

	2026	2025	2024
Attendance (Main Entrance):	6,710	5,894	5,778
New Library Cards:	102+3 linked patrons	94+30 linked patrons	109+0 linked patrons
Circulation:	11,546	10,278	9,660
Self-Check 1	330 patrons/1,497	323 users/1,489 items	322 users/1,252 items
Self-Check 2	186 patrons/646 items	140 users/458 items	132 users/419 items
Wi-Fi Hotspots	143	90	72
Chromebooks	13	18	13
Circulation e-Materials:	1,824	1,640	1,422
TOTAL CIRCULATION	13,370	11,918	11,082
Curbside Service Transactions:	39	20	21
Interlibrary Loan:			
Lent	760	670	625
Borrowed	1,677	1,445	1,518
Out-of-System Loaned	11 (3 OS)	11 (5 OS)	8 (2 OS)
Out-of-System Borrowed	44 (10 OS)	32 (9 OS)	32 (17 OS)
Items Added:	354	497	571
Reference Transactions:			
Child & YA	686	406	164
Adult	969	771	363
TOTAL REFERENCE	1,655	1,177	527
Technology Transactions:			
Child & YA	21	37	4
Adult	411	470	250
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	432	507	254
Computer Use:	612+70 guests=682	492+63 guests=555	568+48 guests=616
Wi-Fi Use:	720	632	534
Computer Conference Room:	28	7	38
Notary Services:	24	32	7
Study Room Sessions:	210	190	124
Local History Room Sessions:	38	30	22
Book-a-Librarian Sessions:	5	4	-
Kanopy	536 Plays/12,733 Mins	-	-
Meeting Room Use (External):	11	5	3

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

Local History: Kate fulfilled 1 local history research request.

Summer Reading: **June Summer Reading Kid & Teen Signups:** 93 birth-kindergartners, 100 1st through 3rd graders, 66 4th through 6th graders, & 54 teens; 313 total!
Summer Reading Kick-Off Party had approximately 260 attendees!
Adult Summer Reading: 174 online entries from 47 participants & 30 physical entries from 12 participants!

Adult Events: **Laura** hosted **Mystery Monday Book Club** to discuss *Daughter of Mine* (Miranda) with 13 attendees.
Tegan also coordinated & hosted the following adult events:
Artist's Workshop with the Ottawa Art League.
Cookie Decorating with Nonnie's Cookie Co. had 13 attendees.

Grilling & Summertime Salads with U of I Extension's Nutrition & Wellness Educator Susan Glassman had 9 attendees.
Loop Group met 4 times with 36 attendees.
Monthly Kit: Movie Night had 36 total kits.
Resume Workshop with Kate Young had 1 participant.
Trash to Treasure: T-Shirt Tote Bags had 12 crafters.
Voter Registration was offered.

Youth & Teen Events:

Cait led **After-Hours Nintendo Switch 2 Tournament** with 13 teens, **Cringy Cosplay** had 5 teens, **DIY Friendship Bracelets** with 1 teen, **Manga Club** with 4 teens, **Teatime Tutorial** had 7 teens, **Teen Trivia** had 8 teens, **Unplugged Gaming** had 2 teens, & **Yappers Book Club** with 3 teens.
Cait & Kestrel led **Dungeons & Dragons** with 2 teens & offered **D&D 101**.
Elizabeth led 5 sessions of **Ready, Set, Read** with a total of 69 children & 54 adults & 4 sessions of **Shake, Rattle, Read** with a total of 111 children & 109 adults.
Elizabeth also led **Babies at the Zoo** with 11 kids & 18 adults, **Donuts with Dad** with 14 kids & 12 adults, **Homeschool Art** with 5 kids & 5 adults & **Slime-o-Rama** with 42 kids & 14 adults.
Greg prepped 5 varieties of **DIY Craft Kits** (*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Butterfly, Zebra, Roly-poly, Ocean Scene*), which were distributed to a total of 323 kids.
Robin led **Fairy Potions** with 20 kids & 13 adults, **Greenhouse STEM** with 4 kids & 2 adults, **Jumanji Escape the Game** with 13 kids & 6 adults, & **Loose Parts Nature Art** with 7 kids & 6 adults.
Sheila led the all ages **LEGO Club** with 17 kids & 12 adults & **Snacks & Stacks Cinema** (*Elio*) with 4 kids & 1 adult.
Passive Activities: Mission to Mars Escape Room had 8 participants. **Bad Seed Escape Room** had 34 participants. **Flower Scavenger Hunt** had 66 participants. **Measuring Plants Scavenger Hunt** had 57 participants. **STEM Kit: Straw Rocket** had 15 participants. 355 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to youth patrons. 30 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to teen patrons.
Sensory Table: Ocean & Ice Cream/Cupcake.

Outreach Visits:

Lisa provided homebound delivery service to a total of 19 patrons.
Sheila brought literacy activities to a total of 177 children and 33 adults over 14 visits to 6 early childhood centers: *Head Start Gentleman Road, Head Start McKinley Road, Opportunity School Camp, Starved Rock Regional Center, Step by Step South, & Step by Step North.*

Community:

City of Ottawa Arts Committee exterior murals painting began!
3 Teen Helpers assisted with the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party.
Cait met with a master's program student to discuss teen spaces and trends.
Cait & Grace represented the library at **Run Today for Tomorrow's Wellness Fair** and spoke with approximately 115 attendees.
Elizabeth hosted 13 kids & 8 adults at **Story Time at Nell's Woodland**.
Lisa provided 50 *Illinois America 250 Passports* to interested patrons.

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**.
Cait, Elaine, Laura, & Tegan held a *Book Sale Committee Meeting*.
Elaine attended *TSUG Meeting & MARC Libraries Meeting*.
Kate attended *PrairieCat's UX Committee Meeting*.
Laura held *1-on-1 Sessions* with **Elaine, Lisa, & Tegan**.

Laura attended *West of 47 Director's Meeting, ONYX Meeting, Illinois Small & Rural Conference Meeting*, & met with bookkeeper Julie Kilday to complete Audit paperwork.

Continuing Ed:

Elaine, Elizabeth, & Kate attended 1-day of *ALA Annual Conference* in Chicago.

Grace completed Notary & Supervisor training coordinated by Tegan.

Grace, Kate, & Sheila viewed *Getting into the Customer Service Flow* (RAILS & Fast Forward Libraries).

Kyle, Tara, & Trinity began Circulation Assistant training coordinated by Tegan and assisted by Matt, Rachel, & Teresa.

Leanna began Adult Programming training coordinated by Tegan.

Lisa viewed *The Palace Project Spring 2026 Update*.

Kate viewed *Making Sense of the New E-Rate Bidding Portal* (SHLB), *Boundary Setting with Coworkers* (PAVE Prevention), & *Creating a Learning Culture Around Technology in Libraries* (RAILS). She is also working her way through Supervisory Skills Toolkit on RAILS Academy.

Tegan completed *Create List & Decision Center Training*.

Projects:

Elizabeth continues the youth services collection maintenance project.

Kate installed 3 new education gaming iPads in the Children's Department.

Laura continues the adult fiction collection maintenance project.

Leanna works on shifting the easy nonfiction department.

Building:

B&G Electric on site 3 times to install exterior lighting, add outlets to Quiet Room, and work on the lighting control panel.

John's Service & Sales/Hartwig on site 5 times to install HVAC Control System and address issues.

Donations:

N/A

Grants:

2026 Illinois Public Library Per Capita Grant \$40,728.60

Investments:

N/A

Personnel:

A Circulation Assistant/Page accepted a promotion to Adult Programmer/Circulation Assistant effective June 1, 2026.

Social Media & Publicity Assistant accepted a promotion to full-time and added Supervisor duties effective June 1, 2026.

3 new Circulation Assistants were hired effected June 15, 2026.