

Wellman
PUBLIC LIBRARY

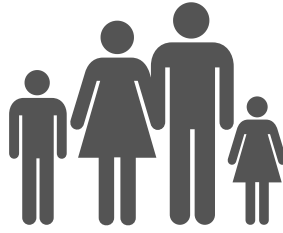


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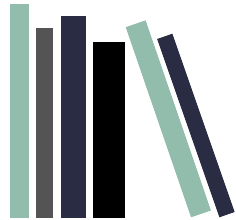
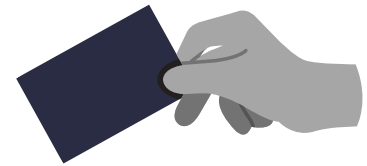
Library Visitors

7,581



Library Card Holders

2,036



14,615

Materials Checked Out

157
Programs



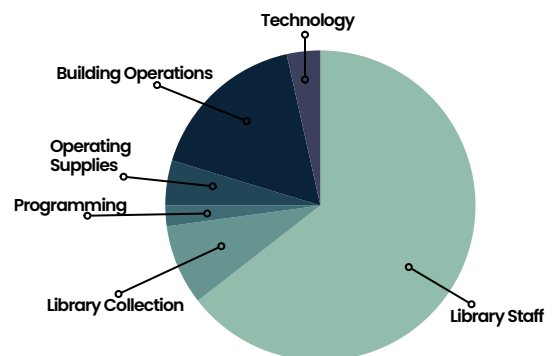
Program Attendance

3,475

It cost
\$111,013
to operate the library



Budget Breakdown



Items Added to
Our Collection

1064

116
New Library
Accounts



HIGHLIGHTS & SUCCESSES

Expanding Our Library: With the help of a generous grant from the Washington County Riverboat Foundation, our library was able to remodel and expand. This expansion allowed us to utilize a previously unoccupied portion of the building and doubled our space. We spent over half the year in a temporary space, limiting us, but we were still able to provide access to most of our collection and a small variety of programs.

We were able to move into our beautiful new space in February and celebrated its completion with an open house in March. We have already seen increases in our visits and checkouts, a growth in our library card holders, made good use of our new program room for events and movies, and have been able to expand our library collection.

Summer Reading Program: We have continued to grow our summer reading program, with a great response from our community. The addition of our new program room allowed us the opportunity to increase the number of programs we offered for all of our summer reading age groups: children, teens, and adults. These programs provide 189 of registered participants with quality, free entertainment and education throughout the months of June and July. Children enjoyed programs such as ISU Insect Zoo, Absolute Science, Dr. Bec's Exotic Animals, Movie Mondays, and so much more. Teens participated in trivia, bingo, cupcake wars, an escape room and other fun events. Adults were able to enjoy a plant exchange, try their hand at painting landscapes, create poured tiles, and participate in our "Bookopoly" reading log.

Programming and Events: Even with a busy year of construction and moving the library, we were always actively working to provide quality programming to the community. While being in our temporary space limited us some, once we were moved into our new expansion our program offerings increased exponentially. Our mission is "Inspiring imagination, sparking curiosity, and creating community." We work hard to fulfill this mission by expanding our programs to engage our community. We planned programs for children, teens, adults, and families throughout the year in order to better serve our whole community.

LIBRARY EXPANSION



This year, we were able to see our library expansion through to its completion. With this expansion, we have double the space and improved amenities to better serve our community, including making our library more accessible.



We are so thankful to our community for their support throughout this process and their help with our move back into our new space. They are truly what makes our library amazing and we are proud to serve them.



We are also eternally grateful to the City of Wellman and Washington County Riverboat Foundation for seeing the value our library adds to the community and supporting this expansion project. This would not have been possible without their help.





SUMMER READING PROGRAM

We once again kicked off Summer Reading with a free lunch for participants at the park, thanks to Federation Bank, and provided each teen and child with a free shirt, thanks to Hills Bank. The Summer Reading Program theme, “Red, Renew, Repeat”, encouraged our participants to look at ways they can be good stewards of our environment. Our children’s programs taught them about bees, the animals and insects that live in the world around us, our native prairies, and more. Our teens enjoyed trivia and creative challenges, while adults joined us for our new adult programs and participated in our “Bookopoly” challenge.



SUMMER READING KICKOFF



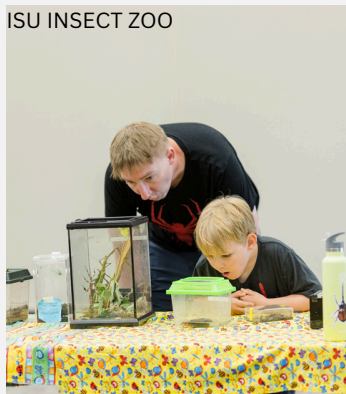
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CUPCAKE WARS



CAT CAFE

PAINTING WITH THE PROS



THE AMAZING RACE

MINI GOLF IN THE LIBRARY



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

THIS YEAR

800

participants came to our children's events

66

participants came to our teen & adult events

75

participants came to our family fun events

123

participants came to our highest attended event of the summer:
Jonathan May, Magician

189

participants registered for our summer reading programs: children's, teen, & adult

3

NEW family fun events added to our summer reading program

4

NEW adult events added to our summer reading program

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

We strive to entertain, engage, and build community throughout the year. We provided programming for all ages including:

- Weekly Story Times on Wednesdays
- Weekly Movers & Shakers Story Time on Fridays
- Plant Exchange
- Spring Break Movie
- Trunk or Treat
- Santa and Story Time @ Light the Night in Wellman
- Summer Movie Mondays
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Library Scavenger Hunts





FY24 STATISTICS

Patrons

- 1746 registered cardholders
 - 799 Wellman residents
 - 450 rural Washington County residents
 - 497 Open Access patrons
- 290 county FlexShare patrons
- 116 new card issued

Library Use

- 7,581 visitors (+17%)
- 26,624 website visits (+665%)
- 10,102 physical materials circulated (-2%)
- 4,513 digital materials circulated (-9%)

Interlibrary Loan

- 133 materials received from other Iowa libraries for our patrons (-16%)
- 124 materials loaned to other Iowa libraries for their patrons (+217%)

Library Programming

- Children
 - 107 programs
 - 2,051 attendees
- Young Adult
 - 8 programs
 - 52 attendees
- Adult
 - 37 programs
 - 186 attendees
- General Interest
 - 7 programs
 - 1,186 attendees
- Total
 - 157 programs
 - 3,475 attendees

Passive Programming

- Scavenger Hunts: 626
- Make & Take Kits: 248
- Use of STEM Resources: 185
- Reading Log Participants: 380
- Coloring Sheets: 422
- Trivia Participants: 194

CIRCULATION & COLLECTION STATISTICS



Physical Circulation

- 2,634 adult books
- 266 young adult books
- 6,214 children's books
- 655 video recordings
- 117 audio recordings
- 212 other physical items

Digital Circulation

- 1,576 eBooks
- 2,915 audiobooks
- 67 periodicals

Total Circulation

- 14,615 materials

Physical Collection

- 13,267 books
- 272 audiobooks
- 1,505 videos
- 211 other items

- 15,269 total physical collection

Collection Management

- 1,058 items weeded
- 1,064 items added

