CCPL Monthly Review

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Chenille Ghosts

Garden City

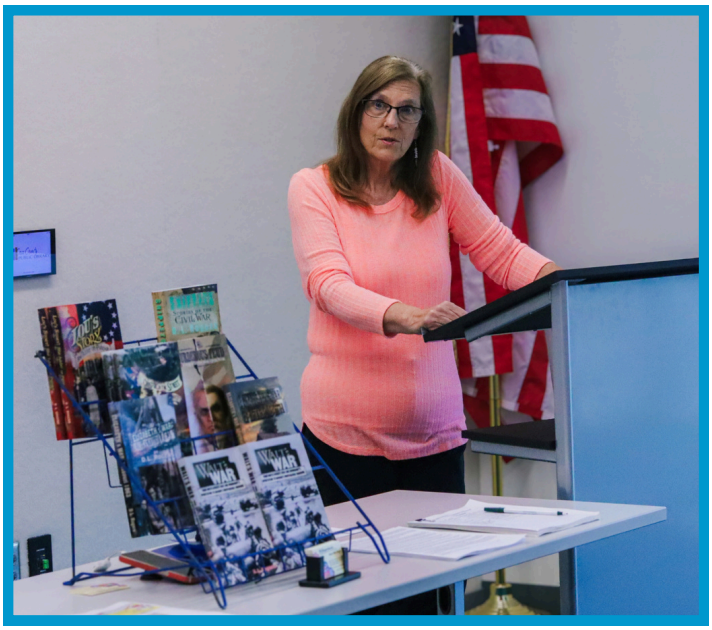
Patrons got into the Halloween spirit by making their very own spooky ghost decorations out of chenille.



Wiggles & Giggles

Archie

Archie's new active storytime for ages 0-3 was a huge hit with kids who have the wiggles.



D.L. Rogers

Pleasant Hill

Author D.L. Rogers visited Pleasant Hill for CCPL's Autumn Author Series to talk about her novels based on Cass County history.

AROUND CCPL



Fall Watercolors

Northern Resource Center

This month's Watercolors by Marcia class painted beautiful fall landscapes.



Rock Hounding 101

Drexel

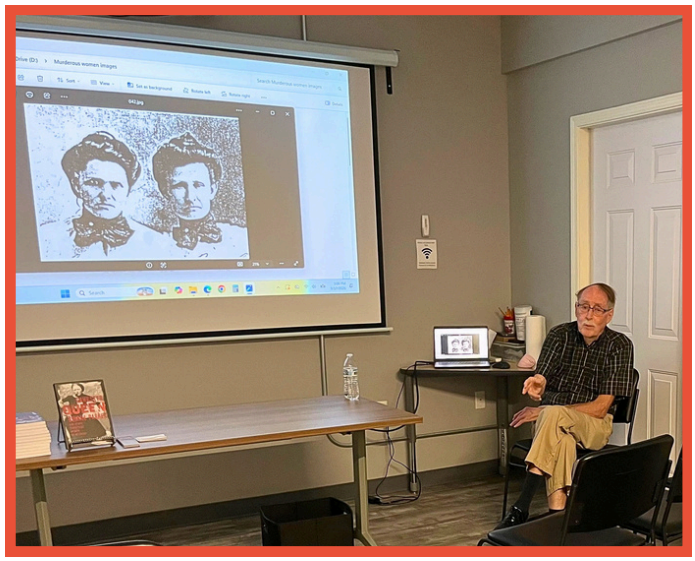
Patrons stopped by to check out rocks and learn about how they were formed in their environments before being harvested.



Bingo for Books

Pleasant Hill

Patrons had the opportunity to take home a prize book of their choice after participating in a friendly game of Bingo.



Larry Wood

Archie

Author Larry Wood visited Archie for CCPL's Autumn Author Series to talk about his book, *Gangster Queen Bonnie Parker and Other Murderous Women of Missouri.*

AROUND CCPL



Manga Club

Archie

Anime fans gathered to discuss their favorite manga, and learn about Japanese culture through various crafts, snacks, and games.



Draw Along

Outreach Services

Youth Services hosted a virtual draw along program at each of the branches with illustrator and author Jared Chapman.



Solar Oven S'mores

Pleasant Hill

During Library 101, homeschoolers made solar ovens and learned about how the sun's reflection could heat aluminum foil to cook s'mores.



Teen Financial Literacy

Garden City

RG Federal Credit Union came to present the first of their teen financial literacy series, Make the Most of Your First Paycheck.



Ultimate Game Zone

Harrisonville

Teens stopped by to play Nintendo Switch/VR videogames and enjoy snacks with their friends after school.

12,214
Active Customers

48,364
Circulation

84.6
Net Promoter Score

02 COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

182
Adult Print Titles Ordered

103
Adult eMedia Items Ordered

1,000
Items Cataloged

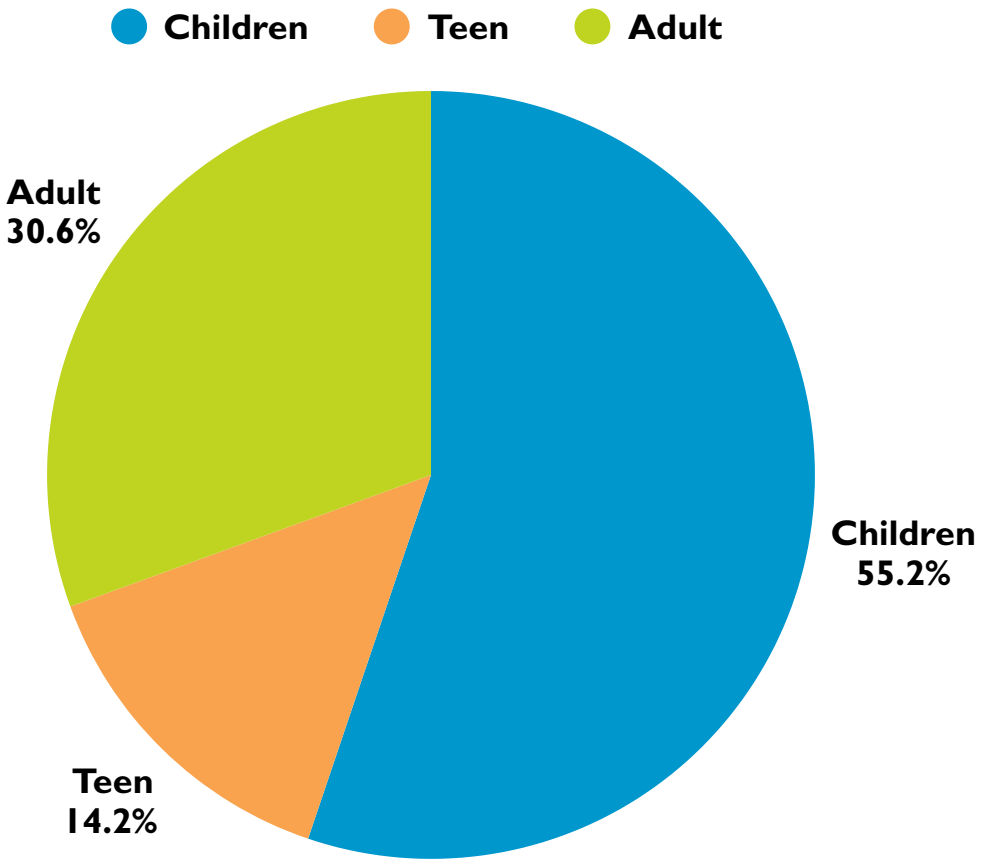
Program Highlights

September programming helped to introduce the fall season and highlight local authors. This month kicked off CCPL's first ever Autumn Author Series with visits from Larry Wood and D.L. Rogers, and featured a virtual draw along event with children's book illustrator, Jared Chapman. Several branches were also excited to begin their fall themed programming, with various Halloween crafts, art, and storytimes at the forefront.

213
Programs

2,626
In-Person Attendees

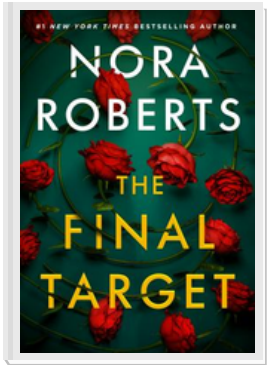
Attendance by Age Group

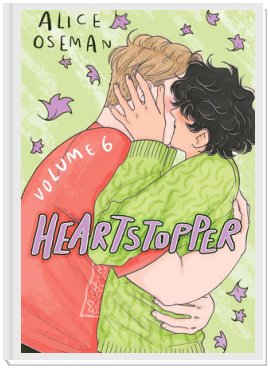


CUSTOMER FAVORITES

Top Checkouts

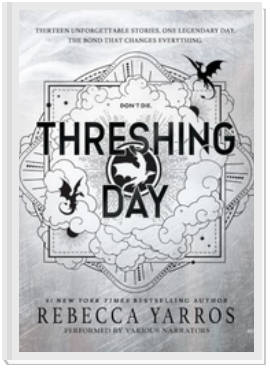
	Adult Fiction	YA Fiction	Juvenile Fiction	eBooks	eAudio Books
1	*The Final Target*	*Heartstopper: Volume 6*	*The Hive Queen*	*Yesteryear*	*Threshing Day*
2	*Whistler*	*We'll Always Have Summer*	*The Poison Jungle*	*Theo of Golden*	*Yesteryear*
3	*Brain Damage*	*Six of Crows*	*Afternoon on the Amazon*	*Mad Mabel*	*Mad Mabel*



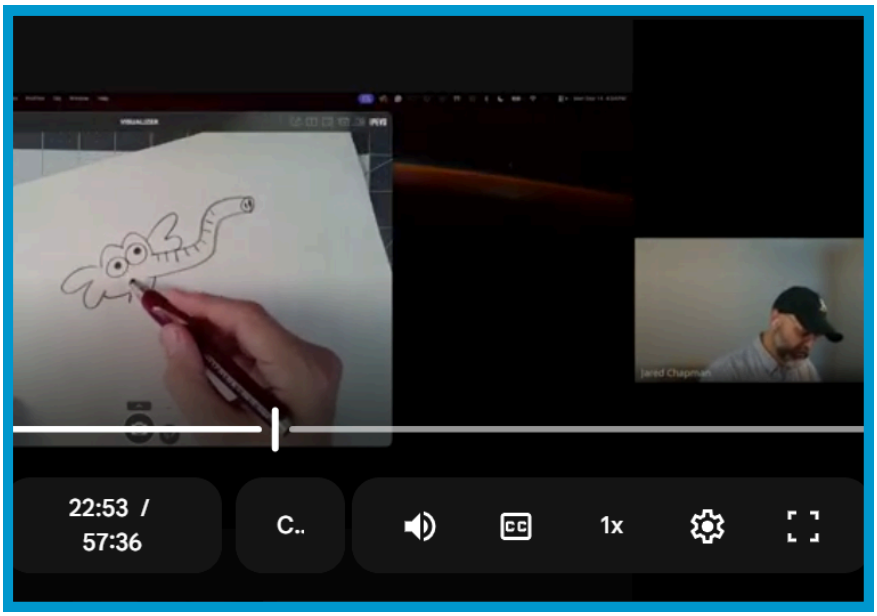








04 YOUTH SERVICES



Youth Services focused on solidifying fall and winter programs and clearing out old youth items to prepare for the move to the new Harrisonville building. Staff also coordinated and facilitated a virtual draw along event with illustrator Jared Chapman. The Youth Services Coordinator provided art supplies and helped set up the video call at each of the branches.

62
Storytimes

1,107
Storytime Attendees

05 TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

IT completed 26 tickets this month. Key projects included updating the CCPL website, ordering new equipment for future staffing, printer troubleshooting, fixing self checkout internet connection problems, and fixing Deep Freeze issues on patron PCs.

2,483
WiFi Sessions

1,070
Computer Sessions

06 COMMUNITY OUTREACH



With the community getting into the fall spirit, staff attended several themed festivals and parades to share about the library, including Belton's Historical Railroad event and Garden City's Fall Festival. Staff also continued to visit local schools and daycares for weekly storytimes, and stopped by Pleasant Hill's Aspire senior living facility for a special storytime and craft.

07 FACILITIES SERVICES



The facilities team completed 32 work orders this month. Key projects included courier and maintenance van repairs, grass fertilization at Pleasant Hill, exterior lighting installations at Archie, and water fountain filter replacements at all of the branches. Additionally, Facilities collaborated with the Youth Services Coordinator to assemble the newly purchased Charlie Cart for future cooking programs.

08 COMMUNITY SPACES

24
Community Room Reservations

107
Study Room Reservations

09 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CCPL engaged with the community through events such as Pleasant Hill and Archie's Autumn Author Series visits, Garden City's financial literacy series with RG Federal Credit Union, NRC's Watercolors by Marcia, and Archie's fall themed quilt of the month on loan from local, Elisabeth Tyler.



14
Marketing Emails Sent

2,303
Social Media Reach

6,785
Total Website Users

134,351
Marketing Emails Opened

210
Social Media Engagements

17,148
Total Website Pageviews

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

> A highlight of my children's childhood experiences was attending the weekly story time sessions at the Harrisonville library.
> **– Survey Response**

> Clean, easy to find titles. Staff is friendly and ready to help find any items you can't find on your own.
> **– Google Review (Aracelis W.)**

> Excellent location. Plenty of resources.
> **– Google Review (John H.)**

> The staff goes above and beyond to helping us get what we need and are on the lookout for books my children would be interested in.
> **– Survey Response**

10 STAFF ACTIVITIES

Archie
Staff returned to Archie Preschool for storytime Wednesday mornings and afternoons.

Drexel
Staff held storytimes for preschool classes at Drexel Elementary, and decorated the library with school colors for the high school's Homecoming parade.

Garden City
Staff had a booth at the Garden City Fall Festival and gave away tons of CCPL goodies and donated children's books.

Harrisonville
Staff participated in a virtual walkthrough of the new Harrisonville building and held a Q&A with managers.

Northern Resource Center
Staff attended the RayPec Ninth Grade Center's Meet the Teacher Night and spoke with students and their parents about the library.

Outreach Services
Staff met to discuss the upcoming changes to the Strategic Plan and washed the Bookmobile in preparation for the fall parade season.

Pleasant Hill
Staff offered a storytime and craft for residents at Aspire Senior Living Pleasant Hill.

Check out the events page!

LOOKING AHEAD

Archie
10/15: Manga Club
10/28: Blood Drive
10/29: Movie Night
11/18: Christmas Candles

Drexel
10/19: Pumpkin Painting
11/2: Teen Game Afternoon
11/2: Stained Glass Craft
11/14: Craft Supply Swap

Garden City
10/20: Money Matters: Teen Financial Literacy
10/28: Sourdough!
11/4: Exploring Indian Folklore, History, & Literature

Harrisonville
10/19: 80's Music Trivia
10/26: LEGO at the Library
10/28: Genres Book Club
11/2: Bingo For Books
11/4: Red Cross Blood Drive

Northern Resource Center
10/20: Caring Choices- Info for Life's Later Stages
10/22: 3D Printing Open Design Class
10/27: Harry Potter Escape Room
11/3: Medicare Enrollment

Outreach Services
11/17: Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club
11/20: Open Minds Book Club
11/21: Teen Meet-Up!

Pleasant Hill
10/19: Bingo for Books
10/24: The Great Pumpkin Cup LEGO Contest
11/5: Investing with Ashley Struzick
11/12: Not Your Typical Book Club

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Staff handing out donated children's books and CCPL goodies at the Garden City Fall Festival.



Outreach staff making the Bookmobile look pretty for the upcoming parade season.



Drexel's decorations for the high school's annual Homecoming parade!



Archie staff introducing their new Wiggles and Giggles program.