

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Attendance (Main Entrance):</b>	5,510	5,310	4,886
<b>New Library Cards:</b>	71+6 linked patrons	78+15 linked patrons	65+0 linked patrons
<b>Circulation:</b>	9,148	9,566	8,767
<b>Self-Check 1</b>	269 patrons/1,184	252 patrons/1,307	284 patrons/1,062
<b>Self-Check 2</b>	129 patrons/393 items	139 patrons/397 items	107 patrons/272 items
<b>Wi-Fi Hotspots</b>	151	91	78
<b>Chromebooks</b>	10	11	20
<b>Circulation e-Materials:</b>	1,735	1,587	1,313
<b>TOTAL CIRCULATION</b>	10,883	11,153	10,080
<b>Curbside Service Transactions:</b>	16	19	34
<b>Interlibrary Loan:</b>			
<b>Lent</b>	676	621	547
<b>Borrowed</b>	1,404	1,676	1,600
<b>Out-of-System Loaned</b>	5 (1 OS)	13 (8 OS)	7 (1 OS)
<b>Out-of-System Borrowed</b>	48 (15 OS)	32 (6 OS)	23 (8 OS)
<b>Items Added:</b>	138	282	207
<b>Reference Transactions:</b>			
<b>Child &amp; YA</b>	297	110	61
<b>Adult</b>	953	717	384
<b>TOTAL REFERENCE</b>	1,250	827	445
<b>Technology Transactions:</b>			
<b>Child &amp; YA</b>	15	15	8
<b>Adult</b>	525	459	225
<b>TOTAL TECHNOLOGY</b>	540	474	233
<b>Computer Use:</b>	606+76 guests=682	578+50 guests=628	615+63 guests=678
<b>Wi-Fi Use:</b>	591	617	544
<b>Computer Conference Room:</b>	40	24	56
<b>Notary Services:</b>	36	17	12
<b>Study Room Sessions:</b>	169	195	149
<b>Local History Room Sessions:</b>	30	32	26
<b>Book-a-Librarian Sessions:</b>	4	2	-
<b>Kanopy</b>	333 Plays/7,893 Mins	-	-
<b>Meeting Room Use (External):</b>	13	5	4

**Local Art Display:** The local artist featured in May 2026 was Natalie Zelman.

**Local History:** Kate fulfilled a total of 3 local history research requests.

**Adult Events:** **Laura** hosted **Mystery Monday Book Club** to discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* (Ng) with 9 participants & **Food for Thought Book Club** to discuss *Smitten Kitchen Keepers* (Perelman) with 6 participants.  
**Tegan** coordinated & hosted the following adult events:  
**AI & Deepfakes with SOCU** had 4 attendees.  
**Babel-On with R.F. Kuang** (Illinois Libraries Present) had 3 virtual attendees.  
**Community Garden Tomato Planting with John Collet** had 3 attendees.  
**Crafter Hours: Terra Cotta Pots** had 9 crafters.  
**D&D at the Library with Goblin Gaming LLC** had 2 attendees.  
**Digit-ILL Improving Online Health Literacy with WIU's Chris Carpenter** had 3 attendees.

**Loop Group** met 5 times with 45 attendees.  
**Monthly Kit: Espresso** had 40 total kits.  
**Tech Time with Kate Young** was offered.  
**Voter's Registration** was offered.  
**Wednesday Evening Book Group** discussed *Culpability* (Holsinger) with 7 attendees.  
**Wits Workout** through University of Illinois Extension Grant Program met 3 times with 20 attendees.

**Youth & Teen Events:**

**Cait** led **DIY No-Sew Beverage Cozy** with 5 teens, **Library Teen Helpers** with 3 teens, **Manga Club** with 6 teens, **Teen Movie Theater** with 1 teen, & **Yappers Book Club** with 2 teens.  
**Cait & Kestrel** offered **Dungeons & Dragons**.  
**Cait & Sheila** led **Girls Who Code** with 5 kids & 2 adults  
**Elizabeth** led 3 sessions of **Ready, Set, Read** with a total of 42 children & 31 adults & 3 sessions of **Shake, Rattle, Read** with a total of 86 children & 87 adults.  
**Elizabeth** also hosted **Baby Prom** with 36 kids & 45 adults, **Muffins with Mom** for 13 kids & 15 adults, and **Star Wars Family Story Time** with 1 kid & 2 adults.  
**Elizabeth** coordinated an all ages **Toy & Clothing Swap** for 14 kids & 21 adults.  
**Greg** prepped 4 varieties of **DIY Craft Kits** (*May Baskets, Yoda, Clifford, Armadillo*), which were distributed to a total of 195 youth patrons.  
**Robin** led **Bike STEM** with 2 kids & 2 adults, **Kid's Book Club** for *What's Inside a Flower* (Ignatofsky) with 6 kids & 2 adults, & offered **Revenge of the Fifth**.  
**Robin** also led 1 session of **Ready, Set, Read** for 7 kids & 5 adults & 1 session of **Shake, Rattle, Ready** for 25 kids & 26 adults.  
**Sheila** led the all ages **LEGO Club** with 12 kids & 6 adults.  
**Passive Activities: Mission to Mars Escape Room** had 6 participants. **Egg Scavenger Hunt** had 9 participants. **Pokemon Scavenger Hunt** had 76 participants. **Flower Scavenger Hunt** had 21 participants. **Teen Guess the Book** had 15 participants. 280 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to youth patrons. 30 **coloring/activity pages** were distributed to teen patrons.  
**Sensory Table: Pasta & Pizza.**

**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 219 children and 40 adults over 19 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:**

Tomatoes were planted in the Community Garden.  
City of Ottawa Arts Committee exterior murals progresses with a Call for Artists.  
YMCA Preschool visited for a special **Storytime by Robin** with 20 kids & 4 adults.  
A Head Start Class visited for a session **Ready, Set, Read Story**.  
**Cait & Sheila** represented the Library at **Kites in Flight** & interacted with 182 attendees.  
**Elizabeth** hosted 9 kids & 6 adults from Lincoln School & at 11 kids & 6 adults at **Story Time at Nell's Woodland**.  
**Elizabeth & Tegan** hosted **Preschool Meet & Greet** with 8 agencies, 6 kids, & 13 adults.  
**Laura & Lisa** represented the Library at Ottawa's 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Maker's Market.

**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*.

<b><u>Meetings:</u></b>	<p><b>Cait, Elizabeth, Kate, Lisa, &amp; Tegan</b> attended a <i>Department Head Meeting</i> led by <b>Laura</b>.</p> <p><b>Elizabeth</b> attended <i>IDHS Child Under 1</i>.</p> <p><b>Kate</b> attended <i>NDIA Community Call</i>.</p> <p><b>Grace, Kestrel, Laurie, Leanna, Matt, Natalie, Pam, Rachel, &amp; Teresa</b>, attended a <i>Circulation Meeting</i> led by <b>Tegan</b>.</p> <p><b>Kate &amp; Laura</b> attended the <i>RAILS Member Update</i>.</p> <p><b>Laura</b> held <i>1-on-1 Sessions</i> with <b>Cait, Elizabeth, &amp; Kate</b>.</p> <p><b>Laura</b> attended <i>ONYX Meeting, West of 47 Director's Meeting</i>, &amp; met with a representative from <i>Illinois State Library</i>.</p>
<b><u>Continuing Ed:</u></b>	<p><b>Cait, Kate, Rachel, &amp; Tegan</b> attended <i>ILA's Reaching Forward North Conference</i> in Rosemont.</p> <p><b>Elaine, Elizabeth, Grace, &amp; Lisa</b> attended <i>Opioid 101 Training</i> at the LaSalle County Health Department.</p> <p><b>Elaine</b> viewed <i>Leading with Purpose: The Coaching Approach</i> (HR Source).</p> <p><b>Grace</b> attended the <i>ILA Marketing Forum Conference</i> in Schaumburg.</p> <p><b>Kate</b> graduated from <i>RAILS Catalyst!</i></p> <p><b>Kestrel</b> viewed <i>Introduction to Readers' Advisory</i> (RAILS).</p> <p><b>Laura</b> presented at <i>PrairieCat's Resource Sharing Event</i> in DeKalb Library.</p> <p><b>Laurie</b> viewed <i>Keeping Patrons Safe: Our Responsibilities During High Risk Situations</i> (RAILS).</p> <p><b>Leanna</b> viewed <i>Understanding Trauma: Library as Protective Factor</i> (RAILS).</p> <p><b>Sheila</b> completed <i>ComicsPlus Training</i> &amp; read <i>Storytime Ideas for Circle Time</i> by Jean Warren &amp; <i>A Year of Fun Just for Ones</i> by Jean Warren.</p>
<b><u>Projects:</u></b>	<p><b>Billy</b> put together a new youth table in the Community Room to accommodate growth of story times.</p> <p><b>Elizabeth</b> continues the youth services collection maintenance project.</p> <p><b>Laura</b> continues the adult fiction collection maintenance project.</p>
<b><u>Building:</u></b>	<p>John's Service &amp; Sales on site to continue installation of HVAC Control System and update.</p> <p>The Laced Brush painted Director's interior office windows.</p>
<b><u>Donations:</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Grants:</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Investments:</u></b>	N/A
<b><u>Personnel:</u></b>	<p>1 part-time Circulation Assistant resigned effective May 29, 2026.</p> <p>1 Circulation Assistant/Page accepted a promotion to Adult Programmer/Circulation Assistant effective June 1, 2026.</p> <p>Social Media &amp; Publicity Assistant accepted a promotion to full-time and added Supervisor duties effective June 1, 2026.</p>