



Around **CCPL**



Halloween Parade

Drexel

Library staff participated in the annual Drexel Halloween parade, handing out goodie bags to 183 children.



Lego Challenge

Pleasant Hill

The Great Pumpkin Cup Lego Challenge drew twice as many entries this year. The winning design, How the Grinch Stole Halloween, earned the top prize after 10 hours of creative work.



PJ Storytime

Archie

Pajama Storytime was filled with hands-on fun, including sensory play to accompany the stories.



Storytime on the Bookmobile Outreach Services

Children listened to *Let's Be Bees!* by Shawn Harris.

Storytime Garden City

Children enjoyed making bear masks during a themed Storytime craft.



8th Annual Monster Mash Parade

Northern Resource Center

Costumed children listened to spooky stories and trick or treated around the library.



Homeschool Hangout Archie

The teens had to find their way off of the Forbidden Island or perish.



House of Hollow Escape Room

Northern Resource Center
Eighteen participants worked together to solve clues and escape the room.



Spooky Stories at the Cabin with Priscilla Howe Harrisonville

Families enjoyed campfire tales, laughter, and tours of the historic Sharp-Hopper Cabin.



Jerry DeCaire

Northern Resource Center

This Marvel artist had a great turnout of 47 teens, kids and adults.



Costume Storytime

Harrisonville

Little readers showed off their costumes during the Costume Storytime and parade.



Storytime

Drexel

Ms. Amber reads a witchy-good book during storytime.



October Quilt of the Month

Archie

The monthly quilt was on loan from 13 year old Clara Greer. Perfect for Fall!

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Paint Café Garden City

Adults gathered for a relaxing evening at Paint Café, enjoying coffee, tea, and step-by-step instruction from artist Andrea in a creative, social setting.

11,849

Active Customers

50,972

Circulation

84.7

Net Promoter Score

Collection **Management**

202

**Adult Print
Titles Ordered**

119

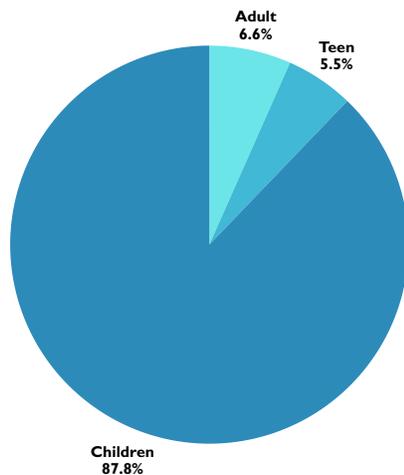
**Adult eMedia
Items Ordered**

898

**Items
Cataloged**

Customer Favorites

Program Highlights



October was filled with creative and community-centered programming across all CCPL branches. Drexel celebrated its grand reopening with strong attendance and resumed popular activities like Creative Club. Harrisonville's Eww to Ooh international tasting event, Garden City's Paint Café, and Archie's Gather Together soup exchange offered unique adult programs, while children enjoyed festive Storytimes, crafts, and parades.

Attendance by Age Group

279	6,508
Programs	In-Person Attendees

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

Fourth Wing
The Nightingale
For Richer for Poorer

Adult Nonfiction

Guinness World Records 2026
I'll Start Again Monday
The Plantagenets

Young Adult Fiction

Sunrise on the Reaping
The Giver
We'll Always Have Summer

Juvenile Fiction

Big Jim Begins
Rodrick Rules
Fetch-22

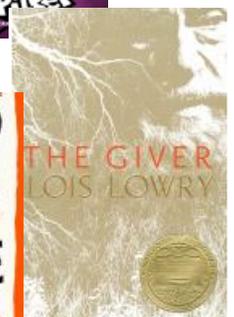
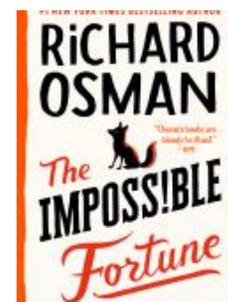
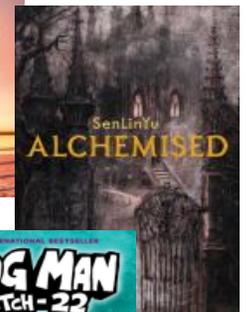
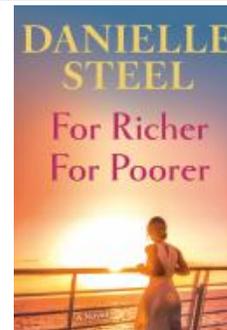
eBooks

Mate
Alchemised
The Let Them Theory
The Widow

The Impossible Fortune
The Secret of Secrets
Project Hail Mary
Atmosphere

eAudiobooks

The Intruder
Atmosphere
The Housemaid is Watching
The Housemaid
The Impossible Fortune
My Friends
The Thursday Murder Club



Youth**Services**



Library staff pose for a super-hero photo with guest artist Jerry DeCaire at Pleasant Hill.

The Youth Services department hosted three programs with Marvel artist Jerry DeCaire and collected participant feedback on promotional effectiveness. New materials and program supplies were purchased for branches, and flyers for new Lightbox books were created. Staff resources and LibCal training materials were updated, and the coordinator participated in Staff Development Day, the Drexel open house, and professional development webinars.

92

Storytimes

1,705

Storytime Attendees

Technology**Support**

The IT department completed installation of updated print release software system-wide and provided AV setup for Staff Development Day. Website updates and phone system adjustments were completed, and work continued on surplus equipment disposal. Initial planning also began for internet service at the future Harrisonville branch, with sixty support tickets resolved during the month.

960

WiFi Sessions

1,369

Computer Sessions

Community Outreach

Library staff engaged in wide-ranging community outreach throughout October, representing CCPL at schools, fairs, and local events across the county. Highlights included Storytimes at Peculiar Elementary and Sherwood preschool, trick-or-treat events in Harrisonville, Garden City, and Archie, and the Bookmobile's participation in Raymore-Peculiar's Touch-a-Truck. Staff also partnered with local organizations for scholarship workshops, senior living visits, and student programs, strengthening community connections and expanding library visibility beyond branch walls.



Facilities Coordinator

The Facilities department completed seasonal landscaping, winterized flower beds, and repainted the Annex exterior and added new signage. Safety work included fire extinguisher inspections and staff training, access control quotes for the Annex and Drexel, and a new exterior light at Drexel. Interior updates included lighting repairs in Harrisonville and furniture replacements at NRC. Surplus furnishings were sold on GovDeals, and preparation began for winter snow removal contracts.



Community**Spaces**

24
**Community Room
Reservations**

284
**Study Room
Reservations**

Community**Engagement**

CCPL strengthened community connections in October through partnerships with local organizations, including hosting the Cass County Coalition at NRC, collaborating with the Elks on a scholarship workshop, coordinating fire and police safety trainings, and supporting a community blood drive at the Archie Branch.



Blood drive set-up at the Archie branch.

0
Marketing Emails Sent

0
Marketing Emails Opened

12,778
Social Media Reach

1,202
Social Media Engagements

7,199
Total Website Users

15,294
Total Website Pageviews

Community **Engagement**

“I recommend the library because reading is the next best thing to traveling for expanding people's world views beyond the place they live. Plus everyone I have dealt with at this library has been kind and helpful.”

-Survey Response

“Love my library!”

-Survey Response



Google Review

-Ashley B.

“I am disabled and they were very helpful with me getting around.”

-Survey Response

“Great people, very helpful, well organized place. Lots to do for everyone.”



Google Review

-Sherie H.



Google Review

-Jay E.

“Librarian was very helpful... got a card that day.”

-Survey Response

Staff**Activities**

ARCHIE

All Archie staff attended Staff Development Day on October 13. Staff also continued regular outreach to the local preschool, with mentoring and training activities supporting branch operations.

DREXEL

The branch celebrated its grand reopening after renovation with members of the library, community leaders, and regular patrons.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City staff continued preschool Storytimes at Sherwood, conducted interviews for open positions, and applied for Arts Everywhere/Ghost Light funding to support future programs.

GENEALOGY

Staff assisted researchers, collaborated with the Historical Society, and advanced the FamilySearch digitization project, completing over 50 books.

HARRISONVILLE

Staff participated in community events, including Trunk-or-Treat on the square and local school visits, and represented the library at the Mill Walk Vendor Fair and Kiwanis awards presentations.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

Staff hosted the Cass County Coalition meeting, coordinated active shooter training with Belton Police, and supported ongoing community partnerships and volunteer efforts.

OUTREACH

Attended community events across the county, including Trunk-or-Treats, Touch-a-Truck, and school visits, while refining Bookmobile and lobby stop schedules to better serve patrons.

PLEASANT HILL

Conducted outreach at local preschools and senior living facilities, attended chamber meetings, and continued active participation in community events.

Looking**Ahead**

ARCHIE

Archie is preparing for an adult Christmas card class and continuing to plan winter programs for the community.

DREXEL

The adult Stitchin' Time group, which will create festive YoYo trees in November.

GARDEN CITY

The branch will welcome Collection Development in November to catalog remaining board games and is preparing for a Santa visit on December 8.

GENEALOGY

Collaboration with FamilySearch to advance the digitization project and expand access to local history materials will continue.

HARRISONVILLE

is preparing for the busy holiday season and planning upcoming winter programs for all ages.

OUTREACH

Outreach will participate in the Teddy Bear Fair at High Blue Fitness in Belton and review Bookmobile and lobby stop schedules to better serve patrons.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

NRC is conducting a food drive to benefit Heart-N-Hand Ministries and preparing to host a Red Cross community blood drive on November 25.

PLEASANT HILL

Staff are preparing for several November programs, including Feeding Winter Birds, Bingo for Books, Movie Night at the Library, and a Stardew Valley Cookbook Co-Op for teens.

Check out the events page for more!



Our Team



The quarterly branch tour visited all CCPL locations on October 2nd.

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New Hires

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Position Change