

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Attendance (Main Entrance):</b>	5,454	5,362	4,651
<b>New Library Cards:</b>	69+0 linked patrons	70+2 linked patrons	73+12 linked patrons
<b>Circulation:</b>	10,007	10,387	9,989
<b>Self-Check 1</b>	309 patrons/1,525	294 patrons/1,171	297 patrons/1,057
<b>Self-Check 2</b>	159 patrons/412 items	164 patrons/516 items	94 patrons/329 items
<b>Wi-Fi Hotspots</b>	158	75	85
<b>Chromebooks</b>	14	11	18
<b>Circulation e-Materials:</b>	1,712	1,668	1,529
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	11,719	12,055	11,518
<b>Curbside Service Transactions:</b>	13	27	20
<b>Interlibrary Loan:</b>			
<b>Lent</b>	792	835	818
<b>Borrowed</b>	1,802	1,874	1,792
<b>Out-of-System Loaned</b>	11 (6 OS)	21 (11 OS)	16 (10 OS)
<b>Out-of-System Borrowed</b>	41 (12 OS)	20 (9 OS)	39 (10 OS)
<b>Items Added:</b>	430	222	144
<b>Reference Transactions:</b>			
<b>Child &amp; YA</b>	221	279	44
<b>Adult</b>	1,031	294	413
<b>TOTAL REFERENCE</b>	1,252	573	457
<b>Technology Transactions:</b>			
<b>Child &amp; YA</b>	5	9	2
<b>Adult</b>	540	309	226
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	545	318	228
<b>Computer Use:</b>	589+62 guests=651	588+65 guests=653	619+83 guests=702
<b>Wi-Fi Use:</b>	619	546	509
<b>Computer Conference Room:</b>	23	26	35
<b>Notary Services:</b>	39	23	13
<b>Study Room Sessions:</b>	252	151	120
<b>Local History Room Sessions:</b>	28	23	11
<b>Book-a-Librarian Sessions:</b>	3	-	-
<b>Kanopy</b>	873 Visits/201 Plays	-	-
<b>Meeting Room Use (External):</b>	10	3	4

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

**Adult Events:** **Laura** hosted **Mystery Monday Book Club** to discuss *The Paris Apartment* (Foley) with 12 participants and **Food for Thought Book Club** to discuss *Good Lookin' Cookin'* (Parton) with 8 participants.  
**Tegan & Cait** coordinated & hosted RPLD's 1<sup>st</sup> **Puzzle Tournament** with 9 adults & 3 teens.  
**Tegan** coordinated & hosted the following adult events:  
**Bringing History to Life with Jonathan Eig** (Illinois Libraries Present) had 2 virtual registrants.  
**Crafter Hours: Love Bugs** had 12 crafters.  
**Game Night** had 1 participant.  
**Loop Group** met 5 times with 77 attendees.  
**Mocktails & Masterpieces** had 26 attendees over 2 sessions.  
**Monthly Kit: Za'atar** had 40 total kits.

**Tech Time with Kate Young** had 1 participant.  
**Voter Registration Drop-In** was offered.  
**Wednesday Evening Book Group** discussed *The Secret History* (Tartt).

**Youth & Teen Events:** **Cait** offered **DIY Book Bedazzle**, **After Hours Teen Karaoke** with 12 teens, **Edgar Allen Poe Birthday Party** with 4 teens, **Manga Club** with 4 teens, & **Silent Book Club** with 5 teens.  
**Cait & Elizabeth** offered **Homeschool Art**.  
**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 37 children & 29 adults & 4 sessions of **Shake, Rattle, Read** with a total of 58 children & 49 adults.  
**Greg** prepped 4 varieties of **DIY Craft Kits** (*New Year Hats, Elsa Wands, Narwhal, Snowman Headband*), which were distributed to a total of 188 youth patrons.  
**Robin** led **Constellations** with 2 kids & 2 adults, **Galaxy Jars** with 1 kid & 1 adult, **Kid's Book Club** for *The Sun is Kind of a Big Deal* (Seluk) with 2 kids & 2 adults, & **Rocket Night Light** with 3 kids & 3 adults.  
**Sheila** led the all ages **Stacks & Snack Cinema** (*The Grinch*) with 12 kids & 5 adults & **LEGO Club** with 16 kids & 9 adults.  
**Passive Activities:** **Scavenger Hunt** had 16 participants. **Draw a Snowman Game** had 40 participants. **Jack Frost Escape Room** had 26 participants. 270 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to youth patrons. 30 **coloring/activity pages** & 12 **fox origami sheets** were distributed to teen patrons.  
**Sensory Table: Snow Scene.**

**Outreach Visits:** **Lisa** provided homebound delivery service to a total of 23 patrons.  
**Sheila** brought literacy activities to a total of 160 children and 18 adults over 13 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:** **Cait & Sheila** provided an **OTHS Transition Students Library Tour** for 12 students & 4 staff.  
**Tegan** represented the library at the **Dementia Friendly Ottawa Meeting** & coordinated with the **Ottawa Art League** to host **Artist's Workshop** for 8 attendees.

**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, Rachel, & Tegan** attended a *Department Head Meeting* led by **Laura & Amanda Standerfer** of Fast Forward Libraries.  
**Cait, Elizabeth, & Tegan** held a *Summer Reading Planning Meeting*.  
**Elaine, Laura, & Tegan** held a *Book Sale Planning Meeting*.  
**Kate** attended *RAILS Catalyst Meeting, LACONI Technology Section Meeting, NDIA Community Call, & ELSUM Meeting*.  
**Kate, Laura, & Rachel** held a *Continuing Education Committee Meeting*.  
**Laura** attended *RAILS SAIL Meeting, West of 47 Director's Meeting, & PrairieCat Delegates Assembly Meeting*.  
**Laura, Lisa, & Rachel** held a *Hiring Team Meeting*.

**Continuing Ed:** **Elaine** completed Cataloging Maintenance Center's *Shall We Play a Game?*  
**Elizabeth** read *Truth Sleuths* (SLJ).  
**Elizabeth, Faith, Grace, Kate, & Tegan** viewed *Neurodivergence and Customer Service* (RAILS).  
**Elizabeth & Kate** viewed *Path to Leadership: Detaching from Approval Seeking & Criticism* (RAILS).

**Grace** viewed *Social Media 101* (RAILS).  
**Grace, Kestrel, Laura, Leanna, Natalie, Pam, Rachel, Robin, Tegan, & Teresa** completed *Staff Kanopy Training* created by **Kate**.  
**Kate** viewed *Developing AI Policies & Principles with Dr. Brand McNeil* (RAILS), *Social Media & Your Job: Rights, Risks, & Responsibilities* (RAILS), *Accessibility in Libraries: Real Stories, Practical Lessons* (ILA), & *ChatGPT: A Librarian's Sidekick* (ILA).  
**Kate & Tegan** viewed *Libraries & Immigration Enforcement* (RAILS).  
**Laura** attended *2026 IPLAR Updates and Reporting Guidance* (RAILS).  
**Laura & Rachel** completed *Dementia Friend* training.  
**Pam** viewed *Why Do We Fall for Misinformation* (WebJunction).  
**Rachel** viewed *Up or Out: Getting Employees Back on Track* (RAILS).  
**Sheila** completed IBMSkillsBuild lessons: *What is Data Science?*, 5 Communico trainings, & attended *Expanding Early Learning & Wellness with Hiveclass & Playgarden* (RAILS).  
**Tegan** completed *Wits Workout U of I Extension Facilitator Training*.

**Projects:**

A Videogame collection was curated.  
 \$1.00 of complimentary printing was implemented.  
 Communico Event Registration and Calendar premiered.  
**Elizabeth** began a youth services collection maintenance project.  
**Kate** began looking into a new & more accurate patron counter & installed a 2<sup>nd</sup> computer monitor at the Reference Station.  
**Laura** continues the adult fiction collection maintenance project, completed the Annual Library Certification, & submitted the State of Economic Interest Board Information Sheet & TY2025 Levy Sign Off to the LaSalle County Clerk's Office.  
**Pam** updated the *Community and Employment Opportunities* public binders.  
**Tegan** continues preparations to implement a Seed Library.

**Building:**

**Billy** installed a new soap dispenser, assembled bathroom storage furniture, & installed new filter in water fountain.  
 Community Room Mural by Clara Burbaker in progress. *Unveiling Event scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 2pm.*  
 John's Service & Sales on site multiple times to address miscellaneous boiler and system control issues.  
 John's Service & Sales Plumber on site to repair public toilet.  
 HVAC System Control Upgrade went public with Viserring Construction on January 29, 2026.  
 Window samples were dropped off by Viserring Construction for spring window replacement project.

**Donations:**

N/A

**Grants:**

N/A

**Investments:**

\$1,614.39 (Final & Interest Distribution of TY2024: Working Cash Funds) was withdrawn from the General Fund checking account at OSB Community Bank and deposited into the Working Cash investment account at First National Bank of Ottawa's Trust Department.

**Personnel:**

N/A