



Around **CCPL**



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Harrisonville

Congratulations to one of our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten finishers!



Teen Craft Club

Archie

Teens painted woodland animals on pumpkins.



History of Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill

Professor Pete Shortridge shared stories and milestones from Pleasant Hill's past in a captivating community program.

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Lego Club
Northern Resource Center



Storytime
Drexel
The kids made a chocolate chip cookie craft.



Minecraft Club
Garden City
Minecraft Club was well attended, with 6 kids at both Beginner level and Pro!

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Caring Choices: Assisted Living Harrisonville

Adults learned more about available long-term care options.



Storytime Outreach Services



Creation Station Archie



Teen Game Zone Pleasant Hill

Teens played the Rat Game!



Watercolors by Marsha
Northern Resource Center
Adults learned the basics of watercolor painting.



Dinner's On Me
Harrisonville
This new teen cooking program is already a hit.



Adventures of Flat Ms. Laura
Pleasant Hill
Flat Miss Laura visited Mesa Verde National Park, where a park ranger joined her for a photo amid the ancient cliff dwellings.



Storytime
Archie
The kids are showing off their storytime crafts.

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Branch Renovation

Drexel

The branch reopened on Wednesday, September 24th after a two-week interior renovation.

11,832

Active Customers

49,356

Circulation

84.6

Net Promoter Score

Collection **Management**

181

**Adult Print
Titles Ordered**

123

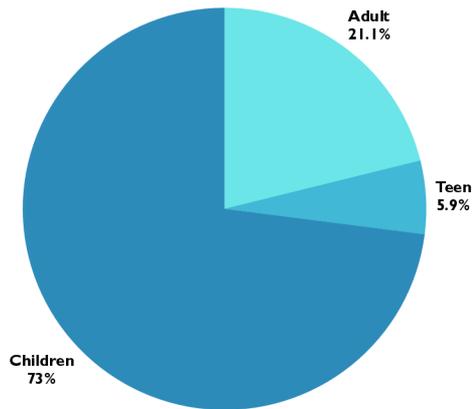
**Adult eMedia
Items Ordered**

695

**Items
Cataloged**

Customer Favorites

Program Highlights



In September, CCPL kicked off its fall programming with a wide variety of events for all ages. From educational workshops and book discussions to gaming, crafts, and storytimes, patrons across the system enjoyed opportunities to learn, create, and connect as the new season began.

Attendance by Age Group

202 Programs 3,019 In-Person Attendees

Top Checkouts

Print

Adult Fiction

The Hamptons Lawyer
Emma on Fire
The President's Shadow

Adult Nonfiction

Garfield Livin' the Sweet Life
Garfield Rounds Out
The Next Day

Young Adult Fiction

Sunrise on the Reaping
The Wild Journey of Juniper Berry
Betting on You

Juvenile Fiction

Lord of the Fleas
Dog Man and Cat Kid
Impossible Creatures

eBooks

The Let Them Theory
Broken Country
The Secret of Secrets
Project Hail Mary
The Thursday Murder Club
Atmosphere
Framed in Death
The Gingerbread Bakery

eAudiobooks

Do You Remember
The Locked Door
Atmosphere
Brain Damage
The Housemaid
My Friends
Great Big Beautiful Life



Youth**Services**



September activities included ordering new materials, refreshing STEAM kits, and coordinating upcoming programs such as Marvel & Math events with Marvel artist Jerry DeCaire, scheduled at multiple branches to combine art and STEM learning. Youth staff gathered for an end-of-summer celebration and debrief of the Summer Library Program, quarterly meetings were scheduled through 2026, and planning continued for Staff Development Day. Mentoring, program coordination, and training also supported youth services system-wide.

82

Storytimes

1,487

Storytime Attendees

Technology**Support**

September work included completing the IT overhaul at the Drexel Branch with new cabling, security cameras, IT rack, and projector surround speakers. Desktops were imaged for surplus, and improvements to print services across all branches are underway for October completion. System updates included refreshing the phone directory and firewall policies. Forty technology support tickets were resolved, addressing issues such as wireless printing, website links, email lists, and equipment maintenance.

1,047

WiFi Sessions

1,101

Computer Sessions

Community Outreach

Outreach and community engagement remained strong in September. Harrisonville staff handed out popsicles and ice cream during the homecoming parade, connecting with many familiar kids and teens, while Garden City staff continued weekly visits to Sherwood Elementary to share Building Block Award nominees with preschoolers. Outreach Services maintained regular lobby stops at Greenleaf Estates and Carnegie Village, and the Bookmobile joined the Belton Fall Fun Festival. The Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club met to discuss *Boneshaker* by Cherie Priest, with *This Is How You Lose the Time War* by Max Gladstone planned for next month. Pleasant Hill's monthly visit to the Health and Rehabilitation Center was postponed to early October.



Garden City staff reads a Building Block Award nominee to a Sherwood Elementary class.

Facilities Coordinator

The Drexel Branch renovation was the main focus, with staff completing major interior updates and reopening just one day past target. Improvements included new finishes, ADA-compliant restroom updates, carpet and flooring installation, and enhanced technology and security. Additional work included installing digital thermostats at Garden City, Archie, and Drexel, purchasing snow blowers for branch use, and coordinating vendor projects. Seventeen work orders were completed in September.



Community**Spaces**

32

**Community Room
Reservations**

272

**Study Room
Reservations**

Community**Engagement**

Pleasant Hill was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce. Garden City hosted a Head Start storytime and a community Medicare presentation. Harrisonville staff participated in Kiwanis and Bright Futures meetings, and the NRC hosted a Red Cross blood drive.

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Marketing Emails Sent

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Marketing Emails Opened

273

Social Media Reach

70

Social Media Engagements



6,959

Total Website Users

14,667

Total Website Pageviews

Community **Engagement**

“I can only speak for the Drexel branch - they have been very helpful, friendly, patient and welcoming. From getting a first library card, to checking out books, returning them and preparing story time. It has been a very enjoyable experience. Special mention of Ellen, Amber and Mrs. Powell - they are the BEST!”

-Survey Response

“Helpful, knowledgeable staff make the visit easy to locate items.”

-Survey Response

Great employees, [a lot] of variety, my son loves the Lego Club.



-Bruce F.

“The library offers [a lot] of books and other things that can help people either pass time or relax with a good book.”

-Survey Response

Staff **Activities**

ARCHIE

Staff attended Missouri Evergreen training, resumed preschool storytime visits, assisted with the Drexel remodel, and began mentoring a new team member.

DREXEL

Closed for renovations early in the month, the branch reopened to praise for its refreshed interior. Staff helped with the project and supported the Bookmobile during the closure.

GARDEN CITY

Amy settled into her new role, organized branch materials, and planned programs, while Julie prepared upcoming book groups.

GENEALOGY

Staff assisted patrons with detailed family history research, uncovering local records, resolving genealogy mysteries, and helping visitors from across the country trace their roots.

HARRISONVILLE

Staff participated in the Youth Staff Meeting on September 29 and the Manager Meeting on September 25.

OUTREACH

The new Outreach Manager has settled into the role and is getting acquainted with routes, community partners, and upcoming programs.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

Staff proctored one exam.

PLEASANT HILL

Staff held their monthly meeting on September 5 and shared updates from Missouri Evergreen refresher training.

Looking Ahead

ARCHIE

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, October 9, and an Adult Scrabble Club meets on Saturday, October 18.

DREXEL

Join us for Storytime on Wednesdays at 10:00 and Creative Club on Thursdays at 3:45. Don't miss Cook the Book on October 11, featuring a German food theme!

GARDEN CITY

Dungeons & Dragons returns the first Saturday of each month, alongside the Adult Book Club and spooky seasonal fun like "Spooky Houses," Japan Explorations, an Oreo Taste Test, and Trick-or-Treat Storytime.

GENEALOGY

At the end of October, Genealogy will be doing an outreach presentation at the Belton Historical Society about how to start working on genealogy.

HARRISONVILLE

October features two big events for kids and teens: a full Math & Marvel program with Jerry DeCaire on October 20 and spooky storytelling with Priscilla Howe and s'mores on October 27.

NORTHERN RESOURCE CENTER

Marvel artist Jerry DeCaire will visit the NRC on October 20 from 1:00–2:30 p.m. for Math & Marvel, a program exploring the math and science behind superhero art.

OUTREACH

Kids can enjoy seasonal crafts with 3D pumpkins and Spider Rocks, while the Bookmobile continues its regular stops at Foxwood Springs, Country Club Bank in Raymore, and Peculiar True Value Hardware.

PLEASANT HILL

October highlights include Medicare 101 (Oct. 14), Adventures Across the UK (Oct. 23), and the Lego Halloween Contest (Oct. 25–31).

Check out the events page for more!



Our Team

Retirements



Ellen Connor
Drexel



Darla Slocomb
Collection Management

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New Hires

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Position Changes



Leigh is helping during the Drexel renovation.