

CCPL Monthly Review

NOVEMBER 2025



Around **CCPL**



Stuffy Sleepover Garden City

Kids came to drop off their stuffies and enjoy a storytime with cookies and milk, and when the library closed, the stuffies ran around, having the time of their lives.



Christmas Card Class Archie

Creating beautiful Christmas cards each year is always a big hit among our adult patrons. It allows them to find their creative side.



Storytime Harrisonville

The Early Childhood Center's 4-year-old preschool classes visited, walking over from the school to enjoy a Thanksgiving-themed storytime.

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From Ewww to Oooh! Garden City

Patrons had a great time exploring "foods" like clay and crickets with Sam from Genealogy.



Storytime Bookmobile



Bingo for Books Pleasant Hill

Attendees enjoy both classic and creative bingo variations.



Creative Club Drexel

Kids built a long, colorful HyperTiles trail through the library.



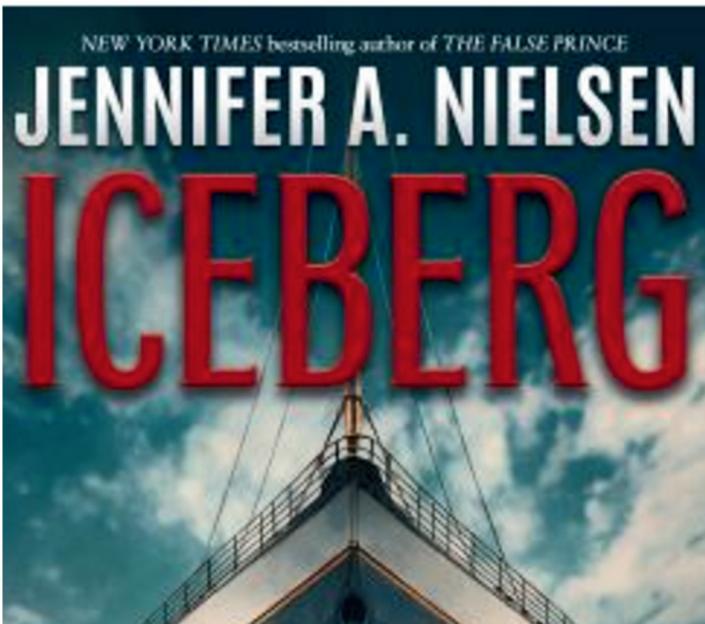
The Gobble Games Harrisonville

Teens competed in Minute-to-Win-It challenges that brought plenty of laughs and treats.



Creation Station Archie

Participants ages 8-12 enjoyed making one-of-a-kind crafts with provided materials and guidance.



Page Turners Book Club Northern Resource Center

The group explored the Titanic through the book Iceberg and had fun creating and testing paper lifeboats.





PJ Storytime

Archie

Archie's Parents as Teachers leading a fun shaving-cream activity the kids loved.



Family Photos at the Cabin Harrisonville

Over 20 families enjoyed holiday photos at the decorated cabin, and many stopped into the branch afterward.



Storytime

Drexel

Families enjoyed making a special Thanksgiving craft.



Art Display

Garden City

Artwork from Sherwood students is featured in the branch.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Archie

Henry completed 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.



Middle School Art Display Pleasant Hill

A young artist stands proudly beside their work in the middle school art display.



Blood Drive Northern Resource Center

The branch hosted a Red Cross blood drive on November 25th.



November Quilt Display Drexel

A Stitchin' Time patron loaned this beautiful quilt for the wall display.

Around **CCPL**



Teddy Bear Day Outreach Services

Staff hosted storytime, giveaways, and book checkouts in Belton, complete with photos with a “live teddy bear.”

11,895

Active Customers

44,441

Circulation

84.6

Net Promoter Score

Collection **Management**

126

**Adult Print
Titles Ordered**

76

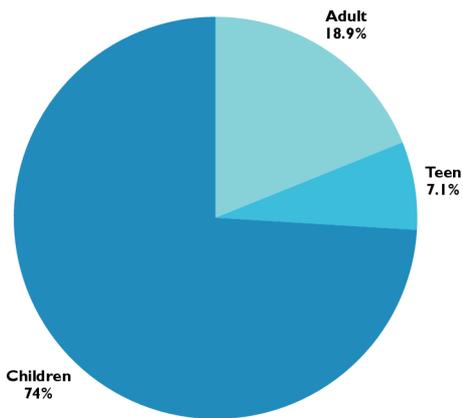
**Adult eMedia
Items Ordered**

1,188

**Items
Cataloged**

Customer Favorites

Program Highlights



November featured a wide range of engaging programs across CCPL branches. Archie's Pajama Storytime and Garden City's Stuffie Sleepover delighted young readers, while Drexel's Creative Club explored new HyperTiles activities. Adult offerings included NRC's popular Bingo for Books and Garden City's well-attended "From Ewww to Oooh!" food program. Teens stayed active with Harrisonville's Gobble Games, Pleasant Hill's Teen Game Zone, and NRC's anime and chess clubs, making it a strong month of in-house programming.

Attendance by Age Group

185
Programs

2,118
In-Person Attendees

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

The Picasso Heist
The Impossible Fortune
Hidden Nature

Adult Nonfiction

Guinness World Records 2026
Chanel : A Woman of Her Own
Talking to My Angels

Young Adult Fiction

Sunrise on the Reaping
Divine Rivals
It Found Us

Juvenile Fiction

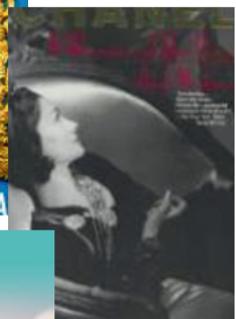
Extra Normal
When Sea Becomes Sky
Big Jim Begins

eBooks

The Widow
The Seven Rings
Gone Before Goodbye
Onyx Storm
The Let Them Theory
Atmosphere
The Women
Mate

eAudiobooks

Brimstone
The Mad Wife
Pride and Prejudice
The Nightingale
My Friends
The Housemaid's Secret
The Intruder



Youth**Services**



Storytime at Archie

75
Storytimes

1,302
Storytime Attendees

The Youth Services Coordinator led major planning efforts for the Summer Library Program and Winter Reading Challenge, including preparing the State Library's SLP grant application and coordinating preliminary performer schedules and themed materials. She supported branch staff through trainings, quarterly meetings, onboarding, and the distribution of new resources, while also repairing and expanding STEAM kits. Additional work included ordering youth materials, collaborating with RayPec Academy students, and assisting with the State Library's SLP workshop.

Technology**Support**

IT completed 31 support tickets in November, addressing print release errors, device jams, website updates, and equipment replacements. Key project work included preparing for 2026 patron desktop replacements, coordinating internet installation planning for the new Harrisonville building, posting surplus devices on GovDeals, and installing network cabling and security cameras at the Annex in partnership with Facilities.

2,030
WiFi Sessions

1,107
Computer Sessions

Community Outreach

In November, CCPL staff provided outreach across the county, highlighted by Harrisonville's presence at the Mill Walk Mall Vendor Market, where children created Thanksgiving-themed crafts and families connected with library staff. Branches also visited local schools and Parents as Teachers groups, delivered preschool storytimes, and wrapped up Building Block Award activities at Sherwood. Outreach added a new lobby stop at Benton House in Raymore and continued reorganizing services to strengthen Bookmobile, Library by Mail, and kiosk support for the community.



Facilities Coordinator

The Facilities team completed winter preventive maintenance at every branch and closed 32 work orders while advancing capital and infrastructure projects systemwide. Highlights included sidewalk sealing at Pleasant Hill, network line installation for exterior cameras at the Annex, a new water fountain in Garden City, and structural assessment and repair coordination after a vehicle strike in Archie. Additional work included thermostat relocation in Drexel, quarterly extermination services, the new snow-removal contract with Beachner Lawn Care, and continued planning for Pleasant Hill's StoryWalk and systemwide access control upgrades.



New Water Fountain at Garden City

Community**Spaces**

20
**Community Room
Reservations**

259
**Study Room
Reservations**

Community**Engagement**

CCPL actively participated with the Cass County community through events and partnerships across the region. Pleasant Hill welcomed more than 30 local business and civic leaders for a program presented by Major John Schwent, USMC (ret.), founder of Camp Valor Outdoors. Staff also took part in school and civic activities, including mock interviews at Harrisonville Middle School and Kiwanis programs recognizing Terrific Kids.



Pleasant Hill chamber lunch.

0
Marketing Emails Sent

0
Marketing Emails Opened

693
Social Media Reach

20
Social Media Engagements

6,312
Total Website Users

12,744
Total Website Pageviews

Community **Engagement**

“Super helpful and friendly staff. Great selection of materials to check out and many different events offered.”



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-Sara B.

“Extremely helpful staff, great selection of books, and I appreciate the amount of other materials available like Stem Kits, Libby, and Hoopla. I also love to promote all the amazing programs that this library offers.”

-Survey Response

“The library was easy to use, the staff went above and beyond to assist.”

-Survey Response

“Helpful staff, quiet setting.

-Survey Response

“Learned a lot of helpful ways to use my computer in my every day book keeping.”



Google Review

-D.B.

Staff **Activities**

ARCHIE

School storytimes continued throughout the month, along with mentoring for new staff and professional development focused on self-care and trauma-informed service.

DREXEL

Storytimes were held at the school due to weather, and the team updated safety materials and added a patron-loaned quilt to the display space.

GARDEN CITY

Staff focused on onboarding and training, prepared seasonal updates around the branch, and continued developing programming skills, including creating new flyers and planning upcoming events.

GENEALOGY

Staff supported patrons with specialized research assistance, collaborated with community partners, and completed cataloging projects with the help of FamilySearch volunteers, who finished reviewing the book and periodical collections.

HARRISONVILLE

This month, staff participated in community events, supported mock interviews at local schools, and remained active in civic groups through Kiwanis and PR lunches.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

The NRC partnered with the Raymore Quilt Guild for a new rotating display, and continued professional development through webinars and outreach meetings.

OUTREACH

Outreach reorganized service areas, added a new lobby stop at Benton House in Raymore, and continued preparations for Winter Reading. The team also welcomed a new staff member and updated workspaces to better support Bookmobile and Lobby Stop services.

PLEASANT HILL

Staff facilitated a Thanksgiving-themed visit at Aspire Senior Living, hosted the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and continued regular trainings and branch meeting activities.

Looking Ahead

ARCHIE

Archie will continue holiday programming throughout December, with seasonal activities and family events planned for the coming weeks.

DREXEL

Drexel is preparing for upcoming holiday events, including visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus, along with family movie and storytime programs planned for December.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City is preparing for upcoming holiday events, including a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and an all-ages wooden ornament craft class with the Cass County Historical Society.

GENEALOGY

Genealogy is planning an in-house Underground Railroad Quilt program and preparing for an upcoming Golden Girls Trivia event.

HARRISONVILLE

Harrisonville is preparing for a week of teen Christmas Crafternoons, a “Very Hogwarts Holiday” program, and a visit from Santa later in the month.

OUTREACH

Outreach is preparing for Winter Reading, upcoming Bookmobile maintenance, and planning service adjustments while the vehicle is down, including evaluating potential new Bookmobile stops for early 2026.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

The NRC is looking ahead to January’s winter spy-themed escape room and continuing preparations for Winter Reading.

PLEASANT HILL

Pleasant Hill is planning a snowman-themed circulation desk display, along with programs such as the MODiscovery App workshop, a community blood drive, and Family Drop-In Day.

Check out the events page for more!



Our **T**eam

Milestone Service Anniversaries

15 Years

Peggy Olson

Northern Resource Center

