



Eureka Public Library 2016 Annual Report

In 2016, a total of 28,733 local items were circulated in addition to 1,469 books from the Southeast Kansas Library System rotation collection. The meeting room was used a total of 272 times for approximately 984 hours. 1,190 total items were added to our collection this year (1007 books, 27 audiobooks and 156 DVDs). 421 of our items were sent out for Interlibrary Loan use to other libraries in the state and 656 items were borrowed in. Eureka Public Library also continued to offer many services including computers, printing, faxing, copying, laminating, Talking Books, local newspapers, magazines, free wi-fi, access to e-books and test proctoring.

Highlights

We had another very busy year and a number of successful events took place. Popular events included the Dr. Seuss birthday party; several Lego days; Game Night for Grownups; Yoga for Kids; the Spooktacular Halloween Story Hour; a Christmas story hour featuring a visit from the Grinch; “Following the Western Cattle Trail” by authors Gary and Margaret Kraisinger; Kansas Reads to Pre-Schoolers (in partnership with Marshall Elementary School); a performance by Percussion Magic; an author signing event with local author, AA Thornton; and a visit by the Emporia Zoo. One long-time dream came true when K.C. Wolf, mascot for the Kansas City Chiefs, visited the library in June and not only entertained an audience of all ages, but challenged and inspired everyone to practice reading.



Library staff also were brave enough to host the first ever all-night library lock-in for ‘Tweens. The Harry Potter themed lock-in featured movies, wand making, a Horcrux scavenger hunt, Harry Potter trivia, a Quidditch tournament, and goodies such as Potter’s Pies, McGonagall’s Marvelous Munchies and Bertie Botts’ Every Flavor Beans. The lock-in was such a success we are already making plans for another one this summer!



The library also played a part in two other significant community services. For the second year we hosted the Free Lunch Program for children and youth up to age 18 during July and August. After the July 7th tornado, the library was the site of several recovery meetings and also became the clearing house for tornado recovery information.

In addition, we started a major overhaul of our adult non-fiction section. The Friends of the Library are helping to underwrite this project with funds from the Maxine Rickerd bequest. This is a project that will continue in 2017.



New at the Library

Both Christal Wood and Ruby Echols left us for other opportunities this year. We were fortunate to have Linda Scott come to work for us in October. Many of you know Linda as a former teacher in both the Eureka and West Elk school districts. We are happy to have her on our staff!

Library Value Calculator

How does the library benefit our community? A tool called the “library value calculator” is used to show how much services would cost residents if they were not offered by the library. Each item or service is assigned a value based on a variety of factors (such as actual cost, industry averages, etc.). Those values are then multiplied by the number of times the item or service was used during the year. The table to the right shows the calculated value of Eureka Public Library’s 2016 services. Please note that not all services are included such as wi-fi usage, reference questions answered, and programs that library staff give at outreach sites. In addition, there is the intangible benefit of having these services locally without the need to go out of town. We hope you agree that the library is a great value for our community!

Usage	Eureka Library Services	Value
7,436	Adult Books Borrowed	\$215,644
667	Young Adult Books Borrowed	\$12,006
4,363	Children’s Books Borrowed	\$65,455
627	Magazines Borrowed	\$3,135
936	Newspapers Browsed	\$936
9,113	Movies Borrowed	\$145,808
545	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$21,255
268	E-Books Borrowed	\$2,680
22	Cake Pans Borrowed	\$330
41	Leapsters/Playaways Borrowed	\$3,075
520	Magazine Use in Library	\$2,600
656	Interlibrary Items We Borrowed	\$22,960
984	Meeting Room Use per hour	\$49,200
5/85	Adult Programs (programs/attendance)	\$850
6/44	Young Adult Programs (programs/attendance)	\$440
33/434	Children’s Programs (programs/attendance)	\$4,340
4,577	Hours of Computer Use	\$68,655
1,330	Computer Equipment Use (headphones/usb)	\$1,330
416	1-on-1 Computer Assistance per hour	\$10,400
15	Proctoring per hour	\$300
Total Value of Eureka Public Library		\$631,399

Grants Received

In late 2016, the library received a Technology Grant from the Southeast Kansas Library System to purchase and replace two public computers, one staff desktop computer, and the staff laptop. These new items should be in use sometime this spring.

The library received a Continuing Education Grant from the Southeast Kansas Library System for Director Connie Mitchell to travel to Fargo, ND and attend the annual meeting of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries in October. Connie was one of over 500 librarians attending from more than 40 states.

The library received a grant to purchase books from the 2016 Kansas Notable Books list. The grant came from the Kansas State Library through an Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS) Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant.

Coming Up in 2017

Lots of great programs are being planned! Already on the calendar are Pinterest parties, special story hours each month featuring favorites from children’s books; pie on PI Day; Kansas Humanities Council speakers; a visit by the Emporia Zoo; Lego Days; Game Nights; Yoga for Kids; author signings; Mother’s Day and Father’s Day make and take; ‘Tweens lock in; Talk Like a Pirate Day; and more “Make 2017 Your Best Year Yet” workshops. We will continue our update of the adult non-fiction collection and we will be adding a counter to accurately track our wi-fi use. The long delayed lighting upgrade (funded through an earlier grant from the Southeast Kansas Library System) will be finished. We are still brainstorming ideas, and we welcome suggestions from the public for additional services and programs.

Questions, suggestions for services, programs, or new items? Contact us at carnegie@fox-net.net, call at 620-583-6222, or stop by at 606 N. Main St. Eureka, KS 67045.

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