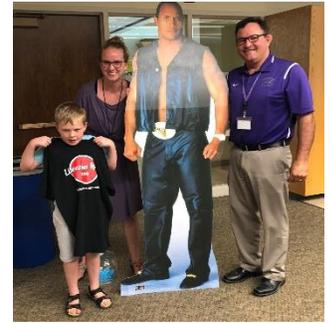


# August 2018 Library Services Report

## Summer Reading Program

The 2018 Summer Reading Program wrapped up with a party on August 6. Over 100 children and families attended our **End of Summer Reading Dance Party**, a great way to finish out a rocking summer! We listened to music, danced with glow sticks and bubbles, enjoyed sub sandwiches and chips, and had a visit from Superintendent Pat Coen.



Over 1400 young people (babies through teens) registered to read as part of the reading incentive program. The youth section hosted 89 classes during the summer reading program. Adults increased participation by 38% from last year. While there were fewer adult classes this summer than last, they were more impactful with increased attendance.



The summer bookmobile had 334 visitors. This service is offered thanks to a partnership with the school district for use of a vehicle and the Public Works Department which housed the vehicle for two months. This year we also coordinated with the City Summer Camp to bring the bookmobile to Perkins Park each week.

## Youth and Family Services

The second **Rock Party** of the summer brought children young and old. Over 100 rocks were painted, sealed, and hid around the community.



On Thursday, August 2, TICOS members met at Dankwardt Park for the **TICOS Picnic** and a time to recruit new members. We served walking tacos and played some games like a photo scavenger hunt.

To thank our summer volunteers for all of the hard work this summer, we hosted a **Volunteer Swim Party** with pizza. Though the numbers were few. It was a good chance to really connect with the teens to let them know how appreciative we are for all they do while also reminding them that they can volunteer through the school year.

As families started to prepare for the start of a new school year in August many back to school, first day jitters, and grade-specific books were checked out from our **Back-To-School Book Display**.



Library staff attended **BCSD Open Houses** to handout out papers about library resources, sign up youth for Grayhound library cards, and answer questions about the library. Amy visited Aldo grades 6-8, Becky was at Ed Stone grades 6-8 and BHS, Donna went to Grimes, and Melissa visited North Hill and Sunnyside.

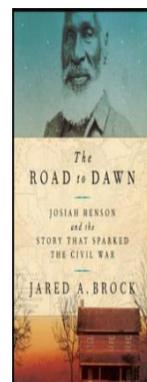
Allison, Amy, and Becky attended the **Teachers Appreciation Reception** held by the Greater Burlington Partnership at PZAZZ. The theme was "Kick off to Success." We provided a booth with information about library resources and a chance to win gift bags for elementary, middle, and high school teachers. Approximately 150 educators attend each year.

## Adult Education

The library's third annual **Clothing Swap** produced the highest number of donations to date. Parents were able to find clothes for their back to school needs. Several participants cleaned out items from their closets and trading items for new pieces for their wardrobes. A young girl found a pair of boots she loved but another patron had already claimed them. The patron noticed the girl and gave them to her. The girl was very happy to have a new pair for school. Two women honored their late father through the donation of several formal shirts which provided some participants with interview shirts and helped a few other men in the community to spruce up their work attire. In all, 143 items found new homes and 487 items were donated to a local charity. Two members of the Friends of the Library volunteered for the event and gave staff insight into strengthening the layout, marketing, and facilitation of the event. Stephanie, the coordinator for this event, would like to thank them for their help. She also was thankful for a teen volunteer who helped to keep the event running smoothly.



The library held a **Documentary Showing of *Josiah*** narrated by actor and activist Danny Glover which traces Josiah Henson's harrowing journey from slavery in Maryland and Kentucky to freedom in Canada. Twenty-eight participants discussed the power of books, the detriment of censorship, and the impacts of slavery throughout North American history after the showing. Josiah Henson was an author, abolitionist, and minister. Born into slavery, he escaped to Upper Canada in 1830 and founded a settlement and school for other fugitive slaves. His autobiography *The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada, as Narrated by Himself* is believed to have inspired the title character of Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.



The **Beyond the Book Club** seeks to learn about situations, perspectives, and cultures outside of what we immediately observe in southeast Iowa. For August, they read *Aetherial Worlds* by Tatyana Tolstaya, a collection of short stories, some derived from Tolstaya's personal experiences. A new member was inspired by the culinary references and the tastes and aromas in the stories. He baked fresh Russian black bread and pirozhki for the book discussion. Each member was delighted to break bread, review each story, and share about additional Russian resources available through the library.



Peter Grady portrayed General and President Ulysses S. Grant at the **August First Friday** event with eighty-five people in attendance. Grady was excellent in his historical presentation of Grant's personality and demonstration of Grant's impact on the country.

## Professional Development

SLJ Teen Live is an all-day virtual conference with keynote speakers, breakout sessions and an "exhibit hall" with tons of vendors and freebies. Becky, Melissa, Amy and Sam participated without ever having to leave the library. They enjoyed hearing from authors and getting some behind the scenes insights. They came away with great ideas to implement.

## Outreach & Community Building

The library continued to have a presence at the weekly Farmers Market on Jefferson to talk to people about the library and answer questions.

## Other Activities and News

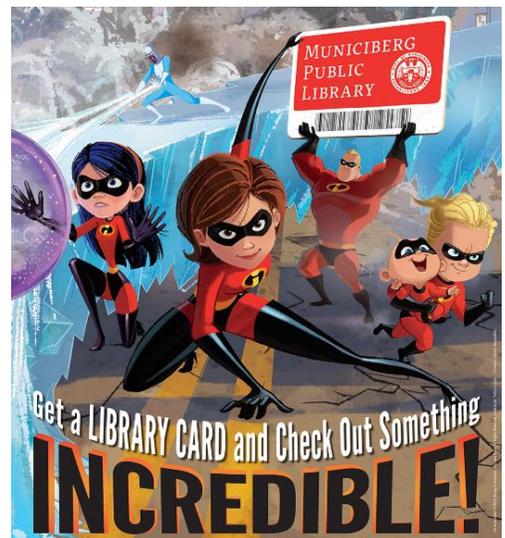
Rhonda participated in city department meetings and the PRIDE, CARE, and Leadership interdepartmental meetings. She attended the council meetings and work sessions.

The Friends of the Library board met and approved a donation of over \$8,000 for another school year of preschool outreach, home delivery bags for expanding to a new fourth monthly route, newsletters, landscape maintenance, presenter fees, and program supplies.

The LED conversion project edged forward in August with all of the can lights being replaced. They are now waiting on the wallpacks to be able to finish off the project.

## Looking Ahead

- **Month of September**  
Library Card Sign-Up Month
- **September 22**  
Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale
- **October 5**  
First Friday: Joey Leone on the History of Blues Music
- **October 8**  
Lasting Legacy of Social Reactions in America's Heartland, 1914-1934" series begins with "Kickin' the Kaiser"
- **October 12**  
Family Night Unplugged: Spooky Stories with Mike Anderson
- **October 15**  
Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher
- **October 26**  
The Art of Conservation: A Visit with Ding Darling
- **October 26**  
Sensory-Friendly Halloween



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# Fall Booksale

Want to support the Burlington Public Library every day?  
Join Friends today for \$10

**Members**  
Friday  
September 21  
9am-5pm

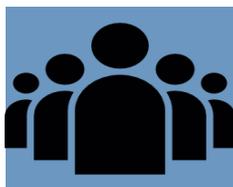
**Public**  
Saturday  
9am-5pm

**Clearance**  
Monday  
September 24  
9am-2pm

# August 2018 By the Numbers

## Visitors

0 1 8 7 0 1



432

## Meeting Room Reservations

## Classes and Events

Adults 11

Youth 21



## Participants

Adults 304

Youth 1341



143 Laptop Checkouts



1,551 Wi-Fi sessions



3,959 Database Uses



5,571 computer logins

## Nonprint Items

### Borrowed

Adults 11,064

Youth 1,605



123

## New Borrower Accounts Opened

## Books & Magazines

### Borrowed

Adults 9,385

Teens 889

Tweens 407

Children 6,035



## Downloads

Books 1,370

Music 1,142

Audio 716

Magazines 109