

Library Board Memo No. 4133

TO: Board of Trustees, Kansas City Urban Public Library District

FROM: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive

RE: Director's Report for July 2016

FINANCIAL REPORT

Because this is the first month of year, as usual, we have expenses without having much revenue. Most of the significant numbers in the expense category are the result of timing differences on major contracts. We will know more about our revenue next month when we get final property tax numbers from the Assessor.

SYSTEM-WIDE ACTIVITIES

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Collection Development

Haley Lips was promoted to Librarian beginning July 7. As a result she has expanded selection and project responsibilities.

Erica Voell applied for another First Book distribution and was awarded 3,814 books for Outreach Books to Give.

Collection Development and Acquisitions closely managed release of *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*. The publisher required the Library to sign an embargo agreement, prohibiting the opening or photographing of the book cartons before 7:00 pm Sunday, July 31. Because the Library was closed at that time, Erica Voell securely stored the books until Monday morning when Terry Brooks opened the boxes, filled the holds and put them in early delivery. All books were available for pickup before noon, the earliest possible time. The Library will maintain a 2:1 holds ratio for print and electronic formats.

Acquisitions

July Physical Orders

Physical Format	Titles Ordered	Copies Ordered
Book	1,685	4,098

Audiobook	20	45
DVD	73	311
Music CD	8	38
Total	1,786	4,492

DEVELOPMENT

Programs and Services

Development met with the new Outreach and Digital Media Lab VISTAs, giving them an overview of the role of the Development department and discussing how we can work together to secure funding for their special projects. The VISTAs showed interest in learning about grant writing, so we plan on giving them a “Grant Writing 101” info session in the near future, which will then be available to all KCPL staff.

Development handled the logistics of dinner with Cliff Illig after our third Cradle of Entrepreneurs event.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Kristin Nelson worked with the Friends of the Library on revamping their membership structure and messaging. Meanwhile, Logan Heggemann continued working with the Friends on logistics for their Summer Social (sending out the invitations and event reminders; tracking RSVPs; creating name tags and printing membership lists.)

At the last minute, the Library was contacted to be a part of a study being done by Kauffman Foundation regarding Out-of-school-time (OST) programs. Carrie Coogan, Kristin and Crystal Faris were interviewed by Nailah M’Biti about the Library’s efforts in OST programs, as well as our views on the current status of OST programs throughout Kansas City. All three, as well as Crosby, attended the meeting at Kauffman where they presented the initial findings of the study.

Library Initiatives

With help from front-line colleagues, Kristin edited and submitted six ideas for the Urban Library Council’s (ULC) Innovations RFP. ULC asked public libraries around the country to submit their cutting-edge programs. We submitted entries on digital inclusion; FYI Book Club; Hotspots for Learning; Mayor’s Nights; a RIS forum; and our universal library card initiative. All should be published by ULC, but only the top innovations of 2016 will be celebrated at the Library during the ULC Conference this October.

We received the final \$500,000 check from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, which completes the \$1.5 million commitment the Foundation has made in support of general operating and the Public Affairs department.

Teresa Bolton and Joel Jones asked to meet with Kristin about the idea of bringing back volunteers to be Ambassadors in the Central Library. This program used to exist, and they see a need to have additional bodies in Kirk Hall to welcome patrons to the Library, direct them to the

resources they seek, and provide tours of the building. As Kristin works on re-doing the Support pages online, she will map out the big-picture plan for Volunteering in 2017, working with Katie Taylor to get something moving.

Kristin and Carrie had a phone conversation with Grif Peterson of Peer 2 Peer University to fill Kristin in on their services and how they could fit at the Library. We have decided to contract out with Grif to start online digital inclusion classes via P2PU so that our NTEN Digital Inclusion Fellow, Wendy Pearson, has a core curriculum foundation from which to plan out her direct service throughout the year. The services cost \$2,500 and will come out of Wendy's \$10,000 programming budget, \$5K of which Kristin secured from Adam Starr and \$5K of which is a matching gift made by NTEN.

Staff Activities and Development

Kristin had lunch with Diana Reiter (MCPL) and Susan Mong (JOCO) to discuss the three library systems' roles in both the ULC Conference and our collaborative projects, such as Union Catalog, Summer Reading, and the Big Read. Diana recently met with Carey Looney at H&R Block Foundation, and of all of the initiatives Diana pitched for MCPL, the one Carey is most excited about is our regional collaboration. We aim to devise a plan for regional collaboration with the Directors and then approach H&R for joint funding.

As our most recent fiscal year closed, Logan used his masterful Raiser's Edge skills to report on the department's performance for the fiscal year. For FY16, the department brought in more than \$1.4 million, consisting of grants (69%), membership (9.8%), annual appeals (4%), and other gifts (17%).

As an attempt to make our Greenwood Society members feel loved and appreciated, we decided to send each member a letter and to target certain members with an advanced reader copy or a signed book. With so many different tasks on our plate, the department hasn't had the time to properly cultivate and steward these amazingly generous donors who give year after year, many times without being asked. This gesture was to let them know we haven't forgotten them, and to assure them that they can reach out to us anytime with any questions, to get to know us better, or just to chat. Our new goal is to complete the Development packet for high level donors and prospects by September 15, rather than November 15, so that we can get this information to our GWS members as soon as possible and launch a new era of the Society.

Kristin and Carrie attended the Chamber's Power of Diversity breakfast after Crosby mentioned that he'd like the Library to be a 'champion of diversity' someday. A few days after the breakfast, Kristin met with Greg Valdovino at the Chamber to discuss the Library's diversity efforts and how we might someday be recognized at one of these events. Greg is a library lover, and he is eager for us to keep the Chamber updated on our upcoming programs and to utilize the Chamber's website as an additional promotion tool for events. Kristin will stay involved with the Chamber through Centurions and will keep her ear to the ground for information on next year's diversity and inclusion breakfast. They are re-vamping their guidelines to include nonprofits in their recognition activities at the breakfast, and we'd like the opportunity to be part of that next year.

DIGITAL YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Programs and Services

Marcus Brown and Andrea Ellis met regularly throughout the month of July with Team Digital. Youth are being trained to amplify youth voice through both audio and video production.

Two members of Team Digital had on-location shoots in July. The first was Quincey, who was interested in learning more about octopi. He contacted Sea Life Aquarium who agreed to allow a teen video crew to come out and interview one of their staff members. We were treated to a behind the scenes look at the facility including the aquarium, the kitchen, and the major water piping arteries.

The second shoot was for DeVaughn, who is interested in engineering. His production involved interviewing several engineers at Martinrea, a global, billion dollar automobile parts supplier located in North Kansas City.



Andrea Ellis and Marcus Brown attended a First Tech Challenge robotics information session. This is in preparation for the creation of a robotics program at the Library, which will begin in September. Throughout the summer of 2016 Marcus Brown has been meeting regularly with a former captain of the Blue Valley CAPS robotics team who helping KCDML prepare for this new initiative. The

photo included above is of the current KCDML robot navigating through an obstacle course.

KCDML is hosting a two-week podcasting and build-in workshop with 15 participants in the YMCA Young Achievers initiative. Youth are creating short personal stories both as individuals, and in teams. They are challenged to connect themselves with inventors/scientists/engineers and with Kansas City history. In addition, in teams, participants are completing several mechanical build projects (see photo).



Community Outreach and Partnership

Andrea Ellis participated in the National Storytelling Conference Healing through Story workshop. It was a day-long workshop and provided continued training on how to use story in the work of KCDML.

Andrea also attended the Digital Coalition Meeting.

KCDML held its second Geeks & Treats event on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. The focus of these meet-ups is to convene youth practitioners on a regular basis to discuss issues of importance to their work, as well as to provide resources and opportunities for collaboration. The next Geeks & Treats will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

Library Initiatives

The new cohort of AmeriCorps VISTA started their year-long commitment with the Library on July 11. One of them, Angelica DeSimio is serving as the KCDML Volunteer Coordinator for 2016-2017 (see photo). Andrea Ellis participated in the onboarding process developed by Mary



Olive Thompson to welcome the new staff members. This included coordinating meetings for Angelica with Kara Huen, a volunteer from VML who is helping to redesign the KCDML website.

The VISTA's, Andrea Ellis, and Mary Olive Thompson, also completed a service project at Harvesters in July. The group was tasked to sort and box onions, sweet potatoes, and corn on the cob for area families. The group worked collaboratively for two hours and successfully completed two full pallets in record time.

Andrea Ellis and Angelica DeSimio attended a National Storytelling workshop focused on storytelling as an organization. This training will support Angelica's work as the KCDML Volunteer Coordinator VISTA because she will be responsible for telling the story of KCDML in order to recruit, engage, and maintain mentors.

DIGITAL BRANCH

Digital Branch staff will give a presentation at the regular Board meeting on August 23, 2016 which will include an update on the following Master Project List items: Digital Encyclopedia of Kansas City and Regional Library Collaboration

Programs and Services

The new library website is ready for a beta launch after a couple years of development. We will deploy it for staff feedback for a period of approximately two weeks, then make it available as an option from our current website. During this period we will conduct surveys, user testing and feedback sessions with patrons in order to fine tune areas of interest. After a month or so of public input, we will transition everyone to the new site by default.

We are close to getting a test instance of our forthcoming Bibliocommons catalog. David LaCrone has been working with the vendor on this and will operate as the technical liaison. Kim Gile and Kaite Stover have graciously agreed to help with staff training and engagement.

Library Initiatives – Digital History

The Digital Branch is firmly entrenched in the Pendergast-era web project, operating on grant funds from LSTA and Freedom's Frontier. Cody Kauhl took the lead in inventorying, scanning and metadata creation for 60+ items from the collection of the Black Archives. He also

completed the inventory for the National Archives Kansas City which will be scanned in the coming weeks by a vendor. He also completed metadata work on many images from the JC Nichols scrapbook collection at State Historical Society, which we are repurposing for our site.

Cody and Jason Roe also made several trips to Union Station to survey and digitize materials from the collection of the Kansas City Museum.

Jason Roe has secured seven authors to write for the site supported by funding from Freedom's Frontier. We expect drafts on September 1. Jason is also assisting on editing the print volume with Diane Mutti Burke and John Herron from UMKC department of History.

Jason edited Terry Beckenbaugh's essay on Shelby's Raid, which Cody posted to the Civil War website. This effectively closes out the W. T. Kemper Civil War grant fund.

We continue to work on the new KCHistory website. David surveyed the site pages and provided some basic formatting and organization. He met with MVSC staff to discuss how to update the site moving forward. He continues to work with Innovative Interfaces to clean up the remaining issues that need to be addressed prior to launch.

Digital Inclusion

Digital Branch was happy to welcome aboard Wendy Pearson, our Digital Inclusion Fellow. She has really taken off running by meeting with staff all over the library and with external partners as well.

David secured 66 mobile hotspots through Mobile Beacon's TechSoup donation program. This will effectively triple the impact of our Hotspots for Learning program, which we are ramping up for early in the school year. There will be a presence at the opening celebration of the District's new headquarters on August 6.

Staff Activities and Development

David provided an overview of Career Online High School for the Library's new VISTAs.

Jason interviewed with Steve Wieberg for his KC Studio article.

MVSC

Programs and Services

During July MV staff assisted 268 walk-in patrons to the Missouri Valley Room and answered 137 queries via phone/mail/email.

Joanna Marsh finished the processing of the SC195 S. Stephen Lispi Collection and produced a 26-page finding aid with 10 series and 730 items. Her work continues on inventorying the Gordon-Hyatt Collection, to date 83 of the 180 boxes. Melissa Horak-Hern finished the finding aid for SC196 Marburg Residence Scrapbook (August Meyer's home). Kara Evans began processing SC197 Frank Schubert Buffalo Soldiers Collection.

Community Outreach and Partnerships

Jeremy Drouin reports that the *Kansas City Business Journal* requested two historic images for a story about the renovation of the Kansas City Power & Light Building.

Michael Wells assisted a Lincoln High School class that visited the Missouri Valley Room to research school yearbooks.

Kara Evans assisted Ozarks Public Television researchers, who are working on a documentary about KC streetcars.

Melissa Horak-Hern assisted an Arkansas documentary film production company working on a PBS American Experience program on the Oklahoma City bombing.

On July 22, Joanna Marsh and Eli Paul interviewed Arthur Brisbane on the role of the *Kansas City Star-Times* during the newspaper coverage of the 1981 Hyatt disaster and its aftermath.

Library Initiatives

The quartet Ninkasi presented July's "Missouri Valley Sunday" event to an enthusiastic crowd of 165, performing musical pieces by Kansas City composers of the Pendergast era. Michael Wells assisted them with gathering historic images to accompany their concert.

Michael Wells has been working with Anne Ducey of Public Affairs on their upcoming exhibit, *City of Tomorrow: Kansas City's Postwar Urban Renewal*. Opening in September, the exhibit will focus on the efforts of city planners, policy makers, and developers to reshape the city's urban landscape after World War II.

Kara Evans created MVR displays on the Richards-Conover Hardware Company collection, which she recently processed. Michael Wells pulled Special Collections items related to Walt Disney's time in Kansas City for a group of visiting students from Western Michigan University on a Disney-related pilgrimage.

Kate Hill reports three notable accessions in July:

- An official copy of Isaac McCoy's will (1870), as well as letters from Sallie Bass (1844) and Virginia Chick (1849), donated by a McCoy descendant;
- 1934 Westport High School yearbook signed by Ewing Kauffmann;
- 44 snapshots of the 1950 Kansas City Centennial Parade.

Staff Activities and Development

John Horner's blog on the 1908 Republican National Convention in Chicago, a story with a Kansas City connection, appeared on the Library's website in time to coincide with the current political season.

Kara Evans, Kate Hill, and Joanna Marsh attended the webinar, "Cartographic Resources Cataloging for Beginners," on how to record metadata when cataloging historic maps. Michael Wells attended webinars on attracting volunteer interest through crowdsourcing platforms and on delivering effective presentations, the latter hosted by the Missouri Library Association.

Melissa Horak-Hern attended two archives-related webinars on “Connecting to Collections Care.”

Eli Paul attended a meeting of local historical organizations at the Liberty Memorial to learn about the 2018 conference of the American Association for State and Local History that will meet in Kansas City.

MVSC staff toured the archives of the Catholic Diocese of Kansas City and St. Joseph, located in the old New York Life Building.

OUTREACH

Programs and Services

The Lobby Stop program continues to serve 11 different senior sites monthly providing regularly pop-up library service to 71 individuals and circulated 288 items. Lobby Stops are coordinated and staffed by Gayla Honeycutt and Tiffany Alexander. Lobby Stop service provides easy access to library resources and materials to seniors in our community through monthly library service at their senior living or senior center locations.

Home Bound Books provided Library materials mailed directly to 85 patrons across our service area and circulated 1,531 including 37 eBooks, 3 Kindles, 3 hotspots, and 1 tablet. Home Bound Books brings the Library to individuals in our community unable to visit the library due to health and or age.

This month, Books to Go served 206 classrooms with 3,101 children accessing 6,042 Books to Go items to provide a rotating collection of quality children’s books to kids in childcare. To encourage summer reading participation, 257 Books to Go sites received summer reading materials. The Books to Go team includes Bob Pemberton, Peggy Farney, and Tiffany Alexander. The Books to Go team met for the annual Books to Go review to discuss the coming service year, ways to streamline, and service procedures.

Bob Pemberton filled 10 Books to Give requests in June sending out 1,035 brand new books for kids in our community to build their own personal library.

In the month of July, the Refugee and Immigrant Services Division provided or participated in the following programs:

The final *Becoming A Citizen* workshop was held at the North-East Branch. Ron Nguyen, an immigrant attorney from Western Legal Aid, spoke with attendees regarding the information they would need to compile before submitting the N-400 Naturalization paperwork.

Mary Lubber, Katie Taylor and Julie Robinson attended World Refugee Day at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. They handed out books to children and citizenship flyers to the adults. There were more than 800 people in attendance at the event. Refugee and Immigrant Services were among the co-sponsors of the annual event and branded it as part of the Immigrant Heritage series.

The Outreach VISTAs began reaching out to develop partnerships with several community agencies in response to the needs of teen resources at the North-East branch.

Upcoming meetings are scheduled with Kansas City Anti Violence Project (KCAVP) on August 4 and Front Porch Alliance on August 8. The VISTAs will attend a “drop-in” for homeless youth hosted by SOS (reStart Inc. and Synergy Services) on August 18 to raise awareness of library services, issue cards, forgive fines, and lead a group activity. This event will be held at reStart’s Housing Solutions Center and has the potential to be a recurring monthly event.

Additionally, VISTAs have been corresponding with HALO, Mattie Rhodes, New House, and Rose Brooks in hopes of meeting with these agencies to determine ways they can partner and collaborate to better serve library patrons and the community at large.

Also, VISTAs are planning to meet with Mary Olive Thompson and Joel Jones in regard to setting up a staff training presented by the Kansas City Police Department’s Crisis Intervention Team. The ultimate goal of training will be to help educate library staff on how the team can assist them and their patrons in the event of a crisis.

Community Outreach and Partnerships

Julie Robinson, Daniel Russo and Hannah Johnson met with Jamie Mayo and Laura Kirk about the LSTA Spotlight on Literacy grant. Arrangements have been made for digital storytelling training and recruiting students for the classes.

Hannah Johnson and Daniel Russo reached out the class volunteers and contacts at community agencies and partners to introduce themselves and forge a relationship.

VISTAs participated in an outreach event on July 21 with reStart Inc. The monthly event took place in Kirk Hall at the Central Library. The VISTAs issued resources/information to about a dozen patrons and issued one library card at this event.

VISTAs attended a meeting for the Homeless Services Taskforce at MARC in July. This opportunity allowed the VISTAs to become familiarized with the structure of such meetings while being exposed to representatives of various social service agencies. This served as a valuable introduction to prime the VISTAs for their year of service ahead.

VISTAs also attended a meeting in regard to a Veterans Writing Workshop that will be held at the Plaza branch and will help promote the event through their military contacts.

Mary Olive Thompson visited Amethyst Place in July promoting Library resources, signing individuals up for library cards, and providing fine amnesty. She served 24 individuals during this visit.

In July, Mary participated in the annual Shepard Center Senior Companion training. She presented for an hour on various Library resources and set up the Companions with library cards

while providing amnesty for the few that needed it. She served 10 individuals for this year's training.

Staff Activities and Development

Refugee and Immigrant Services bid farewell to VISTA Mary Luber at the end of her service year. Onboarding of the next VISTAs took place over a two week period. RIS welcomed Hannah Johnson and Daniel Russo.

Julie Robinson, Daniel Russo and Hannah Johnson attended the monthly Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. They had an opportunity to announce the upcoming Citizenship classes to be held at North-East and Central.

Julie Robinson attended a USCIS webinar on the new appointment scheduling program that is being released for use.

Emily Luedtke and Jason Pearl participated in the following professional development opportunities: VISTA Blend- PSOT, VISTA Blend- Accomplishing Your VISTA Assignment, Digital Storytelling Workshop, and VISTA Blend- "13 Lessons About Poverty."

Jason Pearl participated in two webinars, Serving At-Risk Patrons: Lessons from Library Social Workers and Better Together: Organizational Partnerships and Collaboration.

Emily Luedtke participated in one webinar, Behavioral Economics and Financial Decision-Making.

Mary Olive Thompson coordinated a two-week Library onboarding orientation for the five new AmeriCorps VISTA members starting in July. Ten different departments and/or branches participated in the orientation including ITS, Library Volunteer Coordinator, Development, H&R Block, Reference, Youth and Family Engagement, and Public Affairs. The Library VISTA Team and supervisors also participated in a service project at Harvesters during the two-week onboarding.

As the new AmeriCorps VISTA started their service year, we said goodbye and thank you to our remaining first year VISTAs, Lyn Cook and Mary Maxine Luber. Friday, July 22 was their last service day as AmeriCorps VISTA at Kansas City Public Library.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Programs and Services

A new pilot project is underway in partnership with Kansas City Public Library and KCPT-Public Television. The pilot episodes of a new show entitled Centropolis include "Charlie Rose type" interviews with Library Director and guests.

Public Affairs staff is working to create automated welcome email to everyone who signs up for a new Library card. A planned second phase of this project is to offer monthly newsletter to all Library patrons who provide an email address and agree to receive Library information.

First Friday events are now being offered at Central Library to coincide with the popular First Friday festivities in the Crossroads and Downtown. The inaugural event in June, to be followed by events every other month, opens up Central on Friday evenings to showcase our two galleries, offer story time, live music and refreshments on the Rooftop Terrace.

The Library is working in partnership with the Nelson Atkins Museum and the American Jazz Museum to bring the photographs of Cuban born artist Jesse Fernandez to Kansas City. The artist's work will be displayed at each institution and an opening program held on September 15 at both the Nelson and the Central Library. The Library and the Jazz Museum will also be incorporating additional events throughout the life of the exhibit, through December 31.

The Kansas City Public Library website redesign has been underway for over a year. This month, Digital Branch will be offering staff information sessions and encouraging feedback on the site which is now slated to launch the last week in September.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Carrie Coogan, Angela Siefer (NDIA) and Charity Kittler (New York Public Library) presented at the American Library Association Conference about the importance of anchor institutions, especially libraries and broadband adoption for the community.

Carrie Coogan was selected to be part of a national working group on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's work in the White House Connect ALL program. The team working in Washington DC on the Community Connectivity Initiative is comprised of experts in the digital equity field who are in the process of creating an assessment tool to be used by cities across the nation to inform and help civic and community leaders make their city/community digitally included.

The Library's Community Bookshelf continues to garner nationwide attention. Most recently, it has been highlighted on a national website (Atlas Obscura), included in a soon to be released book (working title: *Cultural Heritage Tourism: A Manual for Economic Revitalization and Sustainable Growth*) as part of the American Association for State and Local History's book series slated for publication in Winter/Spring 2017, and an upcoming TV commercial for Jolly Green Giant.

Carrie Coogan and Crosby Kemper III were asked to present at a Kauffman Foundation Lunch and Learn. They shared information about current and potential initiatives and programs at the Library.

The Kansas City Public Library is partnering with Peer 2 Peer University to create learning circles at two of our locations. The learning circles are on-line classes taught at the Library surround digital inclusion curriculum. The programs will be led by Wendy Pearson, our Digital Inclusion Fellow, who will be creating a volunteer program and recruiting volunteers to expand the reach of these programs into other library locations and community locations.

Carrie Coogan, Crosby Kemper, Crystal Faris and Jamie Mayo met with the new Kansas City Missouri Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Mark Bedell, to discuss continued partnerships and working together on a Community Wide Broadband Strategic Plan.

The Kansas City Public Library and Truman Library partnered together on a program with the Truman Book Award winner Michael Neiberg and on a new series called Dateline Washington DC. Guests included Time Magazine's David Von Drehle and Politico's Mike Allen.

On the eve of the 12th Annual KC Fringe Festival—Central Library hosted a special preview program highlighting the 11-day list of performances.

The Library partnered with Art in the Loop on programs to showcase and highlight art in and around the streetcar line. Central Library is also the designated rain location for Art in the Loop events through November.

Kansas City Public Library partnered on a program and exhibit with the Dole Institute celebrating the anniversary of the 1976 Republican Convention in Kansas City. The event was taped and re-broadcast nationwide by CSPAN.

Library Initiatives

Carrie Coogan has established a Digital Engagement Task Force for the Library. This new group is comprised of internal library staff from each location and organized to coordinate and communicate within the Library system all of the digital inclusion initiatives we are working on and how we can best work more efficiently together.

Meetings will be held this month to discuss the roll-out of the Hotspots for Learning program at three area KCPS locations. This program is starting its 2nd year.

After one year of the current Career Online High School partnership between KCPL, MCPL and LiteracyKC, we are now reaching out to other possible partners including Johnson County Public Library.

Staff Activities and Development

The Library's new Digital Inclusion Fellow, Wendy Pearson, has begun working on assessing what digital engagement programs are currently in operation at all Library locations. She is working build communication and collaboration with digital equity initiatives both inside and outside the Library.

READER'S SERVICES

Programs and Services

KCPL will be partnering with KCPT/The Bridge 90.1 and the American Jazz Museum for the next two installments of the FYI Book Club. We'll be reading *Your Song Changed My Life* by Bob Boilen (host of NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts and All Songs Considered) on August 22 at The Bridge and *Blood at the Root* by Patrick Phillips in October at the American Jazz Museum.

Community Outreach and Partnership

In addition to working with the Lyric Opera on a reading tie-in for their upcoming season, Kaite will be working with the Unicorn Theater, Metropolitan Ensemble Theatre, KCRep, and The Folly Theatre. These collaborations with local arts and humanities organizations are just the start of a project Carrie Coogan and Kaite are hoping to expand over the coming year.

For the fourth year in a row, Kaite worked with Cheryl Kimmi, Executive Director of the Kansas City Fringe Festival. This year brought in the largest crowd to date. We look forward to continuing this partnership.

Planning has begun for the 2017 Jackson County/Clay County Spelling Bee. Kaite and Kim Angotti (YFE) started the preliminary outline and will be meeting with Kristin Nelson and MCPL staff about potential funding for the Bee with an eye towards funding for multiple years.

Library Initiatives

Kansas City area librarians will make another appearance at a readers' convention, WorldCon 2016. This year's conference, MidAmeriCon II in Kansas City, made room for a panel on "Science Fiction and Fantasy in the Library: Creating, Engaging, and Retaining Readers." Librarians from Kansas City, Kansas Public Library, Johnson County Library, and Mid-Continent Public Library will be on the panel.

Kaite and Kim Gile (Reference) are working on a plan for staff training for BiblioCommons in partnership with MCPL.

Staff Activities and Development

Kaite turned in the final report for the Grow NoveList Awareness project. The EBSCO team was so impressed with the work KCPL did they have invited Diana Platt (Plaza) and Seth Emery (Westport) to be part of a webinar showcasing best practices for the next round of grant applicants.

Kaite is now the sole author of the "Under the Radar" column in the Public Libraries Journal. Her debut column on the Black Lives Matter movement appeared in the July/August 2016 issue.

Kaite was one of the panelists for a Booklist webinar on "Handselling: Readers' Advisory for Under the Radar Titles."

Kaite brought books for the upcoming election season to the most recent Bibliofiles segment on KCUR's Up to Date. Kaite then turned the reading suggestions into a blog post for the Library's website.

Kaite has been appointed to the Louis Shores Award, an ALA Committee that recognizes an individual reviewer, review medium, or organization for excellence in book reviewing and other media for libraries.

VOLUNTEERS

During July a total of 62 volunteers contributed 893.75 hours: 259.25 hours by 29 Library volunteers, 188 hours by 10 Friends volunteers, 16 hours by one intern, 184.5 hours by 20 teens, and 246 hours by two VISTA volunteers.

In the month of July the new Vista members were introduced to the process of recruiting volunteers. Katie Taylor will work closely with them in the upcoming months to ensure they have the help they need.

Last month, Katie handed off requests from anxious parents wanting their teen to volunteer at the Library to Kim Angotti. Kim and Katie met to discuss alternative placements for teens as many of them are not able to volunteer at the library.

YOUTH AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Programs and Services

Jamie Mayo met with Joel Jones to clarify where we were with the providing Library Card numbers for those who didn't have their card or didn't know their number. There was some concern expressed several months ago about the issues that arise because some locations provide the numbers and some require the acquisition of a new card. A task force met to discuss all of the pros and cons of the various ways this issue could be handled and made some recommendations. Joel has tasked YFE staff with creating a one sheet document that lines out how to handle the provision of library card numbers, as well as the steps needed to replace cards to keep Workflows and SAM clean and to ensure patrons don't lose access to their digital requests. The committee will be meeting in August to finalize those details and hope to have the document ready for use shortly thereafter.

Abby Borne of KCDML's Team Digital requested an interview with Jamie to talk about her writing and storytelling processes. Abby videoed the conversation, which she initiated using some questions that she had put together. Jamie felt that the questions were thoughtful and fun to answer and inspired a conversation that touched on many different aspects of the creation process. Abby plans to include this recording in a series of podcasts she will be producing that focus on writing.

Jamie met with Dan Russo and Hannah Johnson of Refugee and Immigrant Services to focus on how to execute the grant that the library received from the State Library to create a digital storytelling project that helps young people learn to tell their own stories. This skill is one that will then be connected to some job interview skills. She also met with Joe Malone (ITS), Wes Hinman (ITS) and Julie Robinson (RIS) to help determine what equipment and apps will be needed to help record the stories. This initiative will take place at North-East branch and will focus on teens and young adults.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Jamie met with Melissa Carle (LSP) to talk through what needs to happen to get St. Teresa's students e-cards. They are our pilot school for working through a process for getting cards into the hands of charter and private school students on a global basis.

She also met with the team planning a fair for parents to access information about the various school options available to them—from public to private to charter. This will be held in November at Central Library. Schools are invited to table at the event; parents are invited to come talk with various schools; informational sessions are being planned. Food will be served. This is a partnership with KC Show Me Schools, whose goal is to give parents information that will help them choose the best schools for their children and teens.

Library Initiatives

The Hotspots for Learning committee, with representation from the Public School System and the Library met last week to plan our approach to providing hotspots for students for the coming school year. We will be bringing the school librarians, key players in making this initiative work, into the conversation in our August meeting. The program will be expanding from two schools (Central Academy and East High) to three (adding North-East HS) and we will have almost three times the number of hotspots we had in year one. An application will be forthcoming soon, and will be available in time for the August 6 Back to School Fair that will be held on the grounds of the new administrative offices site for KCPS.

Staff Activities and Development

Jamie Mayo represented the Library at the National Storytelling Network Conference held here in Kansas City July 20 – 24. She was recognized for her contributions as a member of the Conference Planning Committee. She also organized a one-day Social Justice-focused workshop for the Healing Story Alliance (HSA) that was designed to help people who have been marginalized tell their stories. A number of Library staff and teen patrons participated in this workshop facilitated by Lani Peterson, a Boston-based psychologist and storyteller who has lead numerous workshops for homeless folks, men recently-released from prison, sex workers among other populations. This was the first workshop she has lead that had a mix of ages and people who have been marginalized for various reasons. Jamie has been asked to present a follow-up session at next year's HSA pre-conference that will explore work based on this year's session.

The focus of sessions Jamie attended included creating storytelling opportunities for homeless youth; creating culturally relevant curriculum for classrooms; creating a more open environment around cultural differences using storytelling (this one featured a model that encourages participants to listen for resonant points in others stories); utilizing the work of Jack Zipes to create relevant learning experiences for youth; using myth and legend to create connections through personal story sharing; and digging deeper into our stories to make conscious the hidden elements that make a story work that tellers employ intuitively.

Jamie was able to connect with several storytellers from across the nation who agreed to provide further help in bringing these initiatives into the work of the Library's Youth and Family Engagement department. She also discovered a book by Sue O'Halloran designed to help non-profit organizations employ story in garnering support for their work, from which she hopes to find additional information and inspiration.

Jamie attended Geeks and Treats event at Westport. The focus was on storytelling in organizations. Several people expressed an interest in gathering for a workshop on digital

storytelling and also in exploring how not-for-profit organizations can use storytelling to garner support and funding by telling the stories of the impact that they create in their communities.

Jamie attended the Games and Learning Conference sponsored by Nazarene University. Some of the focus of the day was on learning new games and how to facilitate their play as well as how to run a debriefing session afterwards that will help players associate the skills and knowledge utilized by each particular game. She also attended a session on adapting games for various audiences and to address particular learning objectives. The BreakoutEdu session inspired some thinking about the possibility of using Breakout types of activities as part of Summer of Learning 2017. Amanda Barnhart (Plaza) suggested getting a small group together to brainstorm how to employ this type of activity for learning about digital technology. Jamie also intends to look at how the activity can be applied to architecture in KC, utilizing resources from the Missouri Valley Collection in order to connect it to the 2017 Summer Reading Program theme.

CENTRAL LIBRARY

Programs and Services

The Block Center Staff assisted patrons in conducting two video interviews in the new video conferencing space.

Telephones have been added to the 4th floor at Central that ring directly to staff on the 3rd floor. Patrons needing help finding a book or resource can now call rather than travel between service points and collections. The phones are located next to our on-line catalogues.

OneNorth staff conducted 16 one-on-one appointments and held seven classes during the month of July. Laurie Wilson and Ann Dreiling both received letters from thankful patrons.

The Central Library's Facebook Page continues to gain followers. In July we reached an average of 5,200 views a week. Plaza, Westport and Central all created "Take a Poet to Work" displays and posts. Diana Platt at Plaza had 87 poets taken to work (well taken somewhere). The Missouri Valley Room had a caption contest and received over 2,500 views for their post. And of course several Facebook followers found Pokémon hanging out in the library when they play Pokémon Go. One of the little critters was hanging out by the holds shelf.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Kim Gile, Eric Petersen, and Mary Olive Thompson visited Reconciliation Services at 31st and Troost to discuss resources and opportunities for collaboration. Reconciliation is excited about the possibilities of using some of the Library's free resources.

Teresa Bolton joined the Steering Committee for the Kansas City Metro Aging Positive Conference to be held next spring. The conference is an annual event to introduce Metro area organizations about best practices in our ageing communities.

Teresa Bolton attended the monthly meeting for the American Society of Public Administrator's. This month's topic was creating local public/private partnerships.

Kim Gile attended Entrepreneur Day at the K, a special event for entrepreneurs at Kauffman Stadium. She brought business cards and promoted the library's free services.

Kim Gile, Amy Morris, Teresa Bolton Andy Dandino, Courtney Lewis, and Steve Woolfolk began work on a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" postcard. With the growth of lofts and condos into the downtown and Westside areas it is a great opportunity to introduce new comers to the library. This will be piloted here at Central and Ruiz, but hopefully will expand to all library locations.

KCPL's Ride and Read Team continues to lead our category in the Green Commute Challenge. This is a summer long program created by MARC to promote varies modes of transportation in the Metro. KCPL is currently in 4th place over all beating organizations four times our size. Teresa won second place in the commute selfie by posting her picture of Poe out to lunch with librarians; accompanied with the saying "Last night Dyson drove the bus, today Poe rides the street car." How often can you combine a puppet of a poet, baseball and commuting to win a free lunch?

Library Initiatives

We have replaced the Shakespeare book display in Kirk Hall with one connected to the Republican National Convention of 1976 exhibit in the Mountain Gallery. Carol Bruegging selected books from the collection, Anne Ducey designed the back drop and middle panel, while Mick Cottin relocated the material physically and also electronically in our catalogue.

The Delivery Services Team continues to refine the movement of the Central Library Collections. More magazines have been moved to OneNorth. This 35% increase was made possible by adding a third display shelf to each section. Working with reference librarians the DST was able to shelve a collection of Reference Books that were previously unavailable to the public back into the third-floor collection. The DST and AV staff has begun the process of rearranging the Vault Level Loutzenhiser Collection to accommodate a large number of previously unavailable items. Dawn Mackey and Elizabeth Cribbs have been an integral part of making these materials available for our patrons.

Staff Activities and Development

Carol Bruegging and Kim Gile attended the Serving At-Risk Patrons: Lessons from Library Social Workers webinar.

Eric Petersen drafted the Missouri Library Association quarterly Treasurer's report and attended the Executive Board meeting. He also trained Assistant Treasurer Mary Beth Revels on the Treasurer's duties.

Kelly Mahon met with Julie Robinson and Kim Gile to discuss ways to promote the video conferencing space to KC immigrants. Julie will reach out to her contacts to share how immigrants can use this room to keep in touch with family at home.

CENTRAL YOUTH SERVICES

Programs and Services

Summer Reading has been a huge success this year. CYS had almost 1,200 registrants, a tremendous increase over previous years. We've gotten very good feedback on the format's simplicity and the kids enjoyed the power of choices in the activities we provided on the sheets. One family reported that their daughter was determined to do EVERY activity and IN the ORDER that they were listed. Mission accomplished, that was one proud kid, and one grateful mom.

CYS hosted three performers in Helzberg and they were all well received and well attended. The audiences were leaning on the younger side and yet they hung in there. For our Rockin Rob concert we had over 100 kiddos dancing and after the show they all came down to continue the amped-up fun on the 2nd floor. They stayed a very long time, grateful for the respite from the heat.



On Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16 we had the Ready, Set, Fun hour as part of CYS Summer Reading programming. Over the course of the two days 48 kids participated in drawing and collage projects, paper airplane design and races, and some pretty high level origami. The activities included a cigar box collage project, using discarded library books (see photo).

CYS hosted the Guadalupe Center Summer School kids again in July, two separate groups per day every other week for stories and check out.

Amid the Pokémon Go! craze, Anna Francesca Garcia created passive programming in CYS using ideas that she found on the *Library Pokémon GO Support #PokeLibrary* Facebook page. She created a scavenger hunt and print-outs for patrons to design their own Pokémon cards and poké ball. In addition, she designed and created pins to use as prizes for the Pokémon scavenger hunt. It has been such a big hit, CYS staff are contemplating other such scavenger hunts for the future.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Wow did we have fun with the Captain Underpants pop-up provided by our friends at the Rabbit Hole (see photo), especially on Storytime Tuesday. Of course none of the parents knew anything about this series of books, which are aimed at children older than pre-K, so Clare did a quick talk about why it was so impactful when first released and why the books' popularity continues to persist. She then did a storytime around a super hero theme and many of the children were quite



happy to wear capes (which came with the exhibit).

Nancy Stegeman delivered two outdoor storytimes at the George Owens Nature Park in Jackson County (as a fill in for regular storyteller Kristan Whipple). The Park's theme for the week was Frogs and Toads and she did a live rendition of the old classic "The Wide Mouthed Frog," along with other titles. She used frog sound makers and jumping frog toys to pull the youngest listeners focus' back into the group, and at the end of each session, took nets to catch either frogs or "frog food." Sticky, mucky and muddy – the best sort of summer fun.

Anna Francesca went to the Gregg-Klice Community Center where she saw 50 kids, teens, and their counselors. She did storytelling with all of them. For the first to fourth grade students, she also read stories. She did book talks for the fifth to eighth grade students.

Anna Francesca provided her last storytime to Tina Shea's Longfellow Elementary School rising kindergarten class. This was the final story time session from the series of weekly storytimes that she started in June. The theme for the final week was the alphabet. This finished nicely by tying in kids' anticipation for the start of kindergarten by ending with *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate and illustrated by Ashley Wolff. After story time, ten kids gave Ms. Anna hugs.

Library Initiatives



For our KC Kids Create session this month CYs hosted Katie Gore of Bring us Science, a non-profit organization this 1st grade teacher from the Genesis Promise Academy is starting during her spare time. She has bought a school bus and is retro-fitting it to be a mobile science lab to take to schools and libraries. This was her first program and it was really nice to be able to give her the opportunity to see how it would flow in the bus, and working with multiple age levels at once as well (see photo). She is going to make an impact with this. You can find more

information about her organization at <https://www.facebook.com/bringusscience2015/>

For teens, Anna Francesca worked at two Mayor's Nights at the Plaza Branch. One was the *Lumberjane* themed Teen Campout, in collaboration with Kansas City Parks and Recreation, named "Friendship to the Max!" The other was the Teen Digital Studio. For both events, she took digital photos that she posted on Facebook.

Staff Activities and Development

Anna Francesca attended the Missouri Library Association's Board Meeting. Since she is not currently on the board, she could not vote although she is on the ballot running to be a Member-at-Large. Anna also recently learned that the MLA accepted the proposal for her to co-present "Challenges and Rewards of Being Both a Parent and a Librarian: How to Find Balance and Common-Ground" at the annual conference in October. The Access Services Community of

Interest and the Professionalism, Education, Employment, and the Recruitment Community of Interest are sponsoring this program.

Gamification of curriculum was the focus of the “Games & Learning Conference: How to Enhance Learning with Games” at Mid-America Nazarene University. Along with Anna Francesca, Youth and Family Engagement staff Jamie Mayo, Elena McVicar, Ron Freeman, Amanda Barnhart, and Gabi Otto also attended this training. She became more informed about multiple games that currently exist and can see this being relevant especially to her work with charter schools as they move to project-based learning.

BRANCH & LIBRARY SERVICES

BLUFORD

Programs and Services

Summer reading sign up was slow in July, but Bluford did have a higher rate of completions. Many people enjoyed the variety of activities.

Korso the Curious came to Bluford and was well received. He performed tricks and entertained children and parents alike. Bluford staff was thrilled to be able to offer this diverse performer for the first time this summer.

Bluford is a gym for the Pokemon Go game, and it has been very popular. The gym has generally been controlled by either the Blue team or the Red team. We have seen many new faces in the library trying to “catch them all” and we have enjoyed showing off our building and services to new people.

We wrapped up our first evening session of the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program and had eight people that completed all six weeks of the class. Participants reported that they had changed habits around their health, exercise, self-care and even finances. They were sad to see the class end so we will plan to offer future evening classes. We will kick off a Diabetes specific Self-Management class in August.

Beginning in August, the Bluford Library will offer an exclusive Sol-Flo class. This class consists of yoga with movement and positive affirmations. Staff are thrilled to be the only place in Kansas City to offer this brand new class.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Maxi Moody continues to schedule community events for staff to attend. Bluford staff has also trained library substitute Bailey Joswick to go out and talk about library services. Bailey attended an event at Swope Health Services and reported:

The turnout was huge; at least 500 people came. I came with two boxes of about 120 books, and by 10am I had ran out. I called Maxi and she sent Bernard over with another 2 boxes. These were gone by 11am. At that point, Maxi said there were no more boxes left so I spent the rest of the event talking with people about the services we offer at Bluford such as Kids Cafe, while

also giving away Bluford Buzz pamphlets and the flyers for SoulFlo Yoga, the Back 2 Better Diabetes classes, Money Matters workshops, our 2 book clubs, and the August computer classes. I really enjoyed working this event and getting the chance to meet and talk with so many people in the community--thank you so much for the opportunity!

Elena McVicar provided story times to Morning Star Baptist Church every Thursday. April kindly substituted during the Thursday YFE meeting and had a great time. The kids are bright and engaged and several have come to the library seeking April and Elena out. The teachers commented on what great books we brought to share.

Several KCPL Staff attended the Game and Learning Conference at MidAmerica Nazarene University. Elena particularly enjoyed trying out new games to take back to the library as well as hearing about how a teacher has adapted the popular “break out rooms” into a classroom learning opportunity. We hope to try a Break Out Room for the teens at the next lock-in.

Ingrid Pelger attended the Senator Kiki Curls Health and Safety Fair at Arrowhead Stadium this month. Our partners from Truman Medical Center were also in attendance. Ingrid reported that the event was well organized and well attended, with many families with lots of children present and lots of vendors. The raffle gave away 100 bicycles for the kids. Library staff gave away 350 books and had around 625 contacts with visitors who came to the library table.

Ingrid also attended the big Back to School event at Mount Pleasant Church and where she gave away 150 books, passed out program flyers and talked with 280 visitors to the library table. The main attraction to this event was immunization for the kids and back to school supplies. Great entertainment was also provided, with rock climbing, bounce house, music, dance and a marching band.

Staff Activities and Development

During July Elena McVicar attended the Game and Learning Conference at MidAmerica Nazarene University, lead a tabletop gaming group, met with the new head of KATUFA, and attended the Social Media Club of KC meeting held at the Central Library.

Maxi Moody attended a Social Media Webinar and Bobby attended the Social Workers in the Library Webinar.

April Roy attended the board meeting for the Missouri Center for the Book, a City Wide School Fair Task Force meeting, Hot Spots for Learning planning session, Digital Inclusion Coalition meeting, and the Social Media Webinar and Social Workers in the Library Webinar. She also met with Key Coalition President Karen Slaughter and with DRAW Architects.

NORTH-EAST

Programs and Services

Eight people attended the North-East Book Club to discuss *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard. Candice is a local author, and we read another one of her books a couple of years ago and immensely enjoyed it. We were not disappointed with *The River of Doubt*, which is her

first book. The book follows Theodore Roosevelt, his son, Kermit, a famous Brazilian explorer, priest and several other men on a journey down the Amazon they were never truly prepared for. We all learned not only about the Amazon but a side of Theodore Roosevelt we never knew and the fascinating life of the explorer Candido Mariano da Silva Rondon.

The Read, Quilt, Talk! Book Club met to discuss *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland. To go along with the luncheon theme of the book, the three attendees enjoyed a light snack. Handouts and prints of the painting helped with the discussion to tie in the story with the characters and story line.

Redena Canady and Claudia Visnich ended the six-week Diabetic Self-Management Program (DSMP) with a visit to Gringo Loco for discussion and information about healthy eating. The group also enjoyed samples of healthy snacks provided by MU Extension Service. Gringo Loco is one of the stores in the northeast area that is taking part in the Healthy Initiative. Six people attended all three classes in July, including three attendees who drove in from the Raymore area each week to attend the class. The coordinator for the DSMP Raquel Garcia, BSN, RN Community Health Nurse, Truman Medical Centers met the group at Gringo Loco to talk with the group. All that attended the classes have asked for more health classes.

On July 18 Joel Jones and Claudia Visnich took Susie Kenney, Sugar Creek's new board member, on a tour of the libraries. At a later date Joel will give Susie a tour of Central and Ruiz.

Claudia attended four Northeast Kansas City Chamber of Commerce meetings and the Northeast Alliance Together meeting, during the month of July.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Jason Bruenn worked alongside members of the Indian Mound Neighborhood Association, CORO interns, a muralist from Mattie Rhodes, and other volunteers to design and paint an addition to the existing mural at the Northeast Branch library (see photo). They also restored the existing mural by touching up areas that contained gang graffiti. In total, there were 10 participants that worked hard to make the project a success. While the mural was not completely finished on Saturday, Jason will be working with patrons to add the final touches to the mural.



The program with Harvesters seems to be going well. The library is a drop off point for shelf ready lunches for the Northeast Farmers Market. Jenna Neal one of the organizers of the Farmers Market found a way to reach-out to some of the children that do not make it to the library for Kids Café. The sack lunch program started out slow for Jenna the past two weeks she passed out over 30 lunches on Thursday afternoons at the market.

PLAZA

Programs and Services – Adult

Barista's book club met and discussed *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. This book has been billed as the next *Gone Girl*, and for good reason. They are both thrillers with highly unlikeable characters. This follows Rachel, a self-acknowledged drunk who may or may not have witnessed events related to the disappearance of her ex-husband's neighbor. The book is an exciting read which allowed for a lively discussion.

The Stranger than Fiction book group met to discuss *The Memory Palace* by Mira Bartok. Attendance was low, as many decided to stay home and watch the DNC which was also happening that night. The discussion included mental illnesses, homelessness, and the difficult choices we face every day within our families and other important relationships in our lives.

Reader's for Social Justice read and discussed *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. The group discussed racial bias in the War on Drugs and the legalization of marijuana in other states.

Diana Platt created a book display celebrating Harry Potter's birthday and the release of the script for the new *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* play, which both happened on July 31. Diana switched that display over in late July to books from the Star Trek Universe to coincide with the release of the newest film *Star Trek Beyond*. This display will stay up until later in August.

Plaza also had a display of poetry books and an interactive display for "Take Your Poet to Work Day". Along with the Central library, Plaza staff provided coloring pages of poets for people to take and share photos of themselves at work with their poets. While no one posted their poets to social media, many, many coloring sheets were taken – Diana originally placed out 10 pages each of six different poets, and they were all taken over one weekend. Diana was surprised by how many of the poetry books disappeared from the display, considering poetry books are usually not highly circulating. She had to restock the display almost daily.

Computer class attendance was low in July. Diana has begun calling patrons Monday nights with reminders for the next day's classes.

The library is working with the Missouri Humanities Council and The Writer's Place to hold a series of veteran's Writing Workshops at Plaza in late September and early October. The instructors from The Writer's Place have been working hard on the class syllabus, Public Affairs has helped develop attractive and informative marketing and we have begun accepting RSVPs. This is a great partnership and we are excited to see how the sessions go.

Program and Services – Children

Summer Reading finished out with 943 registrants, up a whopping 47% from 2015. Many families commented that they enjoyed the program, particularly that the special activities were an option, but not required as in years past. Plaza Branch provided sign-up materials for Summer Reading at both the Help Desk and Kids Corner Desk this year. In past years, sign-ups were only done at the Kids Corner Desk. Though the vast majority of sign-ups still took place

in the back, this was a great opportunity for all staff to learn about the program so that they could better encourage and support our families to keep reading all summer long.

Friday Night Family Fun had guest performers four out of the five Fridays in July. The highest attended was Tommy Terrific, on tour from Arkansas, who brought in 135 people for a fun, silly show. We also welcomed Fire Dog, the Kansas City YOUth Fringe Festival, and Mad Science of Greater KC.

Plaza hosted the Captain Underpants Pop-Up Display the first week of July, and had a special Captain Underpants themed Friday Night Family Fun to celebrate. Kids got to make superhero capes out of t-shirts, and learned how to make their own Flip-o-Rama books. That event had 75 people, which is big for a staff-developed FNFF program.

Other programs – the 2016 Young Actors Workshop with John Mulvey began on July 8, with attendance somewhat lower than years past but very enthusiastic. We look forward to the final performance on August 5. Plaza also had a daytime show from Babaloo, Movie Mania, Summer Lego Clubs, and a Preschool STEAM program.

Storytime attendance remains steady as ever – Baby Bounce brought in 42-67 people each time, Tiny Tykes had 35-52, and Preschool Storytime 21-35.

KC Kids Create has done very well in July. Attendance was high for every week except the first Saturday (with such close proximity to a holiday, this not surprising).

Despite these strong programs, attendance in the Plaza Kid Corner for June totals 2,011 patrons, down 33% from this time in 2015.

Community Outreach and Partnership

The Armour Oaks book club met and discussed *Funny Girl* by Nick Hornby. This book follows a young, pretty woman in the 60s struggling to be taken seriously as a comedian, à la Lucille Ball. Most of the members did not like the book; they found the characters boring as well as the plot.

Staff Activities and Development

Sue Dearing has announced her retirement from the library effective September 1. Sue has worked for the library in numerous capacities since 1972. She will definitely be missed at Plaza and throughout the system. We will celebrate Sue with a retirement party on August 31.

KCPL was selected by Novelist to share our success story in a Webinar. The webinar will be sometime in September. Kudos to Diana Platt and Seth Emery (Westport) who did so much to make this training a success.

RUIZ

Programs and Services – Children

July was a busy month for children at the Ruiz Branch. In addition to five story times for the Tony Aguirre summer camp participants, the kids also learned about nutrition from a health expert, had a movie and popcorn day, enjoyed the Tommy Terrific magic show, and participated in an animation workshop with Reel Spirit, the youth division of Kansas City Film Fest. Additionally, the kids are checking out lots of books and completing their Summer Reading goals.

Programs and Services – Teens

Ruiz had six onsite teen programs this month. The older kids from the Tony Aguirre summer camp visited the library for five programs which included gaming, a duct tape workshop with Duct Tape Fabulous (which was sponsored by Westside Local), a class in healthy eating, a trivia day, and an animation workshop with Reel Spirit (which was sponsored by Buttonwood LLC).

Ruiz also had a teen-lock in this month with lots of gaming, socializing, and pizza eating. Twenty-two teens participated in the lock in.

Programs and Service – Adults

The Ruiz Readers book group met and discussed novels written by Lenore Carroll. Lenore was an active member of the Ruiz Readers who recently passed away. The group honored Lenore by sharing stories about her life and her time with the group.

The KC Queer Readers book group also met at Ruiz this month. This group is led by Seth Emery from Westport.

Six patrons attended our Ruiz Movie For Adults in June and enjoyed popcorn and an entertaining film.

The Ruiz Seed Library held a Keeping Backyard Chickens workshop this month. Christine Schuck, owner of the Deadly Nightshade Farm, was the presenter. She also brought one of her laying hens and lots of fresh eggs. Eighteen people attended, - including several new faces.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Ruiz participated in five off-site programs this month for the Westside community. This included four bilingual story times at the Westside Community Action Network and a Meet and Greet/Movie Day at Posada Del Sol Senior Apartments.

Amy Morris met with Kim Gile and members of the Public Affairs team to discuss welcome postcards. These postcards would be distributed to new residents in our library communities. The postcards would direct patrons to a welcome page on the library website with all the information they need to become library members and use our services. There is also discussion about a possible survey being developed for new residents.

Amy Morris met with Prentice Terrance, the LINC Coordinator at Garcia Elementary, to develop story times for the upcoming school year about behavior and feelings. Garcia is now looking for a behavior specialist to partner with the school and Ruiz to teach kids how to deal with their feelings and emotions in a positive way.

The Ruiz Branch added 200 books to the Little Free Library at Jarboe Pool/Garcia Elementary.

The Ruiz Library, Tony Aguirre Community Center and Westside Community Action Network have been raising funds to purchase school supplies to fill 300 backpacks for Westside kids. The backpacks will be distributed in August at our Back To School Fair. Over the past month, \$2,300 has been raised – in addition to all of the school supplies that businesses and individuals have donated.

Orquidea Echevarria, Frances Moreno, and Amy Morris attended the ice cream social at Switzer Neighborhood Farm. This event provides a good opportunity for getting to know residents and telling them about services at the Ruiz Library.

Library Initiatives

Amy Morris attended a Geeks and Treats event at the WP Branch - which focused on digital storytelling, networking, and how to use technology to capture community stories.

Wendy Pearson came to the Ruiz Branch in June and met with Amy Morris about the digital divide and the specific barriers that are causing this issue for Westside residents. Identified obstacles include language concerns, illiteracy issues and more.

Megan Garrett and Amy Morris also met with Crystal Faris about youth service programs at Ruiz and future programming ideas.

Amy Morris created a welcome video for the Ruiz Branch with Kate Christiansen.

Staff Activities and Development

Orquidea Echevarria created a fun 4th of July display in the children's area.

Zoe Mays, who updates the Ruiz Facebook page, attended the webinar, "Creating Effective Social Media Content." After the webinar, the Ruiz Facebook page was specifically named as a page to look at for excellent media content.

SOUTHEAST

Programs and Services

Joelouis Mattox presented a program entitled, "The Gloomy Years, 1918-1968: a history of African Americans in Kansas City during this period". Fifty-five people attended.

Sandra Jones performed one Story Time Pre-school program, "Homer". 60 children and 12 adults attended.

Sandra had three Summer Time Special Pre-school programs: the Kansas City Zoo with performers Sandra Bowers & David McTrez; Korso the Curious with Magician Tyler Korso; and the Stone Lion Puppets with performers Vigthor Zophoniasson & Joy Lee. A total of 312 children and 57 adults attended the three summer time programs.

Sandra also assisted artists Carmen Moreno and Taylor Brown from the Westport Center for the Arts with the Kids Team Up for Art program. This month's project was "Smokey's Story". Six enthusiastic children and three adults participated.

Sara Hart of Kidsight Vision did free eye screenings for 55-Children.

Teen Café served 362 meals and Teen Gaming had 226 participants, providing a safe and comfortable environment as well as the opportunity for teens to socialize with their peers.

During the month of July, BikeWalkKC did a program which contained three sessions: bicycle safety, mechanical aspects of bicycles, and repairing bicycles. Fifteen kids started the program, however only nine kids completed the program and each one was rewarded with their own bicycle and a safety helmet. Southeast purchased bike locks for the kids.

Community Outreach and Partnerships

Sandra Jones provided two Story Time Reading programs at the Thomas Roque Child & Family Development Center where she read *Sleep Bear* and *Animals in Underwear-ABC*. A total of 27 Pre-K Children and eight adults attended.

Staff Linda Warrior and Kiesha Collins participated in the Blue Hills Community Outreach event at the Blue Hills Park. Staff gave away books and shared literature on library programs.

During July Gabi Otto contacted Nutrition Services Coordinator Julie Huse of Harvesters, to discuss doing a nutrition program this fall; Planned Parenthood for a possible workshop on sexual health; and the ACLU to see if staff can present a workshop on the First Amendment.

Gabi also attended a workshop entitled, "Games & Learning Conference: How to enhance learning with games" at the MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Oliver Clark attended the webinar, "Serving At-Risk Patrons: Lessons from Library Social Workers".

SUGAR CREEK

Programs and Services

Sugar Creek had two Minecraft programs in July. The Minecraft program for teens that in conjunction with the Trails West Library brought in a few teens, and they enjoyed the games.

July also held a children's craft program and the continuation of the Summer Reading Program. Computer classes continued this month and staff also continued to help customers with the Overdrive and getting E-books. Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Email Basics were offered this month.

Mary Roberson led an Outreach Book Group at Fairmount Community Center. The book shared this month was *Astonish Me* by Maggie Shipstead. It was a story of Joan, a ballerina whose life

was shaped by her relationship with the world famous dancer Arslan Ruskow, the dancer she helped defect from the Soviet Union to the United States.

Shirl Maldonado led the After Lunch Book Group that met for two sessions and discussed *The Astronauts Wives Club* by Lily Koppel. It was a true story of the women who were essential players behind big events in American History.

The Quilting Club met on the first and third Saturday and worked on quilting projects.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Sugar Creek continued working with the schools, community and cultural activities. The fourth of July Parade was well attended.

Staff Activities and Development

Mary Roberson met with Wendy Pearson to discuss Digital Inclusion.

Mary Olive Thompson and the new group of VISTA volunteers visited Sugar Creek to tour the library and ask questions about the Branch.

Joel Jones and Claudia Visnich brought Sugar Creek's new Library Board representative Susan Kenney to Sugar Creek this month for introductions.

TRAILS WEST

Programs and Services – Children

Trails West held a Kids Olympics program in July. The kids had fun playing games like balloon volleyball, bean bag basketball, straw javelin throw, and making their own paper airplanes see which could fly the longest distance. After, they each got a gold medal they decorated themselves. One of the kids wore it all day long.

Rockin' Ramblin' Readers is going well. Some of the themes this month included nature, where kids got to make their own birdhouses, and a storytime dedicated entirely to dancing. Parents and kids enjoy listening to the stories, singing, playing with puppets, blowing bubbles, and reading together with their families. As always, Kristan Whipple incorporates the ECRR's five skills in the activity stations after reading the stories.

Kids in KC Kids Create Discovery Club created cars and then raced them to see which car was the fastest. They enjoyed experimenting with wheels, designs, and even how they pushed the car forward.

Other programs in July included:

- Bowling Fun—we teamed up with Main Event Entertaining and they talked about the history of bowling, bowling tips and any other questions the kids had.
- Babaloo—the kids had a great time chasing bubbles, toilet paper, and banging drums with Babaloo.

- Bubbles—Kristan made ginormous bubbles, allowed kids to step inside a bubble, and then play with bubbles. The kids had a great time popping and chasing after the big bubbles.
- Mad Science—the kids enjoyed watching the Goldberg Machine in action.

Programs and Services – Teens

During the LSTA grant-funded program “Roll for Initiative,” teens experimented with the narrative form by developing and role-playing alternate identities through the art of storytelling in the Dungeons and Dragons world.

At the Tabletop Game & Hobby fieldtrip, teens were exposed to a variety of tabletop miniature games whose worlds are based on those created in novels, such as *Lord of the Rings* and *Star Wars*. They met with game creators and were introduced to the prospect of game creation.

Trails West Teen Advisory members met to create a schedule for the overnight lock-in and define judging criteria for the cosplay contest.

Mike Napier led two Minecraft programs for school aged children, one of which focused on basic building in Minecraft and another that promotes teamwork to learn game survival skills.

Trails West teens learned how-to-play Pokémon Go and tested the app with a MiFi device using the YFE iPads. Some of the teens continue to plan a Pokémon Go program that will take place at the Independence Square, where they will lead families through basic gameplay, safety tips and related trivia.

Trails West volunteers developed a role playing system where teens earn ability stats for every activity they participate in during the overnight lock-in.

Adult Programs – Adults

In Between Worlds book group read *The Life of Elves* by Muriel Barbery for the month of July. Most of the group did not like the book as they had a hard time keeping up with the many different characters and points of view.

The Trailblazers book group read *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petersen. This book received mixed reviews. Some of the group reported that they did not finish the book while others commented that they enjoyed the story and that it was well written. The group also discussed possible changes to some of the title selections for upcoming months as the group will have a new leader beginning in August. Angela Hattey will begin leading the group then.

The Walk On class continued to draw the interest of patrons wishing to get in some exercise but avoid the miserable heat that we have had to endure most of July.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Trails West staff continued sharing information on summer activities for kids and parents to do together – some educational and some just plain fun. Handouts included: George Owens Nature Park and Lakeside Nature Center, workshop schedules and performance times for the Puppetry

Arts Institute, the National Frontier Museum, the Truman Library and other Truman historical sites from Independence Tourism, Home Depot kids classes, Shatto Farm, Moon Marble Company, information on Fort Osage from Jackson County, and papers about the 1827 Log Courthouse and the Chicago & Alton Depot. Hopefully we supplied parents with some new ideas for their children.

Teresa Gomez from the Full Employment Council staffed a table at Trails West on July 26. The FEC has grant money available for scholarships in the healthcare industry. They are looking to make contact with young adults and teens and plan to return in August.

On July 28, the folks from Money Smart KC put up their display on what they are offering to the public. Trails West has several different handouts in English and Spanish available for the public.

Kristan Whipple has partnered with George Owens Nature Park and will be reading stories all summer long. Families enjoy listening to the books and get to explore the park. We are having a good overlap of George Owens regulars coming to Trails West Programs and vice versa.

Amanda Barnhart partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City. They transported Trails West teens to the Independence Unit for several games of Muggle Quidditch. Teens also gained a tour of the facility and learned about their resources.

Amanda Barnhart, Elena McVicar and Jamie Mayo met with Lauren Hays and Mark Hayse (both of Nazarene University) and Kate McNair (Johnson County Public Library) to develop a city-wide event around the Global Game Jam, which will take place in January 2017.

Amanda Barnhart promoted library Summer Reading activities to the families participating in the school related organization LINC: Caring Communities.

Amanda Barnhart is exploring ways to partner with Game Café over teen led Pokémon Go programs that will take place at the Independence Square.

Amanda Barnhart reached out to Game Café and the Executive Director of the Independence Square Association to explore possible partnerships over teen led Pokémon Go programs that will take place at the Independence Square.

Library Initiatives

The LSTA grant-funded Roll for Initiative program supports the Building a Community of Readers initiative by providing teens with an opportunity to explore character and plot development through the art of storytelling. Participants draw upon their knowledge of literature to subvert or build upon existing stereotypes, tropes, clichés, etc. This program requires participants to read during the program and outside of the program in order to further develop their characters into complex identities.

Staff Activities and Development

Erica Whorton used Lynda.com to learn about Android Essential Training. This training will assist Erica with the many patrons who bring in Android devices and request assistance from staff on how to download books and other E-resources.

YFE staff Ian Hrabe, Kristan Whipple, Elena McVicar and Amanda Barnhart learned how to play Betrayal of House on the Hill, a cooperative game with strong narrative elements.

Amanda Barnhart attended the Center for Games and Learning Gaming Workshop that addressed educational breakout boxes, debriefing techniques and instructional game play.

Erica Whorton and Angela Hattey chaperoned Trails West teens to the Library Campout and Digital Studio Mayor's Night events at Plaza.

Erica Whorton and Mike Napier are receiving training in becoming skilled Dungeons and Dragons program leaders through the LSTA Grant: Roll for Initiative programming.

Amanda Barnhart completed her final SISLT course and the SISLT comprehensive final exam this summer. She also completed all of the requirements for receiving a Masters in Library Science and Information from the University of Missouri – Columbia.

WALDO

Programs and Services

There is a five week break between the Summer and School Year Kid Café sessions, and we served the Give Lunch bags Harvesters provides in the interim. The lunches aren't as fresh as the school year lunches, but Ian Hrabe ordered the sacks to at least be able to provide something and not lose our regular patronage.

Teen Gaming has been booming since the Mayor's lock in. Ian was able to solidify some relationships and grow his group of regulars. One of them is homeschooled and it's always fun giving the young person a place to interact with other kids.

Donna Newell organized two special guests and two movies for the Thursday Fun-Summer Reading programs this month. Babaloo had the kids dancing to his bubble machine, as he shot toilet paper around the room. The Kansas City Zoo had a good turnout with 70 people. We had an attendance of 41 people for the movies *Shrek* and Disney's *Robin Hood*.

The Kids Team up for Art July workshop had seven children in attendance. They discussed Smokey the Bear and fire safety rules and made a poster of Smokey the Bear with a slot for bookmarks. It was made into a display in the children's area (see photo).

Over the Rainbow summer camp brought four groups of children to the library during the month.



The children check out many books and do some reading while they are here. They also enjoy the Legos and play with the puppets.

Waldo staff love our Summer Reading Program, which began on May 23 and ended July 30. Waldo had 241 Children signed up and 26 finished close to the end of the month.

In July seniors were treated to a wide variety of movies genres: from the intense drama of *The Manchurian Candidate* to the high-brow hilarity of *My Man Godfrey*, and the award winning but campy 1950's sci-fi classic *When Worlds Collide*. Attendance totaled fifteen for the month. Attendees are especially appreciative of choices Susan Howard made that were popular when they first ran or that garnered Academy awards.

Other programs in July included Medicare Open Enrollment Support, four book group meetings, weekly sessions of Yoga for Everyone, four sessions of Teen Gaming, the READ to a Dog program, Story Times for Calvary Lutheran preschoolers, weekly Stories for Ones and Preschool Story Time, Wednesday Fun Crafts and Games, Summer Reading programs, and four sessions of Over the Rainbow Summer Camp.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Waldo engaged with numerous community groups and outreach activities in July, including: AAUW, Cleaver Family YMCA, Community Police Action Cooperative, Mid-America Regional Council, Medicare Enrollment, Midwest Philatelic Society, READ to A Dog literacy program, Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Menorah Medical Center, Waldo Area Business Association, Waldo Tower Homes Association, and Westport Center for the Arts.

During July, Donna Newell provided storytime to Playful Scholars Child Care, Emery's Palace and Learning Place, and Cleaver Family YMCA. Donna also provided four outreach programs at Waldo with an attendance of 112.

The Rabbit Hole's Captain Underpants Pop-Up Exhibit was in the children's area at Waldo for one week and was very popular. Children (and adults) enjoyed wearing the red capes.

Staff Activities and Development

Meredith attended the Community Police Action Cooperative meeting where they discussed recent home robberies and a homeless camp found in the Waldo neighborhood.

Mila Blair and Walter Galbreath attended the Cultural Sensitivity trainings held at Plaza Library.

Donna recorded *The Birthday Pet* by Ellen Javernick for Dial-a-Story this month.

WESTPORT

Programs and Services

Megan Garrett presented fun story times about different sports, in conjunction with the Summer Reading theme, for the July 5 and 12 story time days. On Tuesday July 26, Alicia Dorch presented story time to our regular pre-school groups at 9:30am and 10:00am.

The Paperback Exchange is going strong with 201 uses for the month of July.

Local author Dennis Weiser visited Westport Library on July 6 for a presentation about his experiences in the self-publishing industry. A regular Westport Branch Library user, Mr. Weiser shared stories about working in publishing and coming up with ideas for books. We hope to have Mr. Weiser back sometime in the future.

July was again filled with great performers at the Westport Branch Library. On July 14 musician Babaloo wowed our kids with interactive songs, loud noises, and even a bubble machine. Several of our regular preschool teachers remarked that this was the best performance of the summer. On Tuesday July 19 the Kansas City Zoo paid a visit to Westport. This fun and free program shared lots of information with our kids about different animals and their habits.

The Summer Reading Program came to a close with the end of the month, and the Westport Branch saw another summer of great success. In total, 140 children registered for the Summer Reading Program, and 103 of those children finished the program. The majority of the participants come from our local day care centers at Lavonna Peterson, Willow Woods, and St. Luke's Hospital. These pre-school and early literacy kids accounted for 75% of our registrations, and were a whopping 92% of those that finished the program.

Community Outreach and Partnership

Megan Garrett led the book discussion at the Westport Roanoke Community Center Book Club on July 21. The group had a lively discussion about the book *The Martian* by Andy Weir. The group thoroughly enjoyed the humor and action of the book, and didn't get too bogged down by the technical aspects of the story.

Megan also visited the Westport Roanoke Community Center Children's Summer Camp on three Wednesdays in July. Megan worked with the large group of kids, ranging in ages from 5-15 years old for about an hour each week. Megan shared information about library resources, and introduced the kids to literacy projects like journaling, black-out poetry, and story creation. Kids shared their own project with each other, and Megan finishes each session by reading from the book *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

Megan Garrett presented a short story time at the Alexander Majors Barn on Saturday August 16th at 10:00am. Megan works with the staff of the Majors/Wornall Houses to present story times with a historic theme.

Seth Emery attended the Phoenix Family Summer Splash event at Bainbridge Apartments. Phoenix Family is a local organization that works with families to share information and recommend local resources, and their Summer Splash is an annual event featuring vendors and activities to get those families involved. Phoenix Family contacted the Westport Branch to attend in early July, and staff member Seth Emery braved the late summer heat to give out

library information and 95 books from the Books to Give Program from Outreach. We hope to continue to work with Phoenix Family on other projects and events in the future.

Library Initiatives

Megan Garrett continues to work on the rearrangement of computers and shelving at Westport. A purchase order was approved for the purchase of new meeting room tables, so hopefully the project can begin moving in the next few weeks.

Staff Activities and Development

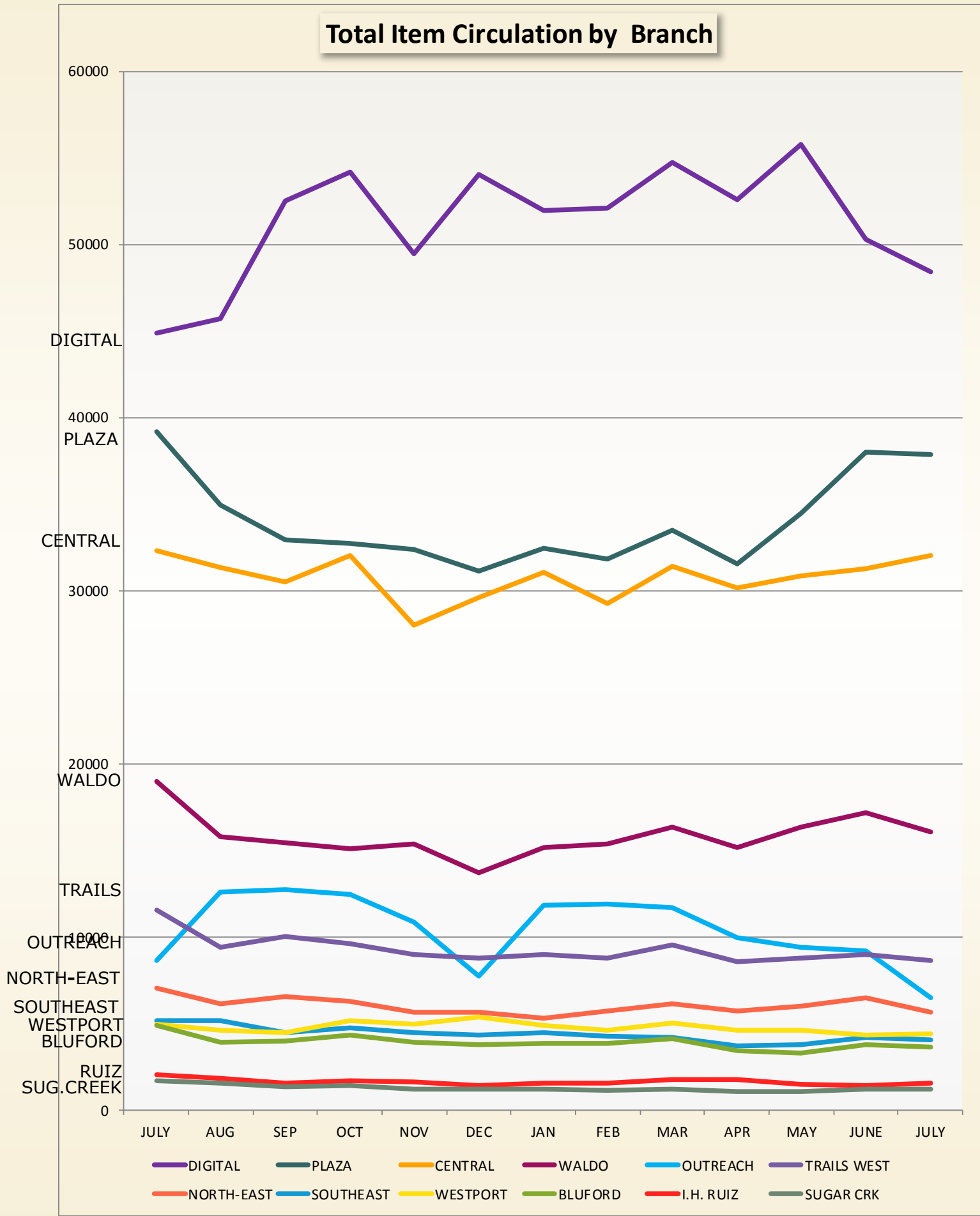
Kahra Graebner hosted a meeting at the Westport Branch for the new VISTAs in Outreach. Kahra provided some training for issuing library cards and working with the ReStart program.

Megan Garrett attended the MainCor Luncheon on Thursday August 21. Megan met with several leaders and business owners from the Midtown area, and even won the raffle for free lunch for a year. Megan will definitely continue attending these monthly meetings.

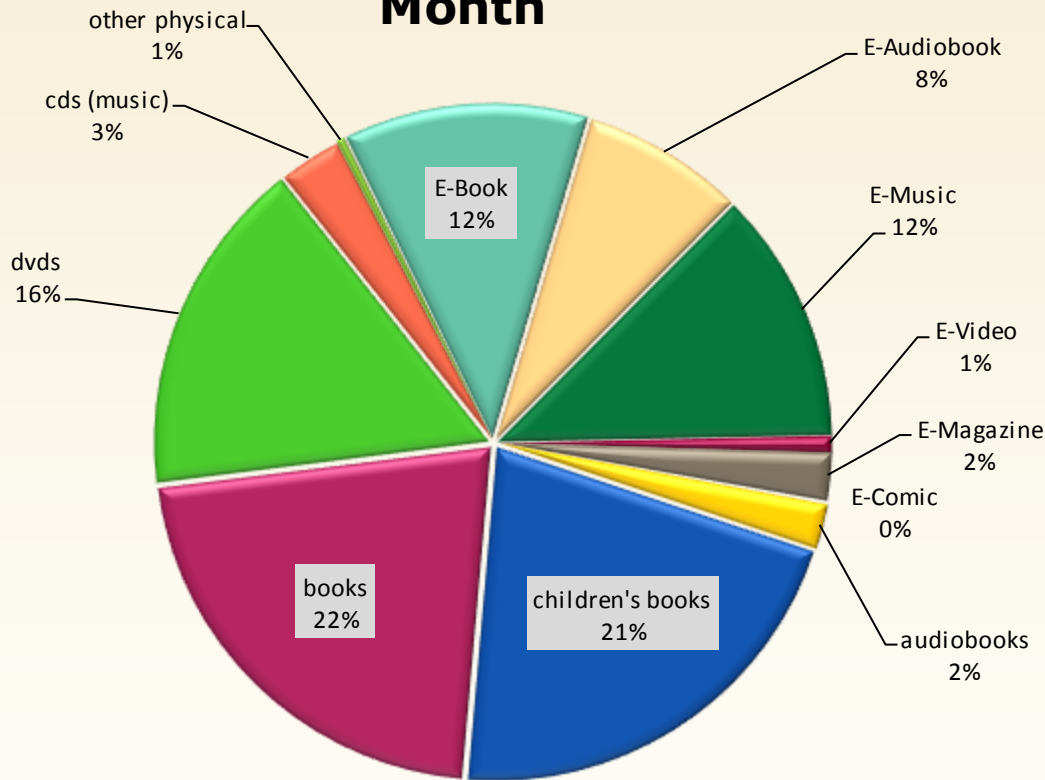
Megan Garrett also attended the Harris Kearney House Ice Cream Social on July 16, which featured local music and an awards presentation for historical preservation from non-other than Crosby Kemper III.

Megan attended a meeting for the Circulation Manual committee and the Security committee in July. Megan also met with Crystal Faris and Amy Morris for an update on Youth & Family in Engagement at the Ruiz Branch. Megan met with Wendi Reinwald (LSP) to go over some basic mobile circulation training for a library iPad, which Megan hopes to use at future outreach events. Megan also met with the library's new Digital Inclusion Fellow Wendy Pearson to discuss computer classes and ideas, as well as Adrienne Tietz from the Cornerstones of Caring organization to discuss the possibility of offering free relationship courses at the Westport Branch Library.

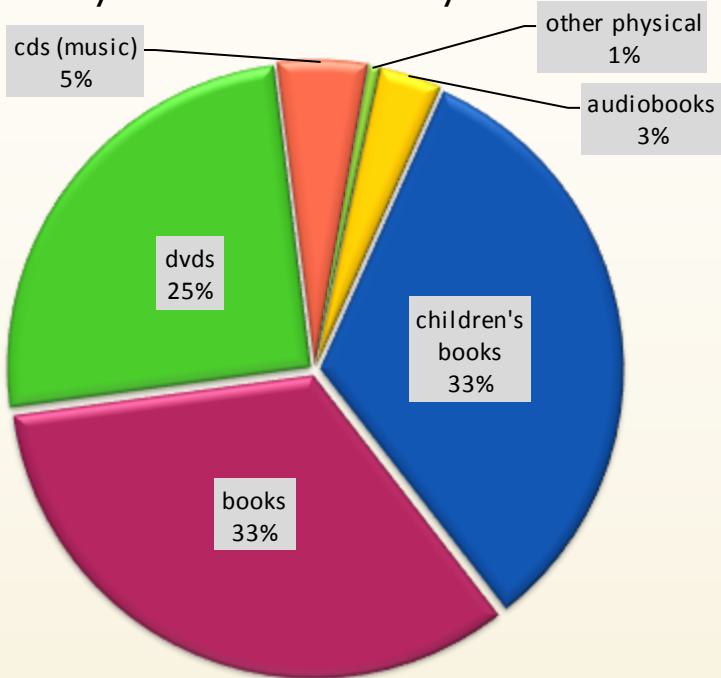
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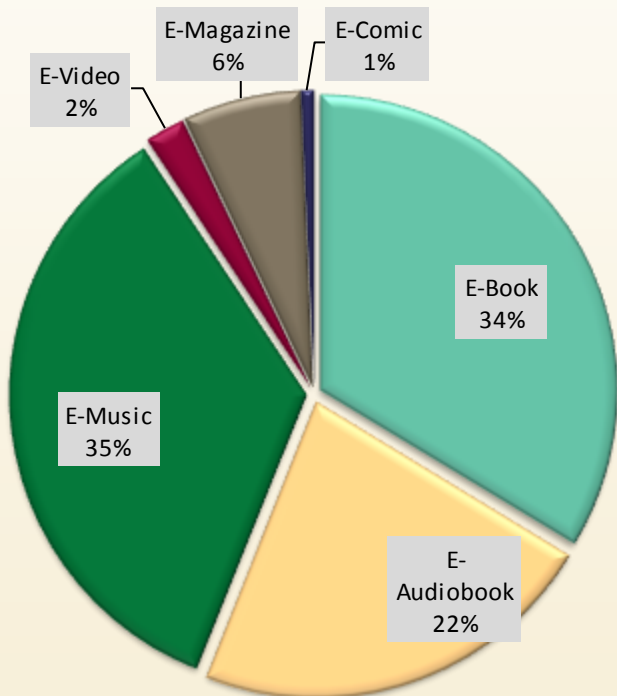
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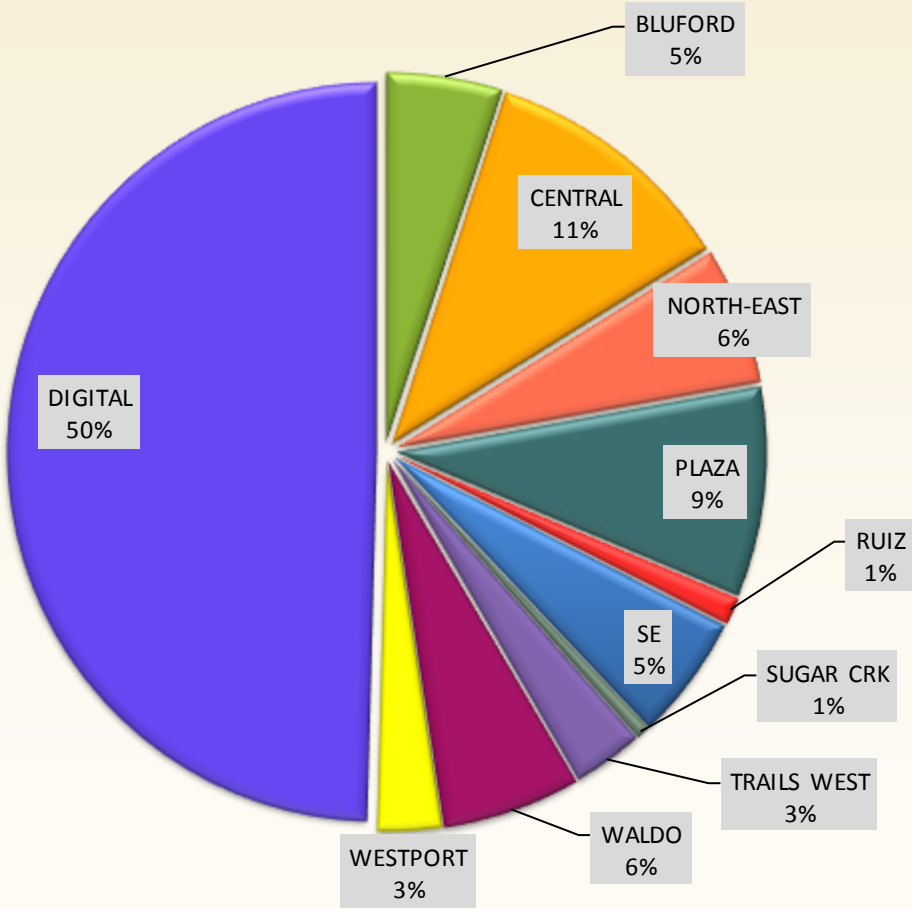
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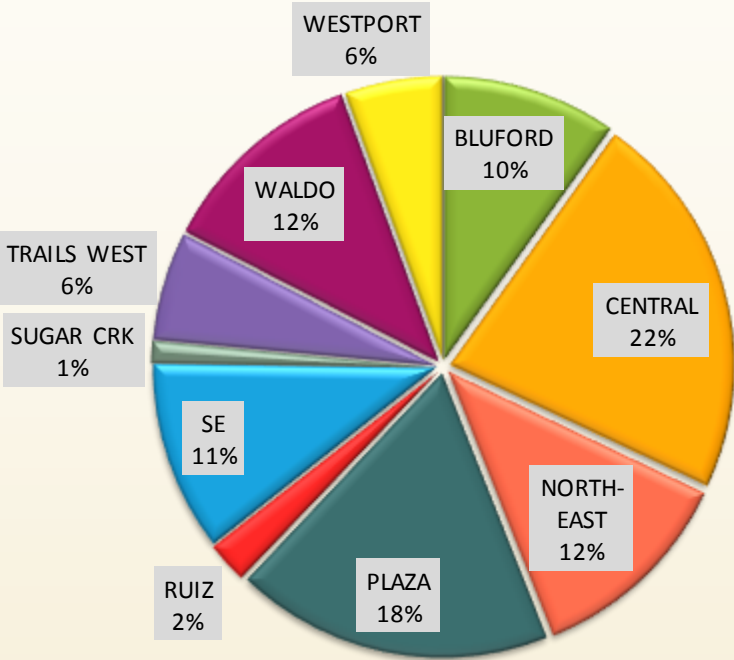
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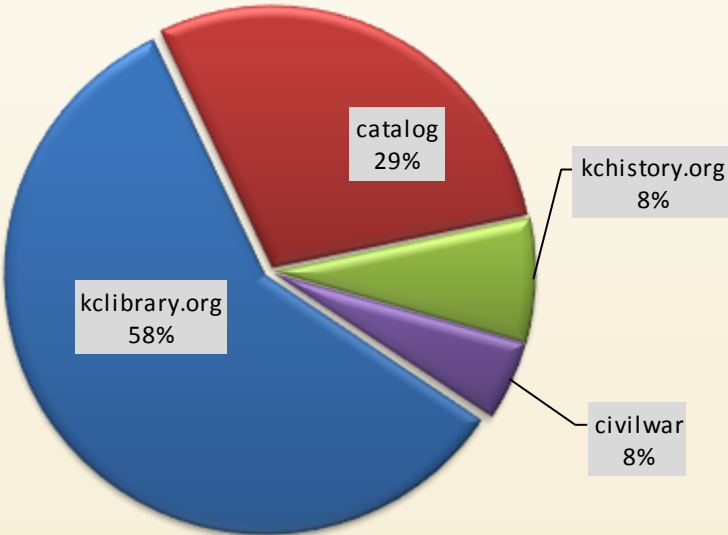
Visits by Branch This Month



Physical Visits for the Month



Digital Visits for the Month



Core Services Per Capita

TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS

	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE
PER CAPITA	1.676	1.728

CIRCULATION

	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE
PER CAPITA	0.815	0.865

COMPUTER SESSIONS

	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE
PER CAPITA	0.330	0.333

REFERENCE/INFORMATION

	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE
PER CAPITA	0.122	0.116

POPULATION OF LEGAL SERVICE AREA - KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2014 ACS (FY17) 208,676

POPULATION OF LEGAL SERVICE AREA - KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2013 ACS (FY16) 209,583

POPULATION OF LEGAL SERVICE AREA - KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2010 Census 218,765

Based on American Community Survey - Kansas City Public School District

TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
CENTRAL	39,177	42,554	39,177	42,554	-7.9
I.H. RUIZ	4,105	4,147	4,105	4,147	-1.0
L.H. BLUFORD	17,330	17,886	17,330	17,886	-3.1
NORTH-EAST	21,001	24,517	21,001	24,517	-14.3
PLAZA	31,982	36,030	31,982	36,030	-11.2
SOUTHEAST	19,060	17,582	19,060	17,582	8.4
SUGAR CREEK	2,159	2,319	2,159	2,319	-6.9
TRAILS WEST	10,789	11,604	10,789	11,604	-7.0
WALDO	20,939	24,368	20,939	24,368	-14.1
WESTPORT	9,803	13,568	9,803	13,568	-27.7
DIGITAL BRANCH	173,415	167,550	173,415	167,550	3.5
TOTAL	349,760	362,125	349,760	362,125	
YTD % OF CHANGE				-3.4	

ITEM CIRCULATION

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
CENTRAL	32,038	32,300	32,038	32,300	-0.8
I.H. RUIZ	1,580	2,013	1,580	2,013	-21.5
L.H. BLUFORD	3,608	4,887	3,608	4,887	-26.2
NORTH-EAST	5,669	7,030	5,669	7,030	-19.4
PLAZA	37,865	39,184	37,865	39,184	-3.4
SOUTHEAST	4,032	5,181	4,032	5,181	-22.2
SUGAR CREEK	1,213	1,683	1,213	1,683	-27.9
TRAILS WEST	8,627	11,523	8,627	11,523	-25.1
WALDO	16,093	18,992	16,093	18,992	-15.3
WESTPORT	4,429	4,983	4,429	4,983	-11.1
OUTREACH	6,456	8,630	6,456	8,630	-25.2
DIGITAL BRANCH	48,434	44,897	48,434	44,897	7.9
TOTAL	170,044	181,303	170,044	181,303	
YTD % OF CHANGE				-6.2	

REFERENCE/INFORMATION

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
CENTRAL REF.	2,821	5,858	2,821	5,858	-51.84
MVSC	405	480	405	480	-15.63
INFO. DESK	3,691	4,440	3,691	4,440	-16.87
YOUTH SERVICES	2,386	1,415	2,386	1,415	68.62
CENTRAL TOTAL	9,303	12,193	9,303	12,193	-23.70
I.H. RUIZ	257	198	257	198	29.80
L.H. BLUFORD	4,996	2,526	4,996	2,526	97.78
NORTH-EAST	1,347	1,499	1,347	1,499	-10.14
PLAZA	2,489	2,024	2,489	2,024	22.97
SOUTHEAST	1,749	1,234	1,749	1,234	41.73
SUGAR CREEK	389	478	389	478	-18.62
TRAILS WEST	1,864	1,559	1,864	1,559	19.56
WALDO	2,320	2,021	2,320	2,021	14.79
WESTPORT	670	535	670	535	25.23
DIGITAL BRANCH	14	38	14	38	-63.16
TOTAL	25,398	24,305	25,398	24,305	
YTD % OF CHANGE				4.50	

COMPUTER SESSIONS

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
CENTRAL	18,071	15,637	18,071	15,637	15.57
I.H. RUIZ	1,543	2,184	1,543	2,184	-29.35
L.H. BLUFORD	10,946	8,906	10,946	8,906	22.91
NORTH-EAST	6,987	7,673	6,987	7,673	-8.94
PLAZA	10,705	13,875	10,705	13,875	-22.85
SOUTHEAST	5,675	6,003	5,675	6,003	-5.46
SUGAR CREEK	682	1,013	682	1,013	-32.68
TRAILS WEST	4,699	4,761	4,699	4,761	-1.30
WALDO	6,428	6,420	6,428	6,420	0.12
WESTPORT	3,025	3,324	3,025	3,324	-9.00
TOTAL	68,761	69,796	68,761	69,796	
YTD % OF CHANGE				-1.48	

WIRELESS SESSIONS

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
CENTRAL	7,467	6,058	7,467	6,058	23.26
I.H. RUIZ	198	201	198	201	-1.49
L.H. BLUFORD	1,318	1,250	1,318	1,250	5.44
NORTH-EAST	817	1,013	817	1,013	-19.35
PLAZA	2,545	2,598	2,545	2,598	-2.04
SOUTHEAST	902	848	902	848	6.37
SUGAR CREEK	182	224	182	224	-18.75
TRAILS WEST	678	623	678	623	8.83
WALDO	683	645	683	645	5.89
WESTPORT	376	313	376	313	20.13
TOTAL	15,166	13,773	15,166	13,773	
YTD % OF CHANGE				10.11	40

SYSTEMS SERVICES**REGISTERED BORROWERS**

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	&%CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR
Total KCPL Users	267,937	240,818	11.26
New Users This Month	2,722	2,783	-2.19

ILL/DOCUMENT DELIVERY ACTIVITY

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
ILL - LENDING	626	492	626	492	27.24
ILL - BORROWING	197	153	197	153	28.76
DOC DELIVERY - Req. Filled	35	71	35	71	-50.70

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT SERVICES

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
HomeBound Customers Served	156	60	156	60	160.00
ITEMS Delivered	1,819	505	1,819	505	260.20
AGENCIES SERVED	253	320	253	320	-20.94
PHONE STORIES	3,248	2,236	3,248	2,236	45.26

TOTAL WEBSITE VISITS

	2016-2017 July	2114-2115 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
KCLibrary.org	101,456	94,905	101,456	94,905	6.90
Catalog	49,968	52,237	49,968	52,237	-4.34
KCHistory.org	13,116	13,762	13,116	13,762	-4.69
CivilWarontheWesternBorder.org	8,594	6,345	8,594	6,345	35.45
KCHealthWellness.org	113	159	113	159	-28.93
KCResearch.org	168	142	168	142	18.31

SELF CHECK USAGE

	2016-2017 July	2015-2016 July	2016-2017 YR-TO-DATE	2015-2016 YR-TO-DATE	YTD % CHANGE
SELF CHECKOUTS	48,396	59,506	48,396	59,506	-18.67
SELF CHECKOUT AS % TOTAL CHECKOUTS	54.14%	57.35%	54.14%	57.35%	-5.59

On Site Programming in July:

Books

1223 people attending 22 programs

Civic Engagement

680 people attending 5 programs

Culture

2510 people attending 50 programs

Health & Wellness

2211 people attending 103 programs

Lifelong Learning

424 people attending 16 programs

Local History

454 people attending 3 programs

Passive Program

30 people attending 5 programs

Services

27 people attending 3 programs

Skill Development

723 people attending 64 programs

StoryTime

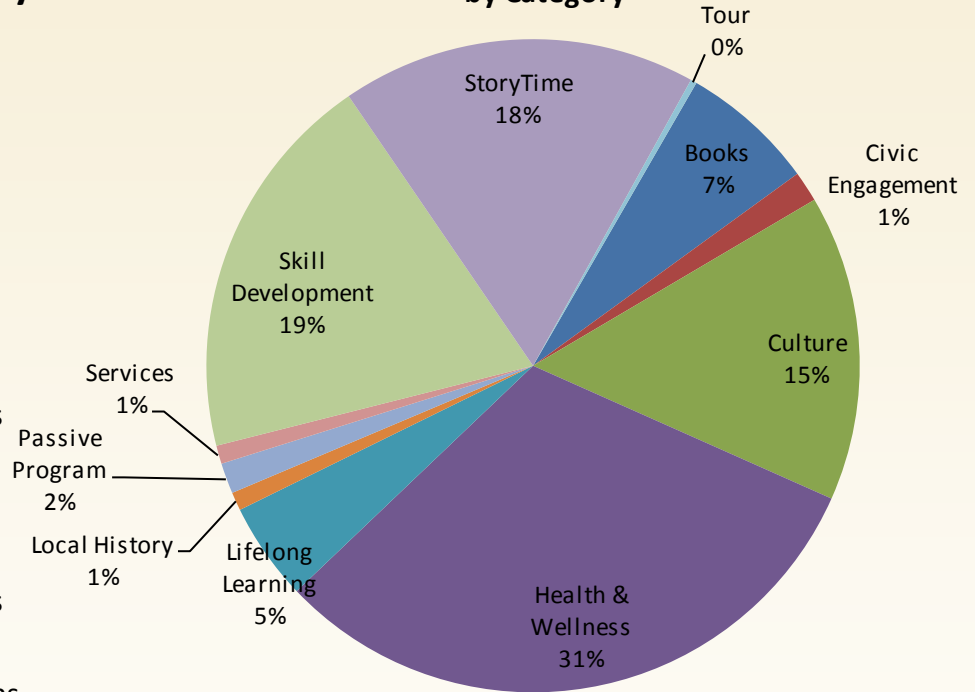
2305 people attending 58 programs

Tour

21 people attending 1 programs

On Site Programs

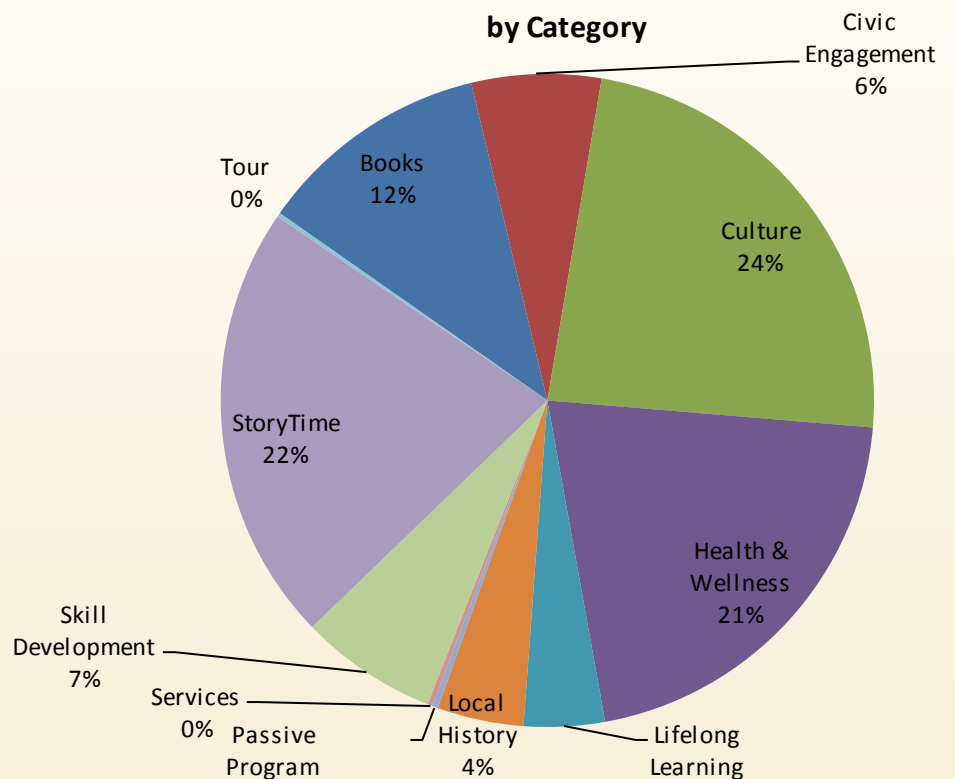
by Category



10,608 people came in to experience the Library and attended 330 Programs

On Site Attendance

by Category



Off Site Programming in July:

Books

8 people attending 1 programs

Culture

16 people attending 1 programs

Health & Wellness

10 people attending 1 programs

Services

142 people attending 4 programs

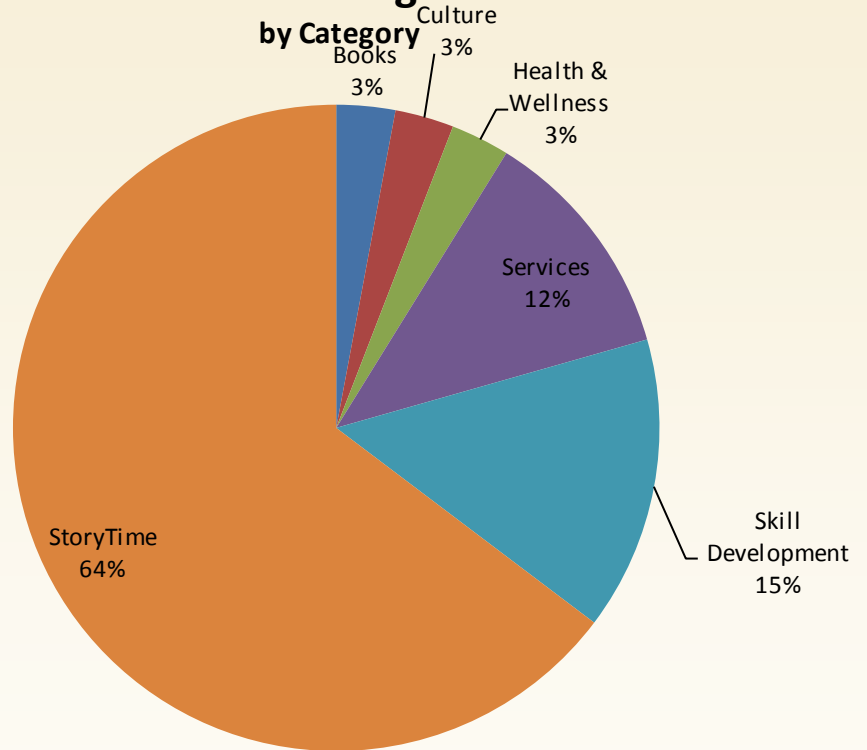
Skill Development

90 people attending 5 programs

StoryTime

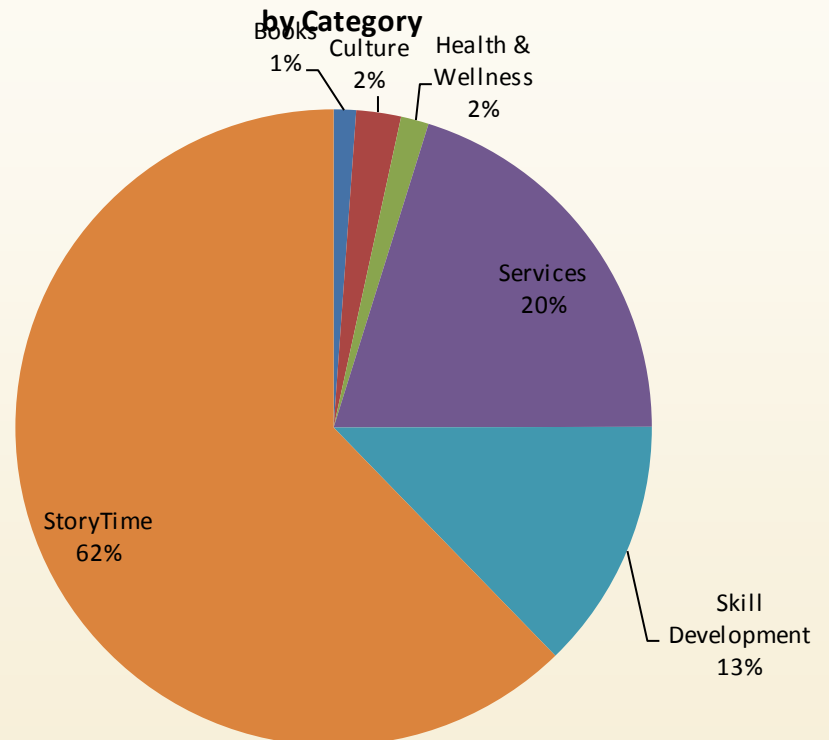
439 people attending 22 programs

Off Site Programs

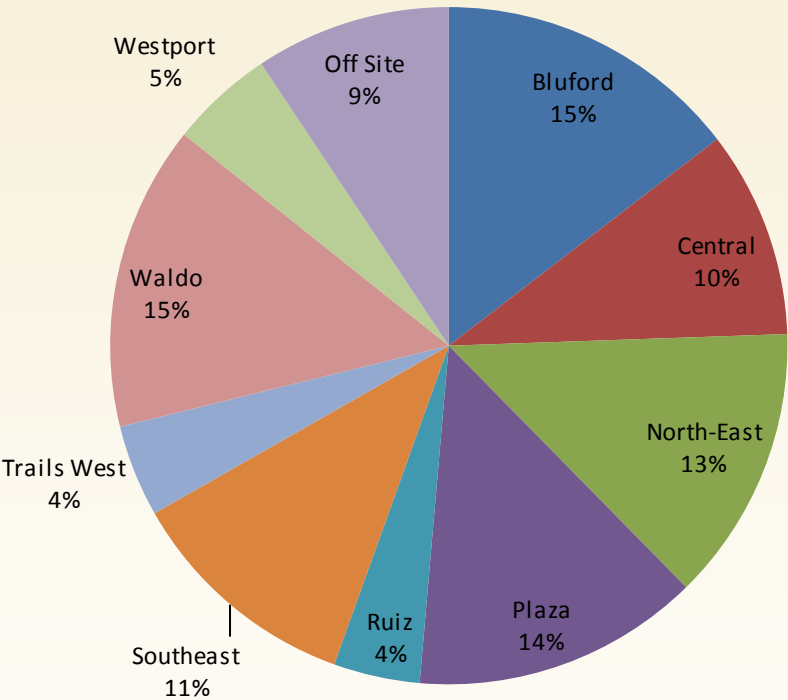


705 people met the Library in their community at 34 events.

Off Site Attendance



**Programming
by Audience Location**



**Programming Attendance
by Audience Location**

