

# REDDICK LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APRIL 2026

	2026	2025	2024
<b>Attendance (Main Entrance):</b>	6,170	5,940	5,722
<b>New Library Cards:</b>	86+2 linked patrons	63+17 linked patrons	73+0 linked patrons
<b>Circulation:</b>	9,054	9,813	9,685
<b>Self-Check 1</b>	299 patrons/1,157 items	250 patrons/995 items	275 patrons/957 items
<b>Self-Check 2</b>	137 patrons/384 items	130 patrons/447 items	86 patrons/251 items
<b>Wi-Fi Hotspots</b>	140	76	86
<b>Chromebooks</b>	13	14	18
<b>Circulation e-Materials:</b>	1,716	1,561	1,495
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	10,770	11,374	11,180
<b>Curbside Service Transactions:</b>	25	20	17
<b>Interlibrary Loan:</b>			
<b>Lent</b>	744	742	637
<b>Borrowed</b>	1,488	1,652	1,559
<b>Out-of-System Loaned</b>	11 (6 OS)	11 (2 OS)	11 (5 OS)
<b>Out-of-System Borrowed</b>	17 (3 OS)	29 (7 OS)	31 (8 OS)
<b>Items Added:</b>	337	319	211
<b>Reference Transactions:</b>			
<b>Child &amp; YA</b>	295	190	76
<b>Adult</b>	972	754	402
<b>TOTAL REFERENCE</b>	1,267	944	478
<b>Technology Transactions:</b>			
<b>Child &amp; YA</b>	12	8	7
<b>Adult</b>	621	522	271
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	633	530	278
<b>Computer Use:</b>	616+88 guests=704	596+63=659	736+99 guests=835
<b>Wi-Fi Use:</b>	689	643	509
<b>Computer Conference Room:</b>	32	29	63
<b>Notary Services:</b>	29	15	26
<b>Study Room Sessions:</b>	240	291	139
<b>Local History Room Sessions:</b>	40	32	28
<b>Book-a-Librarian Sessions:</b>	4	4	-
<b>Kanopy</b>	320 Plays/7,769 Mins	-	-
<b>Meeting Room Use (External):</b>	16	8	6

**Local Art Display:** The local artist featured in April 2026 was Larisa Sarver.

**Local History:** Tegan & Rachel fulfilled a total of 2 local history research requests.

**Adult Events:** Laura hosted **Mystery Monday Book Club** to discuss *The Woman in the Library* (Gentill) with 8 participants.  
**Tegan & Cait** coordinated **Personal Safety & Self Defense with Strictly Self Defense** with 4 teens & 5 adults.  
Tegan also coordinated & hosted the following adult events:  
**Artist's Workshop** with the Ottawa Art League had 3 attendees.  
**Blood Drive with Impact Life** had 14 appointments, 7 attendees.  
**Budgeting with ItsMyCU** was offered.  
**Cristina Henriquez: Voice, Culture, and Human Connection** (Illinois Libraries Present) was offered.  
**Bingo** had 33 players.

**Crafter Hours: Pressed Flower Frames** had 15 crafters.

**Intro to Food Preservation with U of I Extension's Nutrition & Wellness**

**Educator Susan Glassman** had 6 attendees.

**Loop Group** met 4 times with 42 attendees.

**Monthly Kit: Apricot** had 30 total kits.

**Planning Your Estate with Alexis Ferracuti** had 4 attendees.

**Tech Time with Kate Young** had 3 participants.

**Wednesday Evening Book Group** discussed *The Antidote* (Russell) with 7 attendees.

**Wits Workout** through University of Illinois Extension Grant Program met 4 times with 26 attendees.

### Youth & Teen Events:

**Cait** led **DIY Touch Grass** with 2 teens, **Grannycore Gathering** with 6 teens, **Manga Club** with 4 teens, & **Yappers Book Club** with 4 teens. She also offered **Teen Movie Theater**.

**Cait & Elizabeth** led **Homeschool Art** with 9 kids & 6 adults.

**Cait & Kestrel** led **Dungeons & Dragons** with 1 teen.

**Elizabeth** led 4 sessions of **Ready, Set, Read** with a total of 34 children & 26 adults & 4 sessions of **Shake, Rattle, Read** with a total of 96 children & 95 adults.

**Elizabeth** also hosted the all ages **Firefighter Storytime & Touch-a-Truck** (coordinated by Lisa) with 63 kids & 57 adults and offered **Poetry & Tea**.

**Elizabeth** coordinated an all ages **Toy & Clothing Swap** for 14 kids & 21 adults.

**Greg** prepped 4 varieties of **DIY Craft Kits** (*Silly Side Up Eggs, Baby Chick, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Umbrella*), which were distributed to a total of 273 youth patrons.

**Robin** led **Asteroids & Impact Craters** with 3 kids & 4 adults, **Flower Fun** with 4 kids & 4 adults, **Kid's Book Club** for *The Creature of Habit* (Smith) with 1 kid & 1 adult, **Magnet Fun** with 1 kid & 1 adult, & **Tinker Time: Slime & Goo** with 25 kids & 12 adults.

**Robin** also hosted **State Representative Briel Storytime** (coordinated by Lisa) with 3 kids & 3 adults.

**Sheila** led the all ages **LEGO Club** with 17 kids & 10 adults, **Girls Who Code** with 5 kids & 2 adults & **Snacks & Stacks Cinema** (*Zootopia 2*) with 4 kids & 3 adults.

**Passive Activities: Peter Rabbit Escape Room** had 33 participants. **Egg**

**Scavenger Hunt** had 121 participants. 345 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to youth patrons. 35 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to teen patrons.

**Sensory Table: Duck & Egg Magnets.**

### Outreach Visits:

**Elizabeth** visited *McKinley School* to promote summer reading talking to 360 students. She also visited 9 *Lincoln School* classes talking to 109 students & 12 adults.

**Lisa** provided homebound delivery service to a total of 19 patrons.

**Sheila** brought literacy activities to a total of 192 children and 37 adults over 17 visits to 6 early childhood centers: *Head Start Gentleman Road, Head Start McKinley Road, Starved Rock Regional Center, Step by Step South, Step by Step North* and *YMCA*.

**Sheila** also visited 7 *Lincoln School* classes to promote summer reading talking to 99 students & 14 adults.

### Community:

Salad Greens were planted in the Community Garden.

City of Ottawa Arts Committee exterior murals progresses with a Call for Artists.

Opportunity School visited for a Storytime by Elizabeth with 24 kids & 24 adults.

YMCA Daycare visited for a Storytime by Elizabeth with 6 kids & 2 adults.

Ottawa's Poet Laureate Rene Parks Wendinger hosted a Youth Poetry Workshop with 3 kids.

**Lisa** coordinated the following Community Celebrations for National Library Week: Ottawa Police Department, Mayor Robert Hasty, & Ottawa Downtown Association

visits. Roxy Movie Theater, Jefferson Elementary School, & Financial Plus Credit Union marquee displays.

**Cait & Elizabeth** hosted **Autism Acceptance Night with the Ottawa Police Department** with 8 kids & 23 adults.

**Cait & Elizabeth** represented the library at **YMCA's Family Health Expo** and spoke with approximately 220 attendees.

**Elizabeth** hosted 5 kids & 4 adults at **Story Time at Nell's Woodland**.

**Elizabeth & Grace** represented the library at **OES Family Art Night at Central School** and interacted with 51 kids & 36 adults.

**Tegan** represented the library at the **Dementia Friendly Ottawa Meeting**.

#### Media:

**Elizabeth** promoted youth events on *WCMY's Morning Show with Jay LeSeure*.

**Laura** gave bi-weekly library updates on *WCMY's Morning Show with Jay LeSeure*.

#### Meetings:

**Cait, Elaine, Elizabeth, Kate, Lisa, & Tegan** attended a *Department Head Meeting* led by **Laura**.

**Kate, Leanna, Lisa, & Tegan** attended a *Staff Appreciation Meeting* led by **Laura**.

**Kate** attended *RAILS Catalyst Meeting*.

**Kate, Rachel, & Laura** held a Continuing Education Committee Meeting.

**Laura** held *1-on-1 Sessions* with **Elaine, Lisa, & Tegan**.

**Laura** attended *West of 47 Director's Meeting, PrairieCat Delegates Assembly Meeting, City of Ottawa TIF District Annual Meeting*, & met with representatives from *Ancestry.com*.

**Tegan** attended *PrairieCat's Circulation Committee Meeting*.

#### Continuing Ed:

**Elaine, Laura, & Tegan** viewed *Can a Leader Be a Friend?* (HR Source).

**Elizabeth** attended *LACONI Youth Services Unconference* and read the following SLJ articles: *A Literacy Crisis: Novels in Verse Can Help, Fighting H.R. 7661, Missing Voices, & The Librarian Effect*.

**Grace, Kate, Laura, Laurie, Leanna, Pam, Rachel, Robin, Tegan, & Teresa** completed *ComicsPlus Training*.

**Laurie** viewed *Fat Liberation in Libraries: Imagining a More Equitable & Accessible Future* (RAILS).

**Leanna** read *KnowBe4's Keeping Safe with CAPTCHAs* article.

**Lisa** attended *ILA's Marketing Mini Virtual Conference* and viewed *Partnership for the People and Their Libraries* (RAILS).

**Sheila** viewed *Coding for Climate Earth Day* (Take Action Global) & *Pair Partner Coding* (Girls Who Code).

**Tegan** viewed the following RAILS webinars: *Hiring Better: Building Smarter Recruitment Practices in Your Library, Shining a Light on Managing Employees, & Up or Out: Getting Employees Back on Track*.

#### Projects:

**Elizabeth** continues the youth services collection maintenance project.

**Kate** installed ABCMouse on 2 computers in the Children's Department.

**Laura** continues the adult fiction collection maintenance project.

**Lisa & Grace** organized the **Illinois Valley Road Trip** with 5 passports turned in, and **National Library Week Celebrations** which included decorating, arranging raffles, ordering swag, and more. **Passive Activities: National Library Week Raffle** had 194 entries. **What Brings Me Joy @ Reddick Library** had 154 forms completed.

**Rachel** works on digitizing internal forms and files for ease of staff use.

#### Building:

B&G Electric on site 2 times to address ceiling lighting issues.

John's Service & Sales on site to install HVAC Control System.

Koolmaster completed 1975 window replacement project.

#### Donations:

N/A

**Grants:**

STEM items purchased with Girl Who Code grant money.

**Investments:**

\$200,000.00 Working Cash CD at American Commercial Bank & Trust (First National Bank of Ottawa) purchased 12-month at 3.9%.

**Personnel:**

Public Services Coordinator transitioned to part-time Interlibrary Loan Coordinator effective April 19, 2026.

Adult Programmer/Supervisor accepted a promotion to Public Services Coordinator effective April 19, 2026.