

SEPTEMBER 2024





Open Play Night

Northern Resource Center

A little patron made sure that the Green Crayon had a book to read.



Hands-Only CPR

Garden City

The Cass County Health Department presented Hands-Only CPR for tweens through adults.



Storytime

Bookmobile

Children enjoy storytime on the bookmobile.



Adult Craft Drexel

Five attendees crafted a ghost.



Speed Puzzling Tournament Harrisonville

Teams of four have two hours to assemble a 300 piece puzzle they haven't ever seen before.



Storytime Northern Resource Center

Ms. Kasey passes out carpet squares at the beginning of storytime.



Teen Chess Club Pleasant Hill

Chess Club met twice in September to practice their skills and learn how to play.



**Author Visit: Barbara
Ellin Fox**

Archie
There was a full house for author
Barbara Ellin Fox.

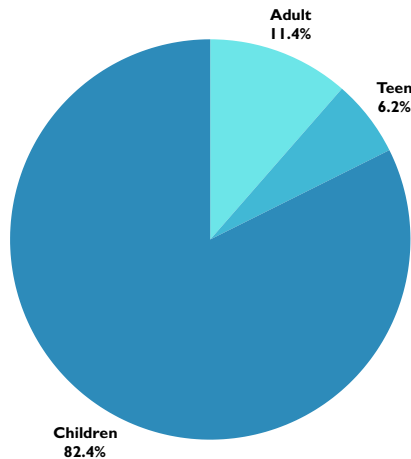
12,536
Active Customers

51,716
Circulation

82
Net Promoter Score

Customer Favorites

Program Highlights



In September, the library hosted a range of engaging events for all ages. Teens honed their skills at the chess club and competed in exciting Nintendo Switch tournaments, while adults enjoyed Bunco games, creative craft sessions, and a special author visit from Barbara Ellin Fox.

Attendance by Age Group

201	3,076
Programs	In-Person Attendees

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

Fourth Wing
The Lost Coast: A Novel
The Women

Adult Nonfiction

Real Food Fermentation
Dinner's Ready
Killers of the Flower Moon

Young Adult Fiction

Lore
The Inheritance Games
Cinder

Juvenile Fiction

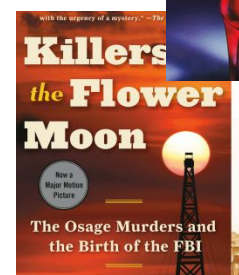
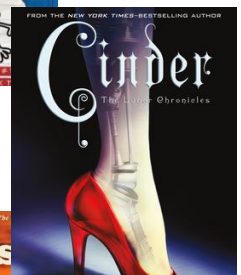
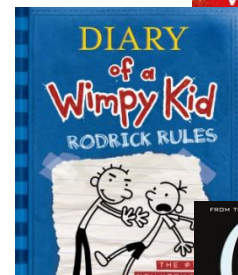
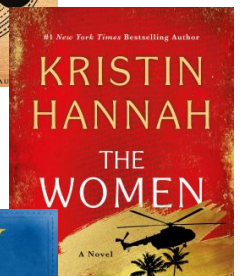
A Rover's Story
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Rodrick Rules

eBooks

The Women
It Ends with Us
Iron Flame
Fourth Wing
Funny Story
The Paradise Problem
All the Colors of the Dark
House of Earth and Blood

eAudiobooks

Funny Story
Fourth Wing
Hillbilly Elegy
The Teacher
Iron Flame
First Lie Wins
It Ends with Us



Youth**Services**

Youth Services continued to purchase materials for the youth collections and maintain the Exploration Library STEM kits. Planning for the Winter Reading Challenge has begun.



Storytime craft at Archie.

85
Storytimes

2,145
Storytime Attendees

Technology**Support**

1361
WiFi Sessions

1358
Computer Sessions

Technical**Services**

150
**Adult Print
Titles Ordered**

135
**Adult eMedia
Items Ordered**

954
**Items
Cataloged**

Community**Outreach**



Northern Resource Center and Outreach Services staff attend the Belton Fall Fest



The Garden City Branch Manager mans a table at the Garden City Fall Festival

The library attended several fall festivals throughout the county in September.

Technology**Facilities**



Technology

- Set-up programming laptops for Garden City
- Fixed Genealogy Printer
- Updated wifi protocols
- Interviewed candidates for IT Specialist position

Facilities

- Moved furniture at Archie
- Replaced leaking sink at Archie
- Fixed HVAC issue at Drexel
- Annex building garage door renovation began

Community**Spaces**

19

**Community Room
Reservations**

276

**Study Room
Reservations**

Community**Engagement**

Outreach Services Coordinator
Amy Burkholder and Business
Manager Lori Schneider attended
the Raymore Chamber Coffee



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Marketing Emails Sent

11,232

Marketing Emails Opened

4,539

Total Website Users

3375

Social Media Reach

13,921

Total Website Pageviews

124

Social Media Engagements

Community **Engagement**

Our library staff are the most friendly, efficient, and helpful staff of all the branches we frequent. Very grateful to have them.

Marie R. - Google Review

We love the library. Great events for our family. A good mix of offerings.

-Survey Response

I LOVE the public library and am so grateful for all you do and offer!!



-Survey Response

Staff**Activities**

ARCHIE

Glenna, Rachel, and Cherie attended Missouri Evergreen Refresh Training. Rachel resumed Wednesday storytimes at the Preschool. Cherie participated in Busy Bee Quilters, completed inventory, assisted at Harrisonville's staff meeting, and attended the MLA Conference.

BOOKMOBILE

Staff completed Vector training, with all but one attending the Circulation Refresh training. Amy and Kim attended the MLA Conference, participating in 14 sessions and gathering new ideas for future Bookmobile and Outreach programs.

HARRISONVILLE

Karen attended the branch manager meeting. Neisha attended a Kiwanis meeting, while Shannon and Karen joined the Community Public Relations meeting. Shannon, Neisha, and Karen all attended the MLA conference in Kansas City. Additionally, Karen participated in two Bright Futures meetings and watched a webinar on reducing social isolation in seniors.

PLEASANT HILL

Staff held a meeting on September 13th to review updates from the Managers Meeting and other in-house matters. Laura and Monica attended the MLA Conference, where they gathered useful ideas for the coming year and enjoyed meeting a baby dinosaur at the presenter showcase!

GARDEN CITY

Kathy has taken over Storytime planning and preparing for Sherwood visits, while also connecting with local Parents as Teachers and preschool teachers for ideas. Jana attended the MLA Conference as part of the planning committee and co-lead the Performer Showcase.

GENEALOGY

Julie has been busy learning Genealogy Branch processes and materials. Sam focused on independent training in adoption research, a frequent patron inquiry.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

Rhonda, Elizabeth and Kasey attended the 2024 Missouri Library Association convention. Elizabeth completed the YALSA webinar "Using Social Media to Reach Teens."

Looking**Ahead**

ARCHIE

- Tuesdays at 10 AM: Coffee & Conversation, ages 18+
- 2nd Tuesdays at 4 PM: Creation Station, ages 7-12
- October 29 at 4 PM: Mario Kart Adventures, all ages

DREXEL

- Saturday, October 5 at 11:00 AM: Book Club, ages 18+
- Wednesdays at 10:00 AM: Storytime, ages 0-5
- Monday, October 7 at 2:00 PM: Halloween Bottle Cap Necklace Making, ages 13-18

GENEALOGY

- Friday, October 18 at 4 PM: Java and Genealogy, all ages

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

- Tues, Weds, Fri at 9:30 AM: Toddler Storytime, ages 0-3
- October 12 at 2 PM: Adult Dungeons & Dragons, ages 18+
- October 14 at 6 PM: Page Turners, ages 8-12

BOOKMOBILE

- Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 PM: Teen Craft & Snack - Spirit Bracelets, ages 13-18
- Friday, October 19: Craft - Monster Rocks, ages 6-12

GARDEN CITY

- Mondays at 10:00 AM: Storytime, ages 0-6
- October 9 at 4:30 PM: Dicey Dungeons RPG -Beginner Role Playing Game, ages 10-15
- October 30 at 4:00 PM: Adult Book Group, ages 18+

HARRISONVILLE

- Tuesdays at 10:30 AM: Baby Bounce Storytime, ages 0-2
- Thursdays at 4:30 PM: Girls Who Code, grades 3-5
- October 19 at 3 PM: Junior Speed Puzzling Tournament, ages 6-12

PLEASANT HILL

- Tuesdays at 10 AM: Coffee and Conversation, ages 18+
- Wednesdays at 10 AM: Storytime, ages 0-6
- Monday, October 28 at 4 PM: Minecraft Club, ages 6-12

Check out the events page
for more!



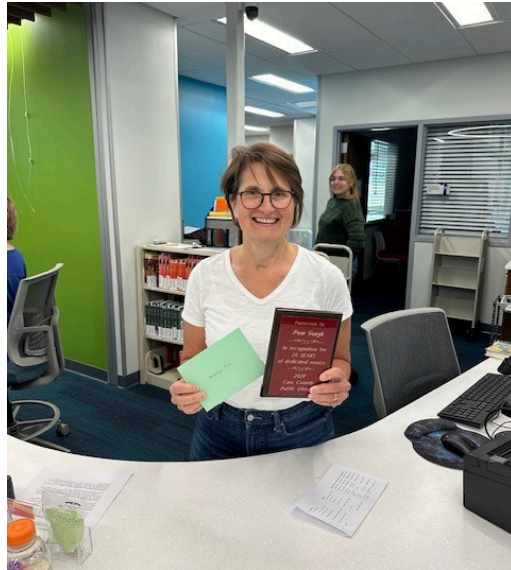
Our **Team**

Milestone Service Anniversaries

20 Years

Pam Gough

Pleasant Hill



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New Hires

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Position Change