

	2026	2025	2024
Attendance (Main Entrance):	6,078	6,029	5,547
New Library Cards:	81	55+5 linked patrons	80+9 linked patrons
Circulation:	10,185	11,161	10,351
Self-Check 1	281 patrons/1,039	272 patrons/1,497	326 patrons/1,104
Self-Check 2	167 patrons/674 items	149 patrons/499	98 patrons/285 items
Wi-Fi Hotspots	151	73	80
Chromebooks	18	17	19
Circulation e-Materials:	1,648	1,731	1,423
TOTAL CIRCULATION	11,833	12,892	11,774
Curbside Service Transactions:	18	16	23
Interlibrary Loan:			
Lent	748	744	703
Borrowed	1,657	1,787	1,811
Out-of-System Loaned	8 (1 OS)	12 (8 OS)	24 (9 OS)
Out-of-System Borrowed	33 (6 OS)	34 (6 OS)	34 (8 OS)
Items Added:	472	405	272
Reference Transactions:			
Child & YA	351	186	55
Adult	1,157	827	589
TOTAL REFERENCE	1,508	1,013	644
Technology Transactions:			
Child & YA	16	16	9
Adult	595	493	321
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	611	509	330
Computer Use:	677+74 guests=751	630+72 guests=702	667+80 guests=747
Wi-Fi Use:	772	635	551
Computer Conference Room:	34	23	34
Notary Services:	39	29	10
Study Room Sessions:	248	179	167
Local History Room Sessions:	27	36	24
Book-a-Librarian Sessions:	4	-	-
Kanopy	413 Plays	-	-
Meeting Room Use (External):	14	7	5

Local Art Display: The local artist featured in March 2026 was Nancy Neislawski.

Local History: Rachel fulfilled 2 local history research requests.

Adult Events: **Laura** hosted **Mystery Monday Book Club** to discuss *The Holdout* (Moore) with 9 participants & **Food for Thought Book Club** to discuss *Skinnytaste Simple* (Homolka) with 9 participants.
Tegan coordinated & hosted the following adult events:
Artist's Workshop with the Ottawa Art League had 4 attendees.
Bees & Beekeeping with Warren Norris of the Illinois Valley Beekeeping Association had 13 attendees.
Beginner Fermentation with Haylei Roark of Ridge Fridge Food Co-op had 18 attendees.
Beyond the Page with Percival Everett (Illinois Libraries Present) had 1 attendee.
Bingo had 33 players.

Crafter Hours: Cupcake Liner Flowers had 10 crafters.
Loop Group met 5 times with 64 attendees.
Monthly Kit: Hibiscus had 40 total kits.
Tech Time with Kate Young had 2 participants.
Voter Registration Drop-In was offered.
Wednesday Evening Book Group discussed *The Correspondent* (Evans) with 9 attendees.
Wits Workout through University of Illinois Extension Grant Program met 5 times with 28 attendees.
Passive Activities: 52 **puzzles** were distributed; 13 voters participated in the **Oscar Ballot Contest**; 28 patrons took 100 seed packets from the **Seed Library**.

Youth & Teen Events:

Cait led **Afternoon Tea & Tolkien** with 2 teens, **DIY Morse Code Bracelets** with 5 teens, **Manga Club** with 4 teens, **Teen Movie Theater** (*She's the Man*) with 1 teen, **Teen Volunteer Info Session** with 5 teens, & **Yappers Book Club** with 3 teens.
Cait & Elizabeth led **Homeschool Art** with 28 kids & 7 adults.
Cait & Kestrel led **Dungeons & Dragons** with 7 teens.
Cait & Sheila led **Girls Who Code** with 6 kids & 2 adults.
Elizabeth led 5 sessions of **Ready, Set, Read** with a total of 43 children & 34 adults & 4 sessions of **Shake, Rattle, Read** with a total of 117 children & 113 adults.
Elizabeth also led the all ages **Oreo Taste Testing** with 17 kids & 12 adults.
Greg prepped 5 varieties of **DIY Craft Kits** (*Blue Ox, Shamrock Buddy, Leprechaun Mask, Whale, & Silly Side Up Eggs*), which were distributed to a total of 238 youth patrons.
Robin led **Jitterbugs** with 3 kids & 1 adult, **Kid's Book Club** for *Secret Pizza Party* (Rubin) with 2 kids & 2 adults, **Washi Tape Bracelets** with 3 kids & 2 adults, & **Watercolor Bunnies** with 3 kids & 3 adults.
Sheila led the all ages **LEGO Club** with 20 kids & 9 adults.
Passive Activities: **Battle of the Books** started with 24 titles & *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (Numeroff) won! **Leprechaun Escape Room** had 21 participants.
Peter Rabbit Escape Room had 4 participants. **Community Helpers Scavenger Hunt** had 18 participants. **Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt** had 102 participants. 350 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to youth patrons. 30 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to teen patrons.
Sensory Table: Weather/Rainbow.

Outreach Visits:

Lisa provided homebound delivery service to a total of 22 patrons.
Sheila brought literacy activities to a total of 208 children and 36 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*.

Community:

Judge Caton materials have been loaned to Ottawa Historical & Scouting Heritage Museum to provide information for an upcoming documentary.
City of Ottawa Arts Committee exterior murals progresses.
Cait hosted **Financial Face-Off with Financial Plus Credit Union** with 6 teens.
Elizabeth hosted 3 kids & 2 adults at **Story Time at Nell's Woodland**.
Laura represented the library at the **City of Ottawa's Hope & Humanity Roundtable**.
Laura & Cait met with SOCU staff to discuss potential upcoming donations.
Laura & Tegan attended the **State of the City Mayoral Lunch** and an **Ottawa Garden Club Meeting** to promote the Seed Library and other services.
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, Rachel, & Tegan** attended a *Department Head Meeting* led by **Laura**.
Cait, Elaine, Elizabeth, Kate, Lisa, Rachel, & Tegan attended a *Strategic Plan Implementation Meeting* led by **Laura**.
Elaine attended LACONI's *Leadership Book Discussion on The Trifecta of Trust* (Folkman).
Kate attended *RAILS Catalyst Meeting & LACONI Technology Section Meeting*.
Laura attended *West of 47 Director's Meeting* & met with *IIP Insurance*.
Tegan attended an area **Programmers Meeting** at the Princeton Public Library.

Continuing Ed: **Cait, Elaine, Elizabeth, Faith, Grace, Kate, Kestrel, Laurie, Leanna, Lisa, Matt, Natalie, Pam, Rachel, Robin, Tegan, & Teresa** attended a *Staff In-Service Half Day* led by **Laura**.
Cait, Elaine, Elizabeth, Grace, Greg, Kate, Laura, Laurie, Leanna, Lisa, Natalie, Pam, Rachel, Robin, Sheila, Tegan, & Teresa completed *The Inside Man Season 1: Episodes 10, 11, & 12* (KnowBe4).
Elaine, Laura, & Tegan viewed *Leading through Change* (HR Source).
Elizabeth completed *Effective Leadership* (HP Life).
Faith viewed *Using Storytelling for Advocacy: A Guide for School Librarians* (RAILS).
Grace viewed *Navigating Misinformation* (WebJunction) & *LGBTQ+ Inclusive Schools & Libraries* (RAILS).
Kate completed *Accessibility 101* (Communico) & *Advancing Safety for Women in Librarianship* (Pave Prevention).
Laura hosted the Illinois State Library to provide *IPLAR Training* to area library directors.
Laurie viewed *Trends in Safety & Security for Libraries* (RAILS).
Sheila read *Meltdowns: Expecting the Unexpected in Storytime & Mixed-Age Storytime: When One Size No Longer Fits* (ALSC) & viewed *Youth Services Storytime 101* (MS Library Commission).

Projects: **Elizabeth** continues the youth services collection maintenance project.
Laura continues the adult fiction collection maintenance project.
Tegan premiered the Seed Library.

Building: Building closed at 7pm on March 10, 2026 for severe weather.
 Building was closed to the public from 1pm to 5pm on March 27, 2026 for a Staff In-Service.
 B&G Electric on site to address Children's Department lighting issues.
 John's Service & Sales on site to address HVAC system control issues.
 Scutum on site to address fire alarm system notification errors.
 Stohr's completed landscape spring clean & installed mulch.
 Taylor's Way provided annual lawn weed prevention.
 HVAC System Control Upgrade project in progress.
 Window replacement project in progress.

Donations: N/A

Grants: University of Illinois Extension Wits Workout

Investments: N/A

Personnel: A part-time Circulation Assistant resigned effective April 12, 2026.
 Public Services Coordinator will be transitioning to part-time Interlibrary Loan Supervisor effective April 19, 2026.
 Adult Programmer/Supervisor accepted a promotion to Public Services Coordinator effective April 19, 2026.