



Library Services March 2017

Mission Statement:

The Burlington Public Library creates opportunities for people of all ages to connect with others, to learn about the world around them, and to imagine the futures before them.

Youth Services



Donna's weekly story time sessions are shortly after school and include a snack. One of her attendees mentioned how much she loves story time snacks.

Allison organized the library's first Stuffed Animal Sleepover. On Friday, children brought a stuffed animal to an afternoon story time. The animals got to stay at the library overnight and have lots of adventures. Allison and her helpers recorded the antics and created a memory sheet for each child to see what their animal was up to overnight. On Saturday, children picked up their animal friends and also were able to participate in Reading Buddies. It made for a good double feature. Over 75 people, not counting the stuffed animal friends, participated!



The new tree fort was completed and has been a popular new addition to the youth area. Children of all ages have used it to play or curl up with a book.

Allison and Amy participated in Read Across America Day to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at Black Hawk and Sunnyside Schools celebrations. They had a blast reading with the kids.



Amy continues to visit 2nd grade classrooms for the Proud to Read Aloud outreach program.



Tween & Teens

Becky made her monthly visits to middle school classes to talk books and to the PIECES afterschool program where she and the students built leprechaun traps.

Amy attended the SCC Career Fair to talk about personal development in relation to library professions and also presented at the BHS Health Fair to help students discover health resources and how to find them.



In March, tweens met Miss Burlington Paige Siegworth who educated them about sun safety. Tweens also participated in a program where they created bird houses just in time for spring.

The teen job fair was a success with 32 people attending this event linking local businesses with teens. Teens also checked out the new tree fort as part of the monthly TICOS meeting.



Adult Education

George Stout of Winterset Iowa was portrayed by George Clooney in the movie, “Monuments Men.” Nancy Trask, former Winterset library director presented to 73 people at the Specifically for Seniors program on March 3 about Stout’s life and how he became involved in saving thousands of art pieces during World War II.



For Aldo Leopold Week, the library partnered with the Aldo Leopold Heritage Group to host Dr. Susan Flader for her presentation “Aldo Leopold: The Legacy of an Iowa Citizen.” There was also a display of Leopold’s works and books about him and his work.



The 15th annual genealogy workshop kicked off with two free presentations by Russ Fry on March 31. The local history and genealogy room was a busy place with out of town and local researchers. That evening, this year’s featured speaker gave a presentation on how to research when you start off with just a death notice.

Technology

Lois has filed the necessary forms to seek eRate funding for phone and Internet services. The new public access computer system, Groovix, seems to be a hit. Staff and customers alike have noticed the banks of computers seem to be full more often. The new system has been reliable and easy to use.

Facility

Rhonda met with a representative conducting an energy audit through Alliant. Businesses are eligible every three years for an audit and the library just reached three years since its last audit. This audit will result in a report of options that weren’t available last time or are more affordable now. Looking for savings is a priority so we like to make use of the audit opportunity whenever possible. The last audit resulted in some changes and we look forward to seeing what we can do as a result of this one.

Other Activities and News



The Friends of the Library had a Special Sale focused on Magazines, Maps and Cookbooks. The sale raised over \$1,100.

Sam attended the PRIDE team meeting.

Rhonda attended the city council work sessions and meeting as well as the city leadership team and department staff meetings.

Rhonda attended the Friends of the Library meeting. The Friends contributed over \$4000 for staff training, online resources, adult and youth classes and events, and the library newsletter.

Rhonda met with the C3 Grant Coordinator at Great River Medical Center. That group helped update the Des Moines County Community Resources on the library's website. This directory of resources originated as a print resource that the library and Des Moines County Public Health updated and put online a few years ago. We are working on a process to keep this useful guide updated regularly.

Shelver Jim Ford worked with a Hope Haven client doing a job training for two days.

Rhonda served on one of the United Way allocations panels.

Staff trained on the new microfilm reader printers. Stephanie created a nice step-by-step guide.

The technical services team continues to meet monthly to review processes and support continuous improvement in collection management from selection to shelf.

Rhonda met with the Community Volunteer Alliance to finalize details for the April 11 Mayors Volunteer Awards Dinner.

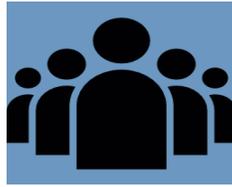
The IDOT Kiosk drew a lot of attention when we posted a reminder of this service on Facebook in March.



March 2017 By the Numbers

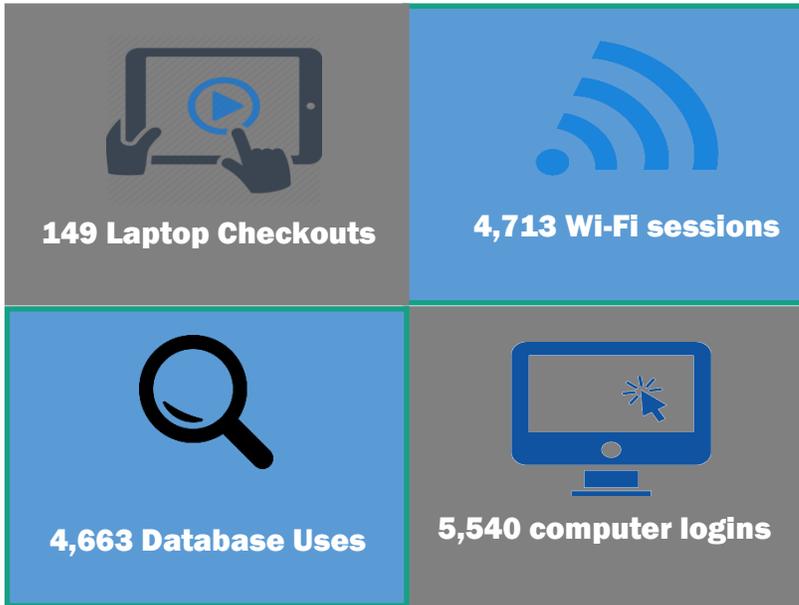
Visitors

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591

Meeting Room
Reservations



Classes and Events

Adults 14

Youth 81

Participants

Adults 515

Youth 2,562



Nonprint Items Borrowed

Adults 12,657

Youth 1,575



156

New Borrower
Accounts Opened

Books & Magazines

Borrowed

Adults 9,391

Teens 762

Tweens 291

Children 6,579



Downloads

Books 2889

Music 772

Audio 597

Magazines 209

