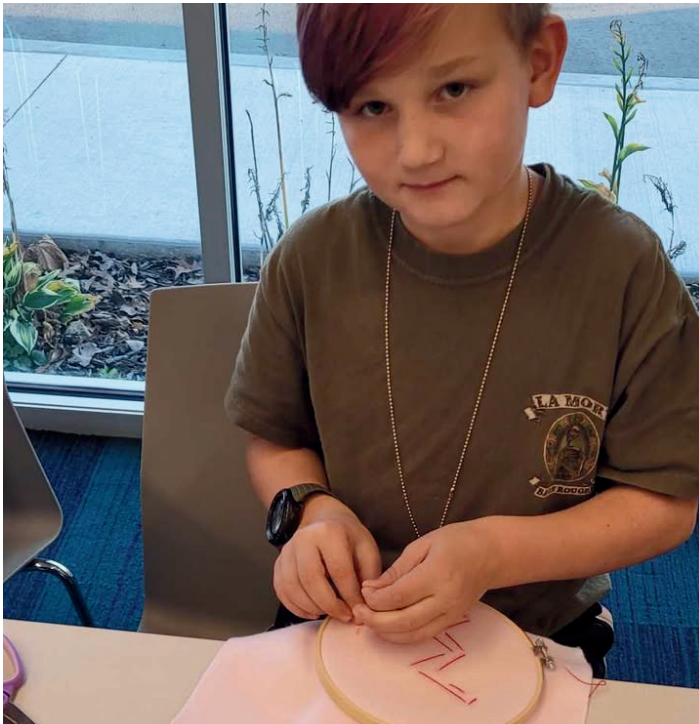
Read *I'm a Turkey* and practiced their turkey strut and gobbles. The kids loved flapping their wings and gobbling.



## Storytime

### Garden City

Kathy has started integrating songs over the Bluetooth speaker as part of storytime. The kids love to hear "Shake My Sillies Out".



## Sew Much Fun

### Pleasant Hill

Tweens were introduced to basic sewing and embroidery concepts.



## Stitchin' Time

### Drexel

The ladies learned to make a paper pieced Christmas tree block.





## **Girls Who Code** Harrisonville

Girls Who Code wrapped up their Cybersecurity Bootcamp by learning about ciphers. The girls had fun learning three common ciphers, doing a library scavenger hunt, then making a secret coded message to exchange with other teams. On their last night, they had a pizza party and played a new collaborative game called Suspend.

12,215

**Active Customers**

47,036

**Circulation**

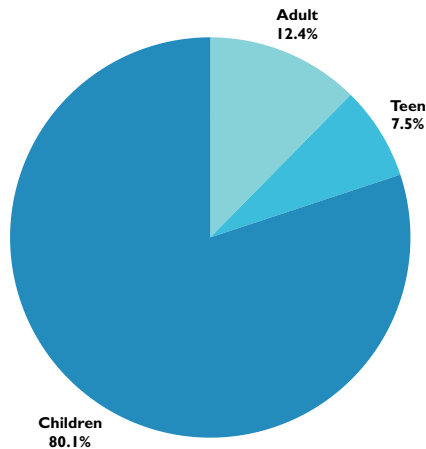
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**Net Promoter Score**



# Customer Favorites

## Program Highlights



During the month of November, the branches hosted a variety of engaging programs that catered to different interests with a special focus on community building, fun, and exploration. Events included turkey themed storytimes, Friendsgiving, escape rooms, and expressions of gratitude. Whether it was through storytelling, sharing food, solving puzzles, or exploring new flavors, the library's offerings provided something for everyone.

## Attendance by Age Group

192  
Programs

2,677  
In-Person Attendees

## Top Checkouts

### Print

#### Adult Fiction

*In Too Deep*  
*Here One Moment*  
*A Christmas Duet*

#### Adult Nonfiction

*Hillbilly Elegy*  
*The Christmas Movie Cookbook*  
*Calvin and Hobbes*

#### Young Adult Fiction

*The Inheritance Games*  
*The Initial Insult*  
*Caraval*

#### Juvenile Fiction

*Hot Mess*  
*The Rover's Story*  
*Alone*

### eBooks

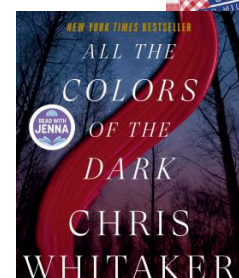
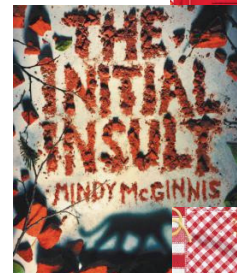
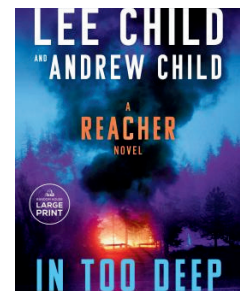
*The Women*  
*Fourth Wing*  
*All the Colors of the Dark*  
*Iron Flame*

### eAudiobooks

*Counting Miracles*  
*First Lie Wins*  
*A Court of Mist and Fury*  
*House of Earth and Blood*

### eAudiobooks

*The Women*  
*Fourth Wing*  
*Funny Story*  
*The Boyfriend*  
*Iron Flame*  
*Listen for the Lie*  
*Pretty Girls*





# Youth**Services**



Youth Services coordinated with the Director and Assistant Director on the implementation of AWE Early Literacy Stations that will be located at all branches in the new year. These computer stations were funded almost entirely by the Technology Mini-Grant from the Missouri State Library.

Image: Scott Pagel, Youth Services Coordinator, guest stars at NRC storytime.

79  
Storytimes

1,443  
Storytime Attendees

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# Technology**Support**

860  
WiFi Sessions

1,168  
Computer Sessions

# Technical**Services**

275  
Adult Print  
Titles Ordered

128  
Adult eMedia  
Items Ordered

701  
Items  
Cataloged



# Community**Outreach**

Archie Branch displayed art provided by students from Archie R-V School during the month of November. The quilt on display in November was on loan from John Flanery, whose grandmother hand-stitched the entire quilt.

Garden City and Bookmobile were represented at Sherwood's Trunk-or-Treat, and a lot of information was sent home to families. Kathy and Jana have been reading the Building Block Award nominees with the three Sherwood Preschool classes. They just finished the last book in November and let the kids vote on their favorite. The final winner?

*I Was Born a Baby.*

Shannon hosted a booth with Thanksgiving crafts and activities at the Vendor Market at Mill Walk Mall, she read to Mrs. Gunderson's kindergarten class of 21 students as part of Kiwanis Kindergarten Reading, and she displayed 7 pieces of artwork selected from the 2nd Grade art classes with Harrisonville Schools Art in the Community.

Monica was elected to be a Pleasant Hill Chamber board member for 2025 and will also serve on the fundraising committee.

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## Technology**Facilities**

### Technology

- Finished setting up new print services
- Fixed inconsistencies on patron PC's
- Addressed website errors

### Facilities

- Fixed tread issue in Harrisonville  
Children's area
- Started installing shelving for Bookmobile  
at Royal Annex building



# Community**Spaces**

18  
**Community Room  
Reservations**

279  
**Study Room  
Reservations**

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# Community**Engagement**

November Spotlight: Pleasant Hill Branch has been displaying art work from various schools for almost a year and now.



6  
**Marketing Emails Sent**

69,285  
**Marketing Emails Opened**

1,505  
**Social Media Reach**

80  
**Social Media Engagements**

12,838  
**Total Website Users**

4,392  
**Total Website Pageviews**

# Community**Engagement**



**-Denise C., Google Review**

“I love the availability of  
study and meeting rooms.”

**-Survey Response**



# Staff**Activities**

## **ARCHIE**

Cherie attended the Adrian Libraries Coffee, Tea, & Talk on Thursdays, the Management Seminar on Nov. 6th & 7th, and The New Basics of Professional Customer Service webinar. Rachel went to the Preschool on Wednesday mornings & afternoons to read stories.

## **BOOKMOBILE**

The staff have gotten almost everything from the police barn in Peculiar to the Royal Annex building. They are in the process of getting everything organized as Scott completes the shelving.

## **GARDEN CITY**

Jana attended the Management Critical Thinking Seminar and completed the EAP webinar: How Highly Successful People Overcome Self-Doubt. Kathy attended the Read Me in the Middle: Best Books for 7th & 8th Graders webinar.

## **GENEALOGY**

Sam updated graphics for the Java & Genealogy flyer with the hope of bringing in more people as well as creating flyers for other upcoming events. Julie worked with patrons in their research and attended the webinar: Genealogy of East and West Prussia on Family Tree. Carrie continued to aid Dr. Callahan's research on Sandy Lowe of Cass County.

## **NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER**

Rod and Rhonda attended a seminar by Dr. Crystal Davis on Critical Thinking. Elizabeth visited Kansas City Public Library's Central Branch and met with their Teen Specialist, Helen Li, to tour the YA section.

## **HARRISONVILLE**

Karen attended two days of the Managers Leadership Seminar. She also attended the Bright Futures Advisory board meeting and council meeting. Karen and Leigh conducted interviews for the part time flex position.

## **PLEASANT HILL**

Monica attended the Servant Leadership workshop for Managers. Monica and Rhonda attended the Corn Hole gathering at NRC and enjoyed some friendly competition and snacks.

# Looking**Ahead**

## ARCHIE

- Tuesdays @ 10 AM: Coffee & Conversation, ages 18+
- Wednesdays @ 10:30 AM: Family Adventure Storytime, ages 0-6
- 2nd Tuesdays @ 4 PM: Creation Stations, ages 7-12

## BOOKMOBILE DREXEL

Closed December 16, 2024 into January 2025 due to scheduled maintenance and staffing considerations

- 12/20 @ 2 PM: Families Eating Smart and Moving More! ages 18+

## GENEALOGY

- Sam will be doing an encore presentation of Letha's Legacy because of patron interest.

## GARDEN CITY

- 12/18 @ 4 PM: Adult Book Group, ages 18+
- 12/18 @ 5 PM: Adult Craft Corner: Ornaments, ages 18+

## HARRISONVILLE NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

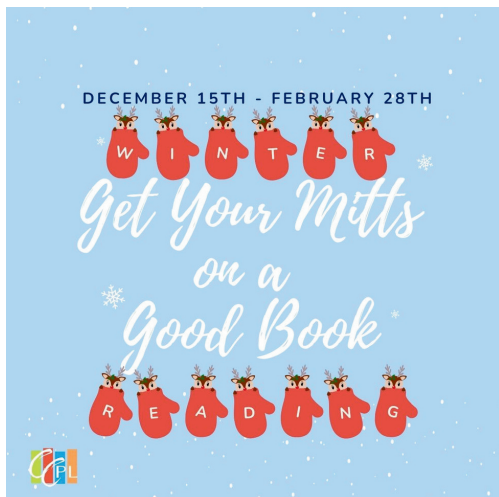
- 12/18 @ 6:30 PM: Taste of Adventure, ages 18+
- 12/23 @ 6:30 PM: Cocoa & Crafts: A Family Holiday Movie Night, all ages
- 12/31 @ 11 AM: Happy Noon Year, ages 3+

## CENTER

- 12/19 @ 4 PM: Lego Club, ages 5-12
- 12/19 @ 5:30 PM: Movie Night, ages 13+
- 12/28 @ 2 PM: Adult Monster Hearts RPG, ages 18+

## PLEASANT HILL

- 12/18 @ 2 PM: Craft Menagerie, ages 18+
- 12/28 @ 12 PM: Teen Monthly Movie, ages 13-18
- 12/30 @ 1 PM: Tween New Year's Eve Party, ages 6-12



Sign up on Beanstack



Check out the events page for more!





# Our **T**eam



Bookmobile and Garden City staff out in the community for Sherwood's Trunk-or-Treat event.

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**New Hires**

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**Position Changes**