

May 2018 Library Services Report

Youth and Family Services



Art Center graciously offered their space for a **summer reading promotional display** in May.

The **Tween Gardening class** gave participants the opportunity to plant flowers in pots to add some color and beauty to the entrance of the library and create some small pots of flowers to keep and enjoy.

Tween Foil Sculptures was a fun create class in which tweens made a variety of sculptures. They took home their masterpieces.

Thanks to funding from the Foundation, Kelsey Bush will be our **summer intern** and assist with summer reading and other special projects. Besides about 20 experienced volunteers from last year, another 20 teens participated in **summer volunteer trainings** in May. It will be a fun, busy summer and the teen volunteers help make everything run smoothly by assisting with events, putting away books, and doing a hundred different behind the scenes jobs.

The **TICOS teens** were at the Farmers Market on May 31 to help people rock paint and to promote library events and resources.

Becky, Amy, Allison, and The Rock went to area elementary schools to promote the summer reading program throughout April and May. They "rocked" packed gyms full of children who are eager to start this year's **"Libraries Rock!" Summer Reading Program**. Children were given brief descriptions of programs and events, examples of prizes they could earn, and helped keep the rhythm for the finale song: "I love summer reading, so put another book in my tote bag, baby! I love summer reading, so come on take me down to the library!"

Becky gave a **tour to BHS students** promoting reading materials and resources in the library. She also visited the BHS cafeteria during lunch to specifically promote Tutor.com.

Fourth graders from Black Hawk toured the library with Amy and Allison as a reward for students who earned the opportunity for a behind the scenes tour of the library. The book return room is always a hit.

Amy attended multiple **BCSD Afterschool Family Nights** to sign up youth for Grayhound library cards and provide information about library resources and summer reading.



Adult Education

The **First Friday program** in May featured Steve Frevert who talked to a crowd of 100 people about the architecture of homes in Burlington. Many participants were acquainted with the homes and the people who lived in some of the homes that he featured.



Twelve readers attended the **Beyond the Book Club** which featured *Sleeping on Jupiter* by Anuradha Roy. This title offered insight on a community outside of our typical experience and assisted the discussion on love, religion and violence in the modern world. The group will celebrate its one year anniversary when they gather in June.

Professional Development

Amy took a **Youth Mental Health First Aid** course to learn more about general health information to better serve community members with mental health issues.

Lois is taking a 5-week online **class on collection assessment** through the American Library Association. She has found so far that the discussion is mainly geared toward academic libraries. There are a couple other participants in the class from public libraries. She plans on focusing her final assessment project on the technology, crafts, and cookbook sections of the collection.

Officer Carper from the **Burlington Police Department** gave a **short course** in working with people who are in a heightened emotional state such as anger, sadness, or anxiety in order to deescalate a situation. He gave several helpful tips for staff who are working at the service desks that will help us as we serve all members of our community.

Technology

Lois is investigating Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) **phone services** since our system is now 12 years old. The city recently got a new phone system and moved to this technology. She is in the early stages of research with no immediate timeline for making a change.

Outreach & Community Building



Lois spoke about Internet Security and Identity Theft to a group of 18 people that meet for breakfast at **Sunnybrook Assisted Living**. She also shared brochures and information about Identity Theft, Scams and Internet Security with people at **Tech Tuesday at Hy-Vee on Agency** along with handing out the library newsletter and event flyers.



With a new banner, the library staff began to market outreach opportunities as **Pop-Up! Library** events. In May, the banner helped to identify staff available to offer technology assistance at HY-VEE as well as staff eager to engage during the weekly Jefferson St. Farmers Market. Staff informed parents about the Summer Reading Program while children created a small craft.

Other Activities and News

Rhonda participated in the department meetings and attended the council meetings and work sessions.

Rhonda attended the PRIDE, CARE, and Leadership interdepartmental meetings.



Rhonda attended the monthly Friends of the Library board meeting. The board approved a donation of over \$3,500 for newsletters, class supplies, landscape maintenance, summer reading expenses, and movie licenses. The Friends held their Spring Book Sale in May raising nearly \$2,500.

Keep Burlington Beautiful and the Friends of the Library partnered to develop a butterfly garden in the grassy area by the book return. The area was prepped and given a border last fall. On May 4, Kent Rector of Des Moines County Conservation led a group of girl scouts and adult volunteers in planting the new garden. It will take a few years for these native plants to mature.



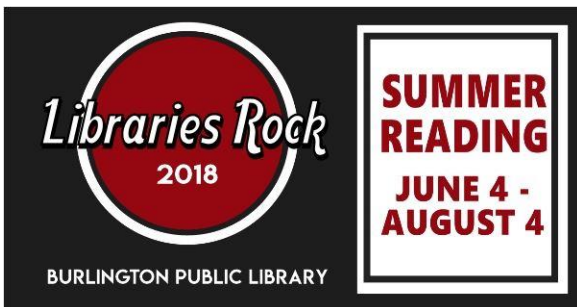
On May 15, Rhonda attended the Southeast Iowa Directors Roundtable hosted by the State Library in Ottumwa. In addition to news from the State Library and a presentation and discussion on human resources issues by the state consultant, the directors also use this time for a free ranging discussion on issues they are facing at their local libraries and as a chance to share ideas and successes.

Rhonda was the guest speaker at the RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Reception in May. It was an honor to be included in recognizing this great group of volunteers. A library employee and some library volunteers are RSVP members.

The carpets in the public area were professionally cleaned over the course of three Sundays. We typically have this done annually with a second cleaning in the main meeting rooms if needed.

The LED conversion project is slated to begin on June 18.

Looking Ahead



- June 22: Rock Party hosted by Des Moines County Rocks
- June 25: How It's Made Series opener: Sterzing's
- June 26: The Hanson Family on unicycles
- July 5: Dave the Geode Guy
- July 6: First Friday on Aldo Leopold
- July 12-13: Camp NaNoWriMo
- July 20: Name That Tune Trivia sponsored by the Friends

More information is on the library website or Facebook or by asking a staff member.

May 2018 By the Numbers

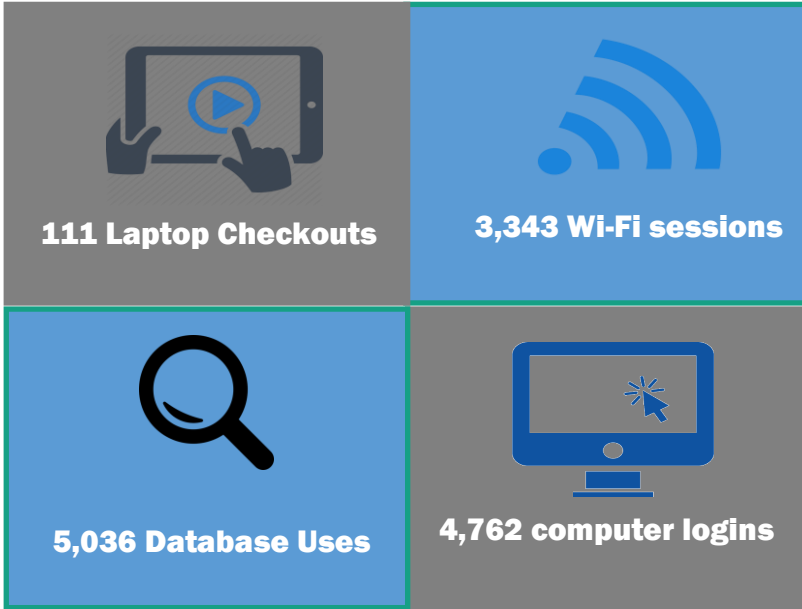
Visitors

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345

Meeting Room
Reservations



Classes and Events

Adults 8

Youth 76



Participants

Adults 186

Youth 2626

Nonprint Items

Borrowed

Adults 9,796

Youth 1,333



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New Borrower
Accounts Opened

Books & Magazines

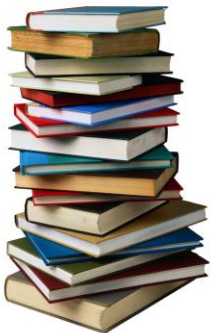
Borrowed

Adults 7,673

Teens 581

Tweens 313

Children 5,046



Downloads

Books 1,023

Music 534

Audio 749

Magazines 80

