

LIBRARY SERVICES

MAY 2024

BURLINGTON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Genealogy Workshop

Of all the services we offer the public, local history and genealogy research draws a wide-ranging crowd and fills a niche need. Spearheaded by our own Nancy Halls, this year's Genealogy Workshop included many local experts as well as connected people with the state-wide Fortepan project.

This year we incorporated the already popular That's Yesterday's News program with local history expert, Terry Abriz. The Friends of the library not only helped to fund the weekend's events but also hosted a special genealogy and local history sale throughout the weekend.

With additional funding from the library Foundation we were able to offer the entire weekend, including meals, free of cost to participants. Many thanks to those two groups for their continued support of the library, and of our community.

We added a new element this year for children to participate in their own genealogy adventure, and will look forward to offering more resources for people of all ages.

We received great feedback for ways to improve this event for the future, and some nice feedback regarding what people liked most about the weekend.

Genealogy Workshop comments:

"Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. I have gotten so much info from this weekend."

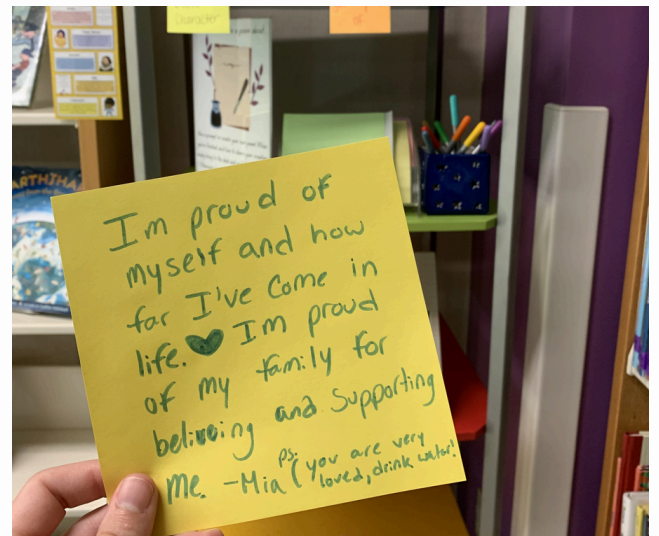
"I enjoyed all the workshops I attended. I learned much more than when I have attended those workshops with high-priced presenters! These local presenters were really good! I liked Paul French's workshops, I liked that you had drop-in labs and people to help. Of course, free lunch was good! This weekend had something for every level of genealogists."

"This is an excellent opportunity for all. Keep up the great work."

Poetry in the Stacks

Nestled in the back corner of the children's area, behind the tall stacks of non-fiction, is our poetry corner. This is where the proverbial sidewalk ends, and is not only a space for uncovering new poetry, but for making your own as well.

With a simple prompt and basic writing supplies, the poetry corner invites young learners to give poetry a try in a safe and secluded space. Several young poets have left gems behind to inspire their peers, and to remind them to stay hydrated.



Cicadas in the Park



The new story walk book was launched this month, and is delighting in the wonderful world of cicadas!!

Staff Recognition

BPL's Stephanie Jones completed her Master's Degree in Library Science this month from the University of Kentucky.



The Burlington Public Library now has a total of 6 staff members with master's degrees in library and/or information science. Every staff member completes ongoing professional development courses throughout the year, as well as monthly education training for the Board of Trustees, making the collective library team a good example of life-long learning. Congrats to Stephanie on this milestone achievement.

May by the Numbers

Total Checkouts: 22,401 (23,212)

Number of Programs: 58 (90)

Program Participants: 1,172 (1,580)

New Borrower Accounts: 84 (89)

Use of online databases: 7,731 (6,151)

WiFi & Computer Use: 4,135 (4,033)

Items borrowed & loaned through Inter Library Loan: 165 (161)

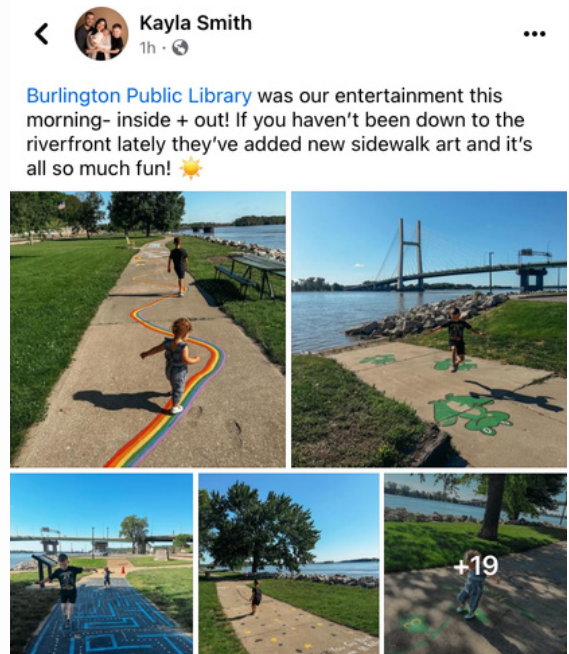
Meeting Room Reservations: 332 (389)

Door Count: 10,065 (9,841)

May '24 / April '24

More News and Projects

The riverfront sidewalk has gotten a fresh coat of paint as well as several new and exciting elements added to it!



Partnerships

This month we partnered with the following for programs, outreach, research and community-building:

- West Burlington
- Middletown
- Des Moines County
- Greater Burlington Partnership
- Burlington Community School District
- PiECES
- Bridges Out of Poverty
- Oakview
- Local Historian, Terry Abrisz
- Kulture City
- Addington Place
- Bickford
- Iowa State Extension Office
- Iowa STEM Council
- State Library of Iowa
- Des Moines County Master Gardeners
- Special Needs Foundation
- Iowa State University
- Network Nirvana
- Black Iowa News
- Public Library Association
- The Capitol Theater
- NASA
- English Heritage
- Art Center of Burlington



May by the Numbers: E-Lending

OverDrive/Libby & Hoopla

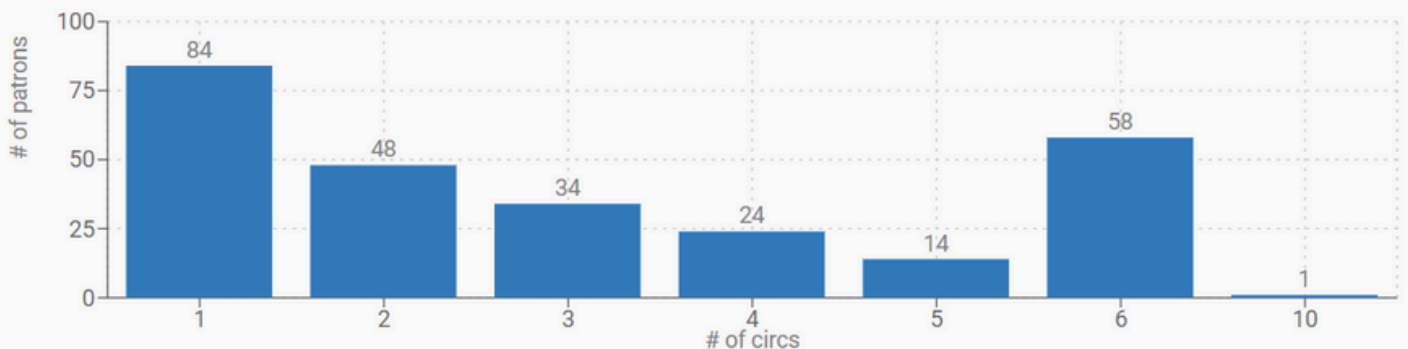
	Total Circulation	Amount Spent	Unique Patrons	New Patrons	Average Circ/Patron
Hoopla	806	\$1,195.55	263	28	3.1
Libby	3,007	\$519.78	620	33	4.85

Hoopla: YTD 2024

DATE	AUDIOBOOKS COUNT	BINGEPASSES COUNT	COMICS COUNT	EBOOKS COUNT	MOVIES COUNT	MUSIC COUNT	TELEVISION COUNT	TOTAL
Jan 2024	486	6	11	202	57	12	22	796
Feb 2024	472	5	10	194	34	23	7	745
Mar 2024	571	9	14	213	34	17	9	867
Apr 2024	506	5	23	190	53	25	24	826
May 2024	530	11	10	193	32	14	16	806
Jun 2024	185	4	23	79	19	3	1	314
Totals	2750	40	91	1071	229	94	79	4354

Patrons and Borrows

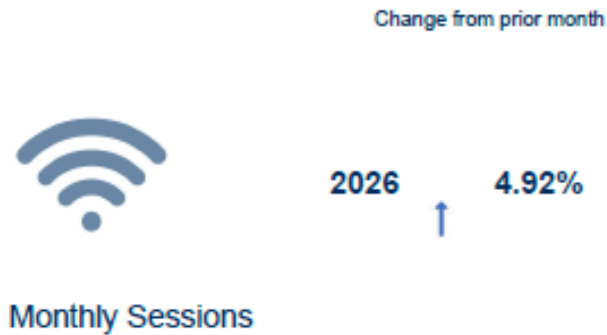
There were **806** total circs in May 2024 borrowed by **263** patrons. The average number of circs was **3.06** circs per patron.



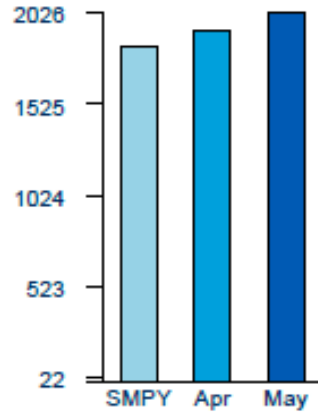
May by the Numbers: WiFi

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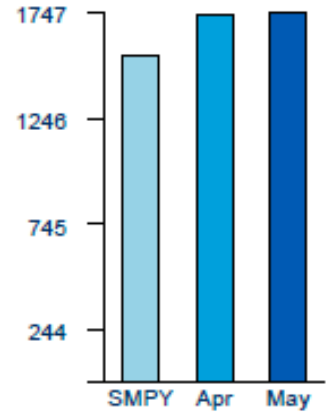
In May, 697 unique patrons used your library WiFi. On average, these patrons visited to use the WiFi on just under 3 individual days.



Total Monthly Session Count

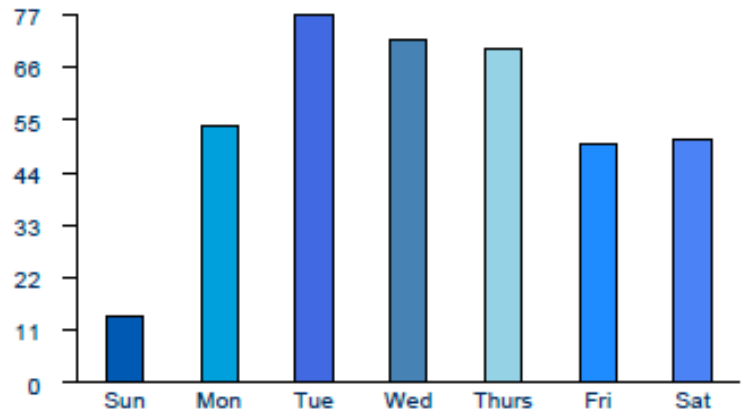


Total Monthly Visits



*SMPY: Same Month Prior Year

Average Daily Visits



Average Peak Hourly

