



## Eureka Public Library

### 2015 Annual Report



Taking time to relax and de-stress at Adult Coloring Night.

In 2015, a total of 28,989 local items were circulated in addition to 1,344 books from the Southeast Kansas Library System rotation collection. In 2015, the meeting room was used a total of 278 times for approximately 949 hours. 1,114 total items were added to our collection this year (895 books, 45 audiobooks, and 174 DVDs). 468 of our items were sent out for Interlibrary Loan use and 677 items were borrowed from other libraries. Eureka Public Library also continued to offer many services including computers, printing, faxing, copying, talking books, local newspapers, magazines, free Wi-Fi, test proctoring, and the meeting room.

#### Another Busy Year

We followed up our Centennial Celebration with another year packed with activities. One new service was to host the Free Lunch program for children and youth up to age 18 in July and August. Volunteers not only served lunch, but also planned activities to feed the mind. This year's Summer Reading Program theme was "Every Hero Has A Story." Our Tween group, under the guidance of Melissa Barkus, designed "The Hero Project." Tweens nominated local citizens as heroes, conducted and taped interviews, and then honored them at a ceremony where Mayor Terry Doerr presented each person with a special hero medallion. Adults also had the option to participate in summer reading with "READO" (a reading version of bingo) this year. During the summer we also hosted visits from musician Alan Cunningham; Senior Airman Michael Buchanan from McConnell Air Force Base; archer Dahlia Crook; Bluestem High School student Kaylyn Baker who presented "Science for Life"; The Emporia Zoo; and Superhero STEM-tastic from Exploration Place in Wichita. Other activities this year included Teen Game Night; Pre-School Story Hour; Kansas Reads to Pre-Schoolers; a Hero Costume Party; Tween Book Club; Coloring for Adults; a visit by the bullfighters and clowns from the Pro Rodeo Circuit; Teen Movie Night; Adult Game Night; and a special Christmas party featuring a visit from Mr. Grinch. We already have a number of activities planned for 2016 and look forward to another great year!



Mr. Grinch visits the Christmas Party.



Teens dancing at the Hero Costume Party.

#### New at the Library

The library launched its new website this year. The website is user friendly and includes a library calendar; information on library services; how to book the meeting room; lists of new additions to the collection; a link to our book review blog; how to make donations to the library; links to community information; the New York Times bestseller lists; and a link to our AmazonSmile account (your Amazon purchases through this link earn the library money). In addition, visitors to the site can access ebooks and audiobooks, learn a foreign language, use genealogy resources and search informational databases. We are most excited, however, that library patrons

can now browse our catalog and access their own accounts through the website. This patron enhancement module gives users the ability to search, place holds and renew items from any location.

## 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. The table to the right shows the calculated value of Eureka Public Library's 2015 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.

Usage	Eureka Library Services	Value
8,052	Adult Books Borrowed	\$217,876.86
694	Young Adult Books Borrowed	\$11,129.26
4,031	Children's Books Borrowed	\$53,087.24
524	Magazines Borrowed	\$2,620.00
936	Newspapers Browsed	\$936.00
9,617	Movies Borrowed	\$144,255.00
469	Audiobooks Borrowed	\$18,160.00
26	Cake Pans Borrowed	\$390.00
21	Leapsters Borrowed	\$1,260.00
520	Magazine Use in Library	\$2,600.00
448	Interlibrary items we loaned	\$11,200.00
949hrs	Meeting Room Use per hour	\$47,450.00
5/70	Adult Programs or Classes (programs/attendance)	\$700.00
24/606	Children's Programs (programs/attendance)	\$6,060.00
4,748	Hours of Computer Use	\$56,976.00
1,479	Computer Equipment Use (headphones)	\$14,790.00
416	1-on-1 Computer Assistance per hour	\$10,400.00
20	Proctoring per hour	\$400.00
<b>Total Value of Eureka Public Library</b>		<b>\$600,290.36</b>

## Grants Received

- In late 2015, the library received a Facilities Improvement Grant from the Southeast Kansas Library System to upgrade and add additional lighting throughout the building. The project is expected to be completed sometime during the spring of 2016.
- The library received a Programming Grant from the Southeast Kansas Library System in June 2015. This grant allowed us to have Exploration Place of Wichita bring their hands-on traveling program, Super-STEM Live Science Show, as part of our Summer Reading Program activities.
- The library received a Continuing Education Grant from the Southeast Kansas Library System for Director Connie Mitchell to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Rural and Small Libraries in Little Rock, AR in October 2015.
- The library received a grant to purchase books from the 2015 Kansas Notable Books list. This grant came from the Kansas State Library through an Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS) Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant.



Alan Cunningham singing with the help of some of our young musicians.

## Goals for 2016

A major goal for us is to institute the KAN-PAY system. KAN-PAY will let library patrons use debit and credit cards to pay for items such as copies and faxes and to settle any other charges they might have. We hope to have the system operational by early spring. We also are exploring options to improve our Internet bandwidth and reliability. Our patron Internet usage continues to increase, both on our in-house computers and with Wi-Fi, and we are committed to providing the best access possible. Stay tuned for the latest developments on these projects!

**Questions, suggestions for services, programs, or new items?  
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