

	2026	2025	2024
Attendance (Main Entrance):	5,491	4,927	5,028
New Library Cards:	64	63	71+3 linked patrons
Circulation:	9,117	9,210	9,890
Self-Check 1	290 patrons/1,161	228 patrons/1,066	286 patrons/1,009
Self-Check 2	159 patrons/479 items	136 patrons/432 items	113 patrons/402 items
Wi-Fi Hotspots	135	60	80
Chromebooks	15	11	17
Circulation e-Materials:	1,427	1,430	1,307
TOTAL CIRCULATION	10,544	10,640	11,197
Curbside Service Transactions:	24	25	19
Interlibrary Loan:			
Lent	760	737	751
Borrowed	1,538	1,578	1,755
Out-of-System Loaned	11 (5 OS)	13 (8 OS)	15 (12 OS)
Out-of-System Borrowed	37 (14 OS)	17 (9 OS)	41 (14 OS)
Items Added:	213	231	183
Reference Transactions:			
Child & YA	272	398	80
Adult	1,078	543	483
TOTAL REFERENCE	1,350	941	563
Technology Transactions:			
Child & YA	16	22	5
Adult	458	314	261
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	474	336	266
Computer Use:	620+67 guests=687	513+55 guests=568	723+80 guests=803
Wi-Fi Use:	635	575	479
Computer Conference Room:	27	12	48
Notary Services:	23	19	9
Study Room Sessions:	224	166	199
Local History Room Sessions:	19	16	14
Book-a-Librarian Sessions:	3	-	-
Kanopy	297 Plays	-	-
Meeting Room Use (External):	14	4	2

Local Art Display: The local artist featured in February 2026 was Paul Wheeler.

Local History: Rachel fulfilled 2 local history research requests.

Adult Events: 52 adults participated in the **2026 Winter Reading Program** and submitted a combined total of 380 review forms from January 5—February 21, 2026!
Laura hosted **Mystery Monday Book Club** to discuss *Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six* (Unger) with 14 participants & **Community Room Mural Unveiling Event** with Artist Clara Brubaker for 42 attendees.
Tegan coordinated & hosted the following adult events:
Artist's Workshop with the Ottawa Art League had 5 attendees.
Blood Pressure & Glucose Screenings by OSF Healthcare had 1 participant.
Crafter Hours: Wooden Wall Decor had 13 crafters.
History of the Winter Olympics by Lake Placid Olympic Museum had 2 attendees.
Improving Online Health Literacy: A Digit-ILL Program was offered.

Language of Flowers by Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh from Backyard Patch Herbs had 8 attendees.

Loop Group met 4 times with 62 attendees.

Monthly Kit: Dark Chocolate had 40 total kits.

Seed Starting & Saving by Master Gardener Emily Hansen had 16 attendees.

Still Afraid of the Dark: An Evening with R.L. Stine (Illinois Libraries Present) had 9 virtual registrants.

Tech Time with Kate Young had 1 participant.

Voter Registration Drop-In was offered.

Wednesday Evening Book Group discussed *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* (Honeyman).

Youth & Teen Events:

Cait offered **Anti-Valentine's Day Party** with 6 teens, **DIY Valentines Cards** with 1 teen, **Manga Club** with 5 teens, & **Silent Book Club** with 3 teens.

Cait & Elizabeth led **Homeschool Art** with 16 kids & 6 adults.

Cait & Kestrel led **Dungeons & Dragons** with 8 teens.

Cait & Sheila led **Girls Who Code** with 8 kids & 3 adults.

Elizabeth led 4 sessions of **Ready, Set, Read** with a total of 29 children & 20 adults & 4 sessions of **Shake, Rattle, Read** with a total of 82 children & 81 adults.

Greg prepped 4 varieties of **DIY Craft Kits** (*Winter Tree, Heart Beetle, Love Bug, Mardi Gras Mask*), which were distributed to a total of 165 youth patrons.

Robin led **Kid's Book Club** for *The Smallest Girl in the Smallest Grade* (Roberts) with 5 kids & 3 adults, **Mosaic Heart Pin** with 3 kids & 2 adults, **Snack Mix Machine** with 2 kids & 2 adults, & offered **Valentine Owl Gift Box**.

Sheila led the all ages **LEGO Club** with 16 kids & 8 adults.

Passive Activities: Draw a Snowman Game had 14 participants. **Special**

Delivery Heart Envelope had 65 interactions. **Community Helpers Scavenger**

Hunt had 56 participants. **Cupid Escape Room** had 18 participants. **Valentine Maker Space** was offered. 140 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to youth patrons. 20 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to teen patrons.

Sensory Table: Valentine.

Outreach Visits:

Lisa provided homebound delivery service to a total of 22 patrons.

Sheila brought literacy activities to a total of 181 children and 31 adults over 15 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*.

Community:

Reddick Library hosted State Representative Briel's neurodivergent meet-up group.

Elizabeth hosted 1 child & 1 adult at **Story Time at Nell's Woodland**.

Laura met with the **Ottawa Art's Committee** President to discuss exterior murals.

Sheila hosted "Take Your Child to the Library Day."

Tegan began planning the **2026 Community Garden** with Community Gardener John Collett.

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

Elaine attended *PrairieCat's TSUG & Marc Libraries Meetings*.

Elaine, Laura, Lisa, & Rachel attended *PrairieCat's Circulation Committee Meeting*.

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

Grace, Kestrel, Laurie, Leanna, Matt, Natalie, & Teresa attended a *Circulation Meeting* led by **Rachel**.

Kate attended *RAILS Catalyst Meeting, RAILS Catalyst Coaching Opportunity, & LACONI Technology Section Meeting.*

Kate & Laura attended *RAILS Member Update.*

Laura attended *Ottawa Chamber of Commerce ONXY Network Meeting, West of 47 Director's Meeting, & PrairieCat Administration Council Meeting.*

Continuing Ed:

Kestrel, Laurie, Leanna, Natalie, Pam, Robin, & Teresa completed *Palace Project Training* created by **Rachel**.

Cait, Elizabeth, & Sheila attended *Anderson's 24th Annual Children's Literature Breakfast.*

Elaine viewed *Official RDA: What's New? What's Different?* (RAILS).

Elizabeth read *Summer Starts Now* (SLJ).

Faith, Grace, Lisa, & Tegan viewed *Getting the Most Out of Canva Pro* (RAILS).

Grace viewed *Readers' Advisory for Circ* (LACONI).

Kate completed *Document Accessibility Essentials* (RAILS), *Learning, Listening, & Leading: A System Librarian's First Year* (ITAL), & *Introduction to Network Operations Course* (InternetSociety).

Kate, Laura, Rachel & Tegan completed *Opioid Overdose 101 Training* provided by the LaSalle County Health Department.

Laurie viewed *Race, Human Development, & the Anatomy of an Apology* (RAILS).

Matt viewed *Top of the Pops: Some of the Best Children's Books of 2025* (RAILS).

Sheila read *How Reading Helps Pediatricians and Parents Track Milestones & Reading: From Cradle to Classroom* (Psychology Today).

Tegan viewed *Path to Leadership: Detaching from Approval Seeking & Criticism* (RAILS).

Projects:

Communico Study Room Reservations premiered.

Elizabeth continues the youth services collection maintenance project.

Kate created a Seed Library section for the website.

Laura continues the adult fiction collection maintenance project.

Tegan continues preparations to implement a Seed Library.

The Staff Appreciation Committee hosted a "Soup-er Bowl" staff potluck.

Building:

Community Room Mural, "Book Town," by Clara Burbaker is completed.

John's Service & Sales on site to address HVAC system control issues.

John's Service & Sales Plumber on site 2 times to repair public and staff toilets.

HVAC System Control Upgrade project in progress

Window replacement project in progress.

Annual fire alarm system test completed by Scutum.

Donations:

\$350.00 from Financial Plus Credit Union

\$500.00 from It's My Credit Union for Summer Reading Program

\$5,000.00 from John & Carol Jensen in honor of Beth and Ainlinn Jensen

Grants:

N/A

Investments:

N/A

Personnel:

A Circulation Assistant accepted a promotion to Publicity & Social Media Assistant effective March 8, 2026!