CCPL Monthly Review

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Michelle Collins Anderson

Drexel

Author Michelle Collins Anderson stopped by Drexel and the NRC for CCPL's Autumn Author Series to talk about her process writing historical fiction novels.



Pumpkin Lanterns

Archie

Creation Station kids made pumpkin lanterns out of mason jars and tissue paper.



Trick or Treating

Harrisonville

Following a Halloween themed storytime, patrons put on their best costumes and went trick or treating around the library.

AROUND CCPL



Monster Mash Parade

Northern Resource Center

NRC held their 8th annual Monster Mash Parade featuring a spooky storytime and trick or treating around the branch.



Log Cabin Escape Room

Outreach Services

Teen Meet-Up participated in an escape room held at the Historic Log Cabin in conjunction with the Cass County Historical Society.



Lisa Wingate

Pleasant Hill

Author Lisa Wingate stopped by Pleasant Hill and the NRC for CCPL's Autumn Author Series to talk about her New York Times bestselling novels.



Trick or Treat Storytime

Garden City

Kids had a blast trick or treating at Mize Pharmacy, Community First Bank, the US Post Office, Garden City Police Department, Cole's-John D Schrock Oil, and A Cut Above Hair & Nail Studio.

AROUND CCPL



Pumpkin Painting

Drexel

Several kids stopped by to paint their own spooky pumpkins to display for Halloween.



John Foster & Dennis Minich

Harrisonville

Authors John Foster & Dennis Minich stopped by Harrisonville for CCPL's Autumn Author Series.



Hogwarts Escape Room

Northern Resource Center

NRC staff put together a Harry Potter themed escape room, with 17 teens and adults in attendance.



Great Pumpkin Cup

Pleasant Hill

Staff hosted a Great Pumpkin Cup Lego contest where children were tasked to create a scene from their favorite story or movie.



Manga Club

Archie

Archie's Manga Club watched episode one of the anime "Mono" while creating origami animals.

12,129
Active Customers

48,355
Circulation

84.6
Net Promoter Score

02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

181
Adult Print Titles Ordered

142
Adult eMedia Items Ordered

908
Items Cataloged

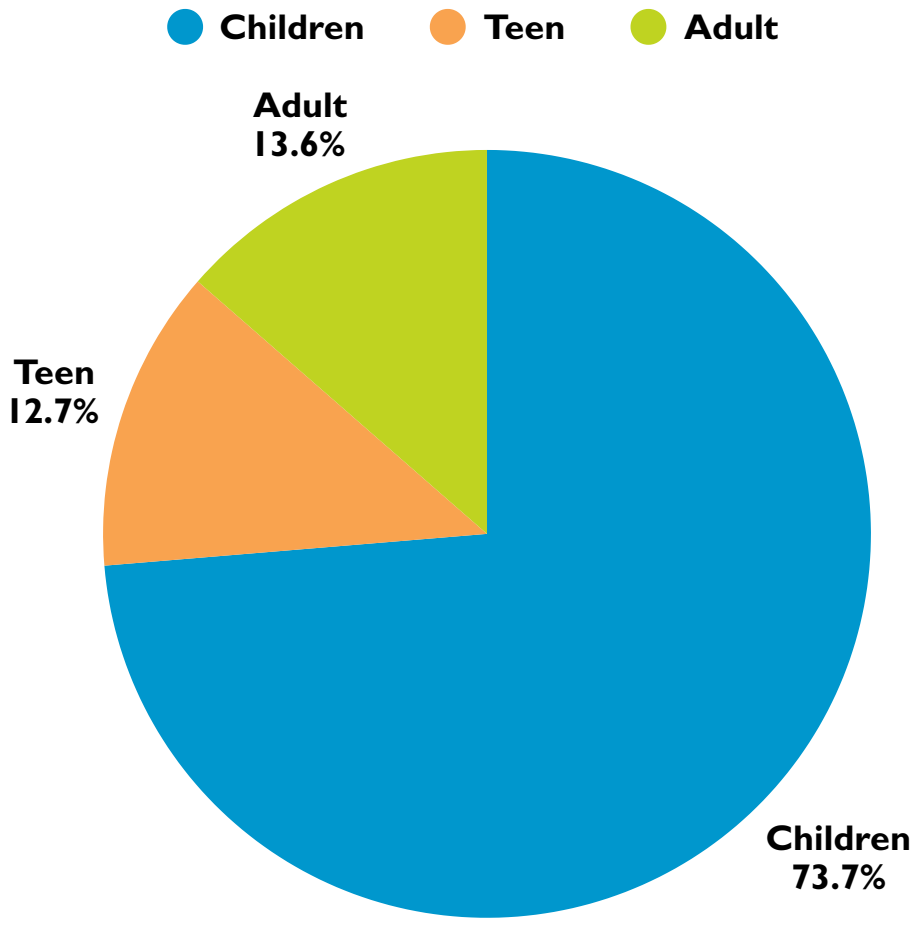
Program Highlights

October programming continued to highlight local authors, and featured lots of spooky Halloween themed activities. CCPL's first ever Autumn Author Series wrapped up with visits from Lisa Wingate, Michelle Collins Anderson, John Foster, and Dennis Minich. Each author had the opportunity to share about their writing process and the behind the scenes of their best selling novels. The rest of the month was filled with trick or treating, pumpkin crafts, escape rooms, and lots of incredible costumes.

242
Programs

5,722
In-Person Attendees

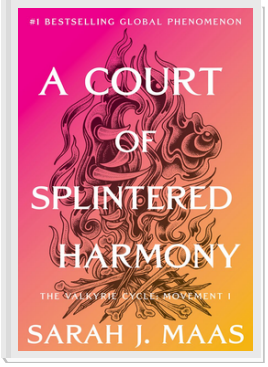
Attendance by Age Group



CUSTOMER FAVORITES

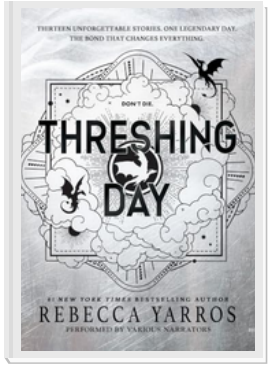
Top Checkouts

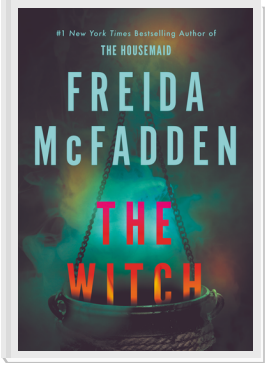
	Adult Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	*A Court of Splintered Harmony*	*21 Days of Fear*	*Titanic : Magic Tree House Fact Tracker*	*A Court of Splintered Harmony*	*The Witch*
2	*You'll Be Sorry*	*Hawk & Sparrow*	*A Royal Conundrum*	*Threshing Day*	*A Court of Splintered Harmony*
3	*This Changes Everything*	*City of Bones*	*Claudia and the Bad Joke*	*The Calamity Club*	*Threshing Day*











04 YOUTH SERVICES



Youth Services focused on fall programming and brainstorming ideas for the upcoming Winter Reading Challenge. Youth staff also attended the State Library Workshop in Joplin to discuss ideas for the 2027 Summer Library Program. Materials were ordered for Branch Storytime Kits, informational binders were created for the Charlie Cart, and a performer spreadsheet was shared with the branches.

59
Storytimes

1,012
Storytime Attendees

05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

IT completed 30 tickets this month. Key projects included updating the Outreach and Resource sections of the website, setting up new staff devices, working with community partners to arrange future technology based programs, finishing security updates on patron computers, and repairing printer coin box settings at Pleasant Hill.

1,817
WiFi Sessions

1,263
Computer Sessions

06 COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Staff got into the Halloween spirit by attending several trick or treating events around the county, dressed in their best costumes to hand out candy and CCPL goodies. Outreach Services attended Shull Early Childhood Learning Center's Touch-a-Truck event, Harrisonville's Log Cabin Festival, and stopped by several senior living facilities and elementary schools. Additionally, staff continued to host storytimes at local preschools and visited middle schools to help improve teen engagement with the library.

07 FACILITIES SERVICES



The facilities team completed 49 work orders this month. Key projects included HVAC and plumbing maintenance, winter equipment testing, exterior lighting repairs and emergency lighting testing, landscape bed adjustments, door hinge lubrication, HR office furniture reorganization, and storage cleanouts/inventory taking in preparation for the move to the new Harrisonville building.

08 COMMUNITY SPACES

32
Community Room Reservations

317
Study Room Reservations

09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with the community through events such as the Autumn Author Series, NRC's Bishop Brigade Chess Tournament, Archie's Red Cross Blood Drive, Garden City's Money Matters series with a local credit union, and several trick or treating events involving community partners.



5
Marketing Emails Sent

13,801
Social Media Reach

6,590
Total Website Users

28,157
Marketing Emails Opened

394
Social Media Engagements

16,233
Total Website Pageviews

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

> Getting a library card has got me reading again! Didn't realize how much I missed it.
> **– Survey Response**

> You mean to tell me that there's a place I can go that has quiet places that let you work on your laptop for hours. Yes please!
> **– Google Review (Jake H.)**

> Nice attentive help desk!
> **– Google Review (Ron T.)**

> As a mom of twins, having access to free books and resources really helped me through the early years. Even if you don't have anywhere to go, you can always go to the library.
> **– Survey Response**

10 STAFF ACTIVITIES

Archie
Staff attended the Missouri Library Association Conference, and met in Joplin for a Summer Library Program workshop.

Drexel
Staff handed out nearly 200 goody bags at Drexel's annual Halloween parade.

Garden City
Staff attended the Missouri Library Association Conference in Springfield.

Harrisonville
Staff participated in a collaborative book club with Harrisonville High School and Kiwanis meetings the first three Tuesdays of the month.

Northern Resource Center
Staff visited Belton Middle School for parent teacher conferences and Ray-Pec South Middle School to host a Bingo for Books activity.

Outreach Services
Staff participated in Harrisonville's annual Log Cabin Festival Parade.

Pleasant Hill
Staff attended the system-wide Staff Development Day to help brainstorm ideas for the library's upcoming Strategic Plan.

Check out the events page!

LOOKING AHEAD

Archie
11/11: Reading Rendezvous Book Club
11/18: Christmas Candles
11/19: Manga Club

Drexel
11/14: Craft Supply Swap
11:16: Bingo For Books
11/30: Santa & Mrs. Claus at the Library

Garden City
11/14: Second Chance Saturday
11/18: Decoupage Holiday Candles
11/23: Mahjong Monday

Harrisonville
11/16: Book Character & Literature Trivia Night
11/17: STEAM Studio
11/25: Genres Book Club
11/30: Polar Express Movie Night

Northern Resource Center
11/19: Friendsgiving with Pizza and Paint
11/20: Turkey Hunt
11/24: Red Cross Blood Drive

Outreach Services
11/17: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club
11/20: Open Minds Book Club

Pleasant Hill
11/12: Not Your Typical Book Club
11/14: 2nd Saturday Recipes
11/16: Bingo For Books
11/17: Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

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Admin staff handing out candy during Harrisonville's Trick or Treat Storytime!