



**COUNCIL BLUFFS
Public Library**

**Council Bluffs Public Library
Board of Trustee – Monthly meeting
Library Board of Trustee Room
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 4:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. Call to order**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
 - (1) Approval of Minutes for October 18, 2023 Board Meeting**
- III. Public Comment (5 minute limit)**
- IV. Correspondence and Announcements**
- V. Financial Report and Approval of Bills**
- VI. Old Business**
- VII. New Business**
- VIII. Friends of the Library**
- IX. Director's Report**
- X. Trustee Teaching Moment – Update on the Seed Library Usage**
- XI. Next meeting – December 20, 2023 – 4:30 p.m.**

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Council Bluffs Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 18, 2023

4:30 PM

Present: Cindi Keithley (presiding), Jared Tripp, Stacey Goodman, Nicole Juranek, John Erixon, Abby Jares, Antonia Krupicka-Smith: Director
Absent: Ron Frascht, Alison Smith, Leo Martin

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM by Jared Tripp.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion was made by Stacey Goodman to approve the agenda. Second was made by Abby Jares. Passed unanimously. A motion was made by John Erixon to approve the September minutes. Second made by Abby Jares.

III. Public Comment- none

IV. Correspondence and Announcements- Addressed parking concerns at a large library event and lots of media coverage due to 25th celebration of the building.

V. Financial Report and Approval of Bills.

General Fund (\$219,944.94)
Memorial Fund (9,489.65)
Project Fund (kiosk) (\$9,489.65)
Total: \$260,707.79

Cindi Keithley made a motion to approve, seconded by Jarod Tripp. Passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business-

- 1) **Budget:** Property tax money doesn't arrive until January/ February.
No increase in staff no new projects
Increase in utilities, water, gas, electric
Increase in miscellaneous contracts- cleaning company- Cindi Keithly made a motion to approve, seconded by Nicole Juranek.
- 2) **Library Holiday Closings:** outlined in employee handbook. Cindi Keithley made a motion to approve, seconded by Jared Tripp.

VIII. Friends of the Library

No meeting, book sale generated upwards of \$4000

IX. Director's Report

Speaker Series: Kate Quinn-November 2

Winterfest- Nov. 17

Iowa West is giving a birthday gift for 25th anniversary of the building, \$59,582 (number of library cards)

X. Teaching Moment: Teen Services, Jamie and Jake

Food insecurity was identified as a large need in our community. When teens are in the Teen Center, they can have 2 snacks. 40-60 snacks are given per day! Project Not Forgotten supports this initiative.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM. Jared Trip made a motion to, seconded by Abby Jares. The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Community Correspondence

October 2023

Comments:

It would be great if some of the weekdays programs for Teens are held on weekends also (like Paint a mug). Some kids can not participate during the week because they have other school activities. Thanks!

(response provided by teen manager)

Thank you so much for your feedback regarding teen programming. Knowing what the community wants is very important to us. I'm pleased to hear that you are excited about our Tinker Zone programming!

On Saturdays at the library, we have some different programs offered than the ones offered Monday through Wednesday. I hope we have some programs that would also be fun for your teen. We strive to offer a variety of types of programs throughout the month. On Saturdays, we have fewer staff available to help. So we have designed the Saturday programs to require fewer staff members. Every Saturday, we have a program available. It just isn't the same one that is offered during Tinker Zone after school.

*Here are the things we are offering on Saturdays. I hope your teen can find something they would like to do. One Saturday per month, we host a Zine club. A Zine is an 8-page handmade magazine made from a single sheet of paper. [This](#) blog post explains a zine quite well. Most months, we also have a beginner robotics club. There is also usually a program one Saturday a month called Super Saturday that involves the kind of programming that isn't sustainable for two weeks the way Tinker Zone is done. Often, this means it's a food program or a particular interest event. For the remaining Saturdays, we offer a "passive" program. That means it is usually something that requires little adult hands-on instruction. This month, the passive Saturday program is Troll Hair Pencils. **On the 18th of November**, I would love to invite you to our Library Wide International Game Day program. You can find the link to [more information here](#). There will be board games available for all ages throughout the library. In Teen Central, there will be some video gaming tournaments going on.*

I will consider your suggestion as we plan programs for the spring. Again, I'm so grateful to have your input, as it makes it easier to plan for future programs.

Thank you again for reaching out,

I am elderly and live in the Los Angeles area. It is difficult to gather family historical information for me but today I was extremely fortunate. Daily Porter answered the phone with my request to

obtain a Nonpareil story from 1952. I thought it would be near impossible and or take an extended time to find the article that I was trying to obtain. Mr. Porter was very professional and courteous when he answered my phone call. Additionally, it seemed he was able to obtain the article at Mach 3 and return the entire article via email in a very short time. He evidently knew what he was doing. My thanks to Mr. Porter and the Council Bluffs library.

Publicity:

The Daily Nonpareil

The Daily Nonpareil – Tuesday, October 3, 2023, A3: An article briefly mentions the grand opening of the exhibit "Promise Road: How the Lincoln Highway Changed America". It will be presented by Troy Stolp from the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County.

George, Rachel. "Rotary Noon Club to hold annual soup luncheon on Oct. 12". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 3 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-1946F77992B066BD%25402460221-1946F7805DA3BE6E%25402. Accessed 3 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Tuesday October 3, 2023, A3: An article goes into further detail about the "Promise Road: How the Lincoln Highway Changed America" program presented by Troy Stolp from the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County on Thursday, October 5. The program will include an audiovisual exhibition that will be available through the end of November.

"Council Bluffs' piece of Lincoln Highway story to kick off audiovisual exhibit at library". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 3 Oct. 2023, p. A8. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-1946F77992B066BD%25402460221-1946F7808C125A9F%25407. Accessed 3 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Thursday, October 5, 2023, A3: An article promotes the "Promise Road: How the Lincoln Highway Changed America" program presented by Troy Stolp from the Historical Society of Pottawattamie County on Thursday, October 5.

"Pottawattamie County Conservation seeks public input on Mt. Crescent Ski Area development during open hours". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 5 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-1947A022COFBCOB5%25402460223-1947A02A698CEO23%25402. Accessed 10 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Thursday, October 5, 2023, A3: An article promotes a program about learning the art of butter sculpting with Sarah Pratt. Pratt sculpts the butter cow each year for the Iowa State Fair and she will demonstrate this process to attendees on Saturday, October 7.

"Learn the art of butter sculpting at the Council Bluffs Public Library". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 5 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-1947A022COFBCOB5%25402460223-1947A02A698CEO23%25402. Accessed 10 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 7, 2023, A3: An article promotes the program on the history of Barbie. It is presented virtually by Leslie Goddard on Monday, October 9.

George, Rachel. "Celebrate fall this weekend as themed festivities get underway". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 7 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-19484944D9312BB7%25402460225-19484951E99A2AC2%25402. Accessed 10 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 7, 2023, A3: An article promotes the program on the history of Barbie. It is presented virtually by Leslie Goddard on Monday, October 9.

Bellinghausen, Grace. "Council Bluffs Public Library to host Barbie history lesson". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 7 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-19484944D9312BB7%25402460225-19484951E99A2AC2%25402. Accessed 10 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Tuesday, October 10, 2023, A3: An article promotes the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the library on Tuesday, October 10.

"City to host Costume Night at Cochran Park on Friday". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 10 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-19484944D9312BB7%25402460225-19484951E99A2AC2%25402.

[2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194946642AF7828E%25402460228-1949466C30E2C03E%25402](https://www.nonpareil.com/news/local/council-bluffs-iowa-library-public-event-butter-cow-sculpture-register-presentation-learn/article_93dbdf10-6208-11ee-adb5-63b6b0df8bd7.html). Accessed 10 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil (online) – Wednesday, October 4, 2023: An online article promotes a program about learning the art of butter sculpting with Sarah Pratt. Pratt sculpts the butter cow each year for the Iowa State Fair and she will demonstrate this process to attendees on Saturday, October 7.

"Learn the art of butter sculpting at the Council Bluffs Public Library". *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/council-bluffs-iowa-library-public-event-butter-cow-sculpture-register-presentation-learn/article_93dbdf10-6208-11ee-adb5-63b6b0df8bd7.html. Accessed 10 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil (online) – Friday, October 6, 2023: An online article promotes the program on the history of Barbie. It is presented virtually by Leslie Goddard on Monday, October 9.

George, Rachel. "Celebrate fall this weekend as themed festivities get underway". *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/fall-festivities-weekend-activity-fun-family-council-bluffs-iowa-southwest/article_19f4bf6a-62de-11ee-a055-cfca089523a8.html. Accessed 10 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Thursday, October 12, 2023, A3: An article promotes "An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt: A Salute to Books, Iowa and Conservation" program presented by Joe Wiegand on October 17 at 6:30 p.m. Wiegand portrays the 26th president. The article also mentions 746 Needlework Club on Thursday October 12.

"Joe Wiegand to present Theodore Roosevelt at Council Bluffs Public Library". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 12 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-1949EEE75C97A252%25402460230-1949EEF3768E5456%25402. Accessed 17 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 14, 2023, A3: An article mentions that the Makerspace will have a green screen available for Halloween photos on Monday October 16.

George, Rachel. "There's still time to get outdoors as temperatures cool". *The Daily Nonpareil*, 14 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194A976D93CBE3CF%25402460232-194A9775CCA564E6%25402. Accessed 17 Oct. 2023.

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The Daily Nonpareil (online) – Saturday, October 14, 2023: An article mentions that a green screen is available in the Makerspace so patrons can take Halloween photos.

George, Rachel. "There's still time to get outdoors as temperatures cool". *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/theres-still-time-to-get-outdoors-as-temperatures-cool/article_0ec70c02-695e-11ee-989c-b7ac0603bb46.html. Accessed 17 Oct 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Thursday, October 19, 2023, A3: An article promotes the "Nikola Tesla – The Forgotten Genius" program performed by Duffy Hudson on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Stewart, Scott. "Library hosts Tesla showcase." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 19 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194C3D9EB937C39E%25402460237-194C3DA7B12CF685%25402. Accessed 24 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 21, 2023, A3: An article promotes the Saturday Matinee at the library showing "The Flash" on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Stewart, Scott. "Saying hello, looking forward to variety of upcoming events." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 21 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194CE688D5025835%25402460239-194CE6911E428430%25402. Accessed 24 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 21, 2023, A7: An ad promotes "An Evening with Kate Quinn" to begin the Council Bluffs Public Library Speaker Series on Thursday, November 2 at 7 p.m. at The Arts Center, Iowa Western Community College.

"Council Bluffs Public Library Speaker Series." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 21 Oct. 2023, p. A7. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194CE688D5025835%25402460239-194CE69155784DF7%25406. Accessed 24 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Tuesday, October 24, 2023, A5: An article promotes several library events. The paper erroneously mentions the Halloween green screen in the Makerspace as Tuesday, October 24. It is actually being held on Wednesday, October 25. The article also mentions 746 Needlework Club on Thursday, October 26 at 6 p.m. Lastly, it promotes the Author Chat Book Club event with John Irving on Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m.

Stewart, Scott. "IWCC to display Grell painting starting Friday." *The Daily Nonpareil*, The (Council Bluffs, IA), 24 Oct. 2023, p. 5. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194DE2B7BAB1217B%25402460242-194DE2BE41C96AF6%25404. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Tuesday, October 24, 2023, A5: An article promotes the John Stamos Author Chat Book Club event on Wednesday, November 1 at 7 p.m.

"Full House' star will discuss memoir at virtual library event." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 24 Oct. 2023, p. A5. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194DE2B7BAB1217B%25402460242-194DE2BE41C96AF6%25404. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Tuesday, October 24, 2023, A5: An article promotes the Kate Quinn author visit on November 2 at 7 p.m. Quinn is the first author in the Council Bluffs Public Library Speaker Series and the event will take place at The Arts Center at Iowa Western Community College.

"New York Times bestseller to kick off CBPL speaker series." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 24 Oct. 2023, p. A5. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194DE2B7BAB1217B%25402460242-194DE2BE41C96AF6%25404. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

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Stewart, Scott. "Council Bluffs Public Library hosts Nikola Tesla showcase". *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/council-bluffs-public-library-event-performer-calendar-iowa-nikola-tesla/article_c1b454ea-6dd8-11ee-a4d2-b7697a2a5853.html. Accessed 24 Oct. 2023.

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"New York Times bestseller to kick off Council Bluffs Public Library speaker series". *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/kate-quinn-council-bluffs-public-library-speaker-series-new-york-times-bestseller/article_117540d2-7123-11ee-8e67-c3783a0d5814.html. Accessed 24 Oct. 2023.

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"'Full House' star will discuss memoir at Council Bluffs Public Library virtual event". *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/stamos-full-house-virtual-council-bluffs-iowa-library-book-talk-memoir-discussion/article_8dcc8960-7123-11ee-9c8a-77ba1ab22474.html. Accessed 24 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Thursday, October 26, 2023, A1-A2: An article highlights a donation from the Iowa West Foundation to the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation to cover transportation and logistical costs for author visits for second and sixth graders in Council Bluffs. This is a part of the Our Community Reads initiative in April 2024.

Stewart, Scott. "IWF funds visits with authors in next year." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 26 Oct. 2023, p. A1-A2. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aaid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv

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The Daily Nonpareil – Thursday, October 26, 2023, A3: An article promotes 746 Needlework Club on Thursday October 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. and a virtual author visit from John Irving to discuss his latest novel *The Last Chairlift* on Thursday, October 26 from 7 to 8 p.m.

"Trout to be stocked Nov. 1 at Big Lake." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 26 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194E8BFF5ACA764B%25402460244-194E8C09530BD71F%25402. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 26, 2023, A3: An article promotes the American Red Cross blood drive at the library on Tuesday, October 31 from 9 to 2 p.m., a virtual author visit from John Stamos on Wednesday, November 1 from 7 to 8 p.m., and Kate Quinn's author visit at The Arts Center at Iowa Western on Thursday, November 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Stewart, Scott. "Hoping the cold weather doesn't spook would-be trick-or-treaters." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 28 Oct. 2023, p. A3. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194F3518396023F3%25402460246-194F3520ACA648F5%25402. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 26, 2023, A4: An opinion piece supports the recent gift from Iowa West Foundation to the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation to allow second and sixth graders to attend author visits organized by the library. The article also promoted the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program as well as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program offered through the library.

"Our View: Books belong in hands of our children." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 28 Oct. 2023, p. A4. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194F3518396023F3%25402460246-194F3520B2F70AC1%25403. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 26, 2023, A5: An ad promotes the Kate Quinn author visit at The Arts Center at Iowa Western on Thursday, November 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.

"Council Bluffs Public Library Speaker Series." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 28 Oct. 2023, p. A5. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194F3518396023F3%25402460246-194F3520B86BAAC5%25404. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Saturday, October 26, 2023, A5: An article talks about the ofrenda designed and installed by Samantha Silva's Spanish for Spanish Speakers class of Thomas Jefferson High School students.

Golbitz, David. "TJ students create community ofrenda." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 28 Oct. 2023, p. A5. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-194F3518396023F3%25402460246-194F3520B86BAAC5%25404. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil – Tuesday, October 31, 2023, A7: An ad promotes the Kate Quinn author visit at The Arts Center at Iowa Western on Thursday, November 2 from 7 to 8 p.m.

"Council Bluffs Public Library Speaker Series." *The Daily Nonpareil*, 31 Oct. 2023, p. A7. NewsBank: America's News – Historical and Current, https://infoweb.newsbank.com/apps/news/openurl?ctx_ver=z39.88-2004&rft_id=info%3Aasid/infoweb.newsbank.com&svc_dat=AMNEWS&req_dat=OE8BFEF18FBD58BE&rft_val_format=info%3Aofi/fmt%3Akev%3Amtx%3Actx&rft_dat=document_id%3Aimage%252Fv2%253A16EB97841937DF20%2540AWNB-195031688EF6312D%25402460249-19503171766D9298%25406. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil (online) – Wednesday, October 25, 2023: An online article and video discuss the Iowa West Foundation gift to the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation.

"Iowa West Foundation Check Presentation." *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/video/news/iowa-west-foundation-check-presentation/video_dd822bd2-8786-506f-b5d5-230bf8658e60.html#tncms-source=login. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil (online) – Thursday, October 26, 2023: An online article provides more information on the Iowa West Foundation's gift to the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation.

Stewart, Scott. "Iowa West Foundation gift allows all Council Bluffs second, sixth graders to meet authors." *The Daily Nonpareil*, <https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/education/iowa-west->

[foundation-council-bluffs-public-library-school-author-visits-reading-donation/article_dac5106a-732c-11ee-a53d-bfdf81bb3401.html](https://www.nonpareil.com/news/local/council-bluffs-public-library-school-author-visits-reading-donation/article_dac5106a-732c-11ee-a53d-bfdf81bb3401.html). Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil (online) – Friday, October 27, 2023: An online article features the community ofrenda created by the Spanish for Spanish Speakers Thomas Jefferson High School class.

Golbitz, David. "TJ students create community ofrenda at library for Dia de los Muertos celebration." *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/news/local/dia-de-los-muertos-day-dead-council-bluffs-public-library-community-ofrenda/article_4e1dd818-74ee-11ee-9bd9-531b6337ed7c.html. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

The Daily Nonpareil (online) – Saturday, October 28, 2023: An online opinion piece talks about the Daily Nonpareil's support for the latest library initiatives to support literacy among children. It focuses on the Iowa West Foundation gift to the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation, the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library programs.

"OUR VIEW: Books belong in hands of our children." *The Daily Nonpareil*, https://nonpareilonline.com/opinion/editorial/council-bluffs-nonpareil-editorial-staff-opinion-our-view-local-issues-pottawattamie-iowa/article_846b5110-7508-11ee-aa60-af58f4b6576c.html. Accessed 31 Oct. 2023.

Unleash CB Bulletin

Unleash CB Bulletin – Sep 28–Oct 5, 2023: The Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau mentions three library programs in their Unleash CB Bulletin newsletter. It promotes Get Ready for the Annual Solar Eclipse on October 2, Adult Board Game Night on October 3, and Promise Road: How the Lincoln Highway Changed America on October 5.

Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau. Unleash CB Bulletin, Sep 28–Oct 5, 2023. <https://www.icontact-archive.com/archive?c=1690998&f=15154&s=15697&m=239111&t=1b5c83e2fdb86b6d3842e3ae41ff6e46cc61694a6e2f955c5d9c8dbcf31bf48d>

Unleash CB Bulletin – Oct 5–12, 2023: The Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau mentions six library programs in their Unleash CB Bulletin newsletter. It promotes Promise Road: How the Lincoln Highway Changed America on October 5, Learn to Sculpt with Sarah Pratt on October 7, Barbie: The History on October 9, American Red Cross Blood Drive on October 10, Author Chat Book Club: Rick Steves October 10, and 746 Needlework Club on October 12.

Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau. Unleash CB Bulletin, Oct 5–12, 2023. <https://www.icontact-archive.com/archive?c=1690998&f=15154&s=15697&m=239483&t=1b5c83e2fdb86b6d3842e3ae41ff6e46cc61694a6e2f955c5d9c8dbcf31bf48d>

Unleash CB Bulletin – Oct 12–19, 2023: The Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau mentions seven library programs in their Unleash CB Bulletin newsletter. It promotes 746 Needlework Club on October 12, Adult Coloring Club on October 16, Halloween Green Screen Photos on October 16, Adult Board Game Night on October 17, An Evening with Theodore Roosevelt: A Salute to Books, Iowa, and Conservation on October 17, Author Chat Book Club: Ruth Ware on October 17, and Nikola Tesla: The Forgotten Genius on October 19.

Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau. Unleash CB Bulletin, Oct 12–19, 2023. <https://www.icontact-archive.com/archive?c=1690998&f=15154&s=15697&m=239799&t=1b5c83e2fdb86b6d3842e3ae41ff6e46cc61694a6e2f955c5d9c8dbcf31bf48d>

Unleash CB Bulletin – Oct 19–26, 2023: The Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau mentions five library programs in their Unleash CB Bulletin newsletter. It promotes Nikola Tesla: The Forgotten Genius on October 19, Saturday Matinee – The Flash on October 21, Halloween Green Screen Photos on October 25, 746 Needlework Club on October 26, and Author Chat Book Club: John Irving on October 26.

Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau. Unleash CB Bulletin, Oct 19–26, 2023. <https://www.icontact-archive.com/archive?c=1690998&f=15154&s=15697&m=240016&t=1b5c83e2fdb86b6d3842e3ae41ff6e46cc61694a6e2f955c5d9c8dbcf31bf48d>

Unleash CB Bulletin – Oct 26–Nov 2, 2023: The Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau mentions four library programs in their Unleash CB Bulletin newsletter. It promotes 746 Needlework Club on October 26, Author Chat Book Club: John Irving on October 26, D&D Adventurers League on October 28, and American Red Cross Blood Drive on October 31.

Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau. Unleash CB Bulletin, Oct 26–Nov 2, 2023. <https://www.icontact-archive.com/archive?c=1690998&f=15154&s=15697&m=240392&t=1b5c83e2fdb86b6d3842e3ae41ff6e46cc61694a6e2f955c5d9c8dbcf31bf48d>

The Omaha News

The Omaha News (YouTube): The Omaha News YouTube channel posted a video about the Lincoln Highway Exhibit.

"Council Bluffs Library showcases Lincoln Highway Exhibit". *YouTube*, uploaded by The Omaha News, 11 Oct 2023, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVydxZzCf60&t=18s>

Missouri Valley Times News

Missouri Valley Times News (online) – Thursday, October 12, 2023: An article mentions Duffy Hudson coming to the Council Bluffs Public Library to present his program on Nikola Tesla on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m.

"Duffy Hudson presents 'The Magician Houdini' at the Missouri Valley Public Library". *Missouri Valley Times News*, <https://www.missourivalleytimes.com/stories/duffy-hudson-presents-the-magician-houdini-at-the-missouri-valley-public-library,53560>. Accessed 17 Oct 2023.

Reviews:

Google Reviews

5 Star Review: How could you not like this library? It has two floors every thing is professional. Plus, it is right near scenic downtown Council Bluffs :-)

5 Star Review

5 Star Review: Book selection and staff are awesome.

**CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS
YEAR-TO-DATE LIBRARY BUDGET REPORT**

October 2023

ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL		YTD	MTD	AVAILABLE	PERCENT
GENERAL FUND		APPROP		EXPENDED	EXPENDED	BUDGET	USED
A14100 601000	SALARIES- REGULAR	1,382,515.17		411,828.03	100,539.66	970,687.14	29.8%
A14100 602000	SALARIES- PARTIME	389,740.28		110,894.00	29,699.60	278,846.28	28.5%
	TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES	1,772,255.45		522,722.03	130,239.26	1,249,533.42	29.5%
A14100 606400	HOLI-VACATION-SICK PAY	-		1,637.14	-	(1,637.14)	
A14100 611000	FICA	125,045.36		38,814.23	9,654.16	86,231.13	31.0%
A14100 613000	IPERS	157,855.63		49,115.48	12,244.10	108,740.15	31.1%
A14100 615000	GROUP INSURANCE	330,004.32		114,737.04	27,452.68	215,267.28	34.8%
A14100 619930	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	4,000.00		595.25	511.81	3,404.75	14.9%
A14100 619950	MISC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,500.00		34.97	-	1,465.03	2.3%
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	618,405.31		204,934.11	49,862.75	413,471.20	33.1%
A14100 621000	DUES-MEMBER-SUBSC	3,000.00		500.00	-	2,500.00	16.7%
A14100 623000	TRAINING EXPENSE	2,000.00		727.00	215.00	1,273.00	36.4%
A14100 623010	TRAVEL EXPENSE	5,000.00		1,064.81	776.86	3,935.19	21.3%
A14100 623020	EMPLOYEE MEAL EXPENSE	1,000.00		47.39	47.39	952.61	4.7%
	TOTAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	11,000.00		2,339.20	1,039.25	8,660.80	21.3%
A14100 637110	UTILITIES-GAS	30,000.00		990.96	431.94	29,009.04	3.3%
A14100 637120	UTILITIES-ELECTRIC	69,000.00		28,000.41	8,998.19	40,999.59	40.6%
A14100 637210	REFUSE COLLECTION	1,200.00		346.64	86.66	853.36	28.9%
A14100 637300	TELECOMMUNICATION	600.00		200.00	50.00	400.00	33.3%
A14100 637400	UTILITIES-WATER	2,000.00		816.60	359.85	1,183.40	40.8%
	TOTAL UTILITIES	102,800.00		30,354.61	9,926.64	72,445.39	29.5%
A14100 640200	ADVERTISING EXPENSE	3,000.00		189.92	47.39	2,810.08	6.3%
A14100 640300	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	150,000.00		34,536.01	5,888.44	115,463.99	23.0%
A14100 640400	BILLING & COLLECTIONS FEES	1,500.00		803.59	327.32	696.41	53.6%
A14100 640700	CONSUTANT EXPENSE	500.00		-	-	500.00	0.0%
A14100 641000	OTHER CNTRACTUAL SRVCS	70,300.00		18,956.32	7,026.66	51,343.68	27.0%
A14100 641410	PRINTING	1,000.00		-	-	1,000.00	0.0%
A14100 642000	LEASE PAYMENTS	5,200.00		4,326.76	568.29	873.24	83.2%
	TOTAL CNTRACTUAL SERVICES	231,500.00		58,812.60	13,858.10	172,687.40	25.4%
A14100 650200	FICTION & LARGE PRINT	35,800.00		9,633.25	1,775.00	26,166.75	26.9%
A14100 650210	PERIODICALS	12,000.00		1,541.60	821.60	10,458.40	12.8%
A14100 650211	AUDIO BOOKS	17,000.00		6,475.22	1,816.74	10,524.78	38.1%
A14100 650212	DVDs	27,000.00		4,633.27	1,043.72	22,366.73	17.2%
A14100 650213	MUSIC CDs	4,000.00		1,160.25	245.50	2,839.75	29.0%
A14100 650214	REFERENCE	6,000.00		129.78	-	5,870.22	2.2%
A14100 650215	DATABASES	86,600.00		70,267.02	13,233.52	16,332.98	81.1%
A14100 650216	YOUNG ADULT	16,000.00		5,540.27	683.18	10,459.73	34.6%
A14100 650217	VIDEO GAMES	8,000.00		5,129.84	1,992.10	2,870.16	64.1%
A14100 650218	E MATERIALS	60,000.00		17,701.80	5,957.57	42,298.20	29.5%
A14100 650219	NON-FICTION	20,000.00		3,724.74	737.37	16,275.26	18.6%
A14100 650220	KIDS BOOKS	30,000.00		9,271.33	3,637.15	20,728.67	30.9%
A14100 650221	SPANISH COLLECTION	2,400.00		460.76	41.26	1,939.24	19.2%
A14100 650400	MINOR EQUIPMENT	5,000.00		59.89	-	4,940.11	1.2%
A14100 650600	OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,000.00		3,127.05	502.27	3,872.95	44.7%
A14100 650700	LAUNDRY SERVICES	200.00		66.50	-	133.50	33.3%
A14100 650750	OPERATING SUPPLIES	14,000.00		9,492.00	975.92	4,508.00	67.8%
A14100 650810	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	9,000.00		5,000.00	-	4,000.00	55.6%
A14100 691000	TRANSFERS OUT	50,000.00		-	-	50,000.00	0.0%
	TOTAL COMMODITIES	410,000.00		153,414.57	33,462.90	256,585.43	37.4%
	TOTAL LIBRARY	3,145,960.76		972,577.12	238,388.90	2,173,383.64	30.9%

Expenses Outside of City Operating Budget/General Fund

FY 2023-2024

Type of Service	Fund Source	Oct-23
2024 Winterfest	Friends	\$24.12
Adult Programming	Foundation	\$1,623.65
Board Game Collection	Enrich Iowa	\$16.25
Book Memorials	Various	\$150.72
Foundation Author Series	Foundation	\$6,350.00
Imagination Library Books	Foundation	\$7,247.77
MakerSpace	Enrich Iowa	\$29.99
Teen Programming	Foundation	\$564.33
Youth Programming	Foundation	\$762.36
TOTAL Gifts & Memorials:		\$16,769.19

Received in donations and other funding during the month of October 2023:

\$1,000.00 in memory of Randal Hough

\$180.00 in memory of Nadine DeVoss

\$50.00 for children's books

\$4,473.22 from Foundation for Adult Summer Reading Programs & Prizes

\$1,112.06 from Foundation for Teen Summer Reading Programs & Prizes

\$6,325.43 from Foundation for Youth Summer Reading Programs & Prizes

\$5,346.00 from Foundation for 25th Anniversary Graphic

\$4,500.00 from Foundation for print materials (Gertrude L. Jones Memorial)

\$2,400.00 from Foundation for print materials (George (Jim) Memorial)

Director's Report

October 2023

In October I traveled to Dubuque to attend the Iowa Library Association Annual Conference. This was the first year I was able to attend this conference as in previous years the conference fell in the middle of CIP budget meetings which I didn't want to miss. This year I was excited to attend as I am the current chair of the Iowa Library Association Public Libraries Forum and I wanted to network with fellow members of the forum in person rather than through Zoom. I also wanted to connect with fellow urban library directors to discuss upcoming advocacy efforts for the legislative session. Here are a number of the sessions that I attend and some key actionable take-a-ways from my conference experience.

I gained ideas for sustainable programming from Rebekkah Smith Aldrich as she discussed ways that libraries can support in fighting climate change and be more environmentally proactive. One idea that I think would be fun to implement would be Repair Cafes. The concept focuses on repairing broken electronics instead of throwing away and buying brand new. It is also great at building community. We already have many tools available for repair through our Makerspace and Library of Things and I think programming such as this would be a natural connection.

Next I was able to find valuable information in an emergency and disaster planning session. I am currently revising and updating the emergency plan for the library and have discovered the importance of developing a disaster plan next. I have no doubt that all of this information is available, I am just hoping to get it all in one place. One of the questions I wanted to get input on from fellow librarians was how to address tornado shelters that don't have the capacity to house everyone who may be in the building. I got some wonderful feedback from other directors that I plan on working into our current emergency procedures related to natural weather occurrences such as tornados.

As we head into our next strategic plan, I felt some of the techniques used in the Community Heart and Soul process that was covered in a session from a small library in northeast Iowa were very helpful. I particularly liked the focus on what was done in the past, what is currently being done, and what would it look like in the future. That type of technique will be helpful as we work to get community input so we can focus resources in the coming years to best serve our community.

As with every conference, some of the best insight is gained from conversations with colleagues and vendors. Some notable topics included the library as the community living room and the usage of libraries in a post-covid time, the Culture-All open book program that sparks community connection and conversations, and the findings in the Grinnell National Poll on libraries. This particular survey found that community college graduates are less likely to see the importance of

information and access provided by librarians. I see real opportunity in our own particular community with Iowa Western Community College to build relationships so that is not the viewpoint from their graduates.

I continue to participate in Iowa Library Association conversations and will be the past chair for the Public Libraries Forum next year as well as the current secretary for the Library Leadership and Management division. I will of course continue to be a member of the Iowa Urban Public Libraries group.

Upcoming Events:

Winterfest @ Bayliss Park – November 17th – 6 p.m.

International Games Day – November 18th 10 a.m. – 4p.m.

Teen Robotics Club – December 2nd – 2 p.m.

WW II History by Emily Newby with Richard Warner & Troy Stolp – December 4th – 6:30 p.m.

An Evening with Mitch Albom – December 14th – 7 p.m.

Teen Super Saturday: Cookie Decorating – December 23rd – 2 p.m.

PBS STEAM Lab @ The Library – December 27th, 28th, & 30th

Respectfully Submitted:

Antonia Krupicka-Smith

Public Service's Report

October 2023

Access

Council Bluffs got its first branch. The ILS software needed to run the Cochran Park Kiosk was loaded in October. Set-up and testing has already begun.

The RFID Security Gates were removed and replaced in October. Right away we saw an increase in sensitivity for catching when items were not checked out. Additionally we can now see the title of the item that may not have been checked out which really helps when addressing situations that make the gates go off. This will not only help with identifying loss and mitigating it, but also should help us to make sure items are being checked out and counted.

Eighty-eight individuals used the Makerspace during the month of October. Multiple patrons digitized video recordings of family members that had recently died. Several tears were shed as they watched the memories of their loved ones again.

Marlys Lien helped a man, calling from Florida, who wanted a photo from the 1935 Daily Nonpareil newspaper, of his WWI grandfather, who was a sailor. She was able to find it and send it to him digitally. She also took a phone call to answer questions about our free downloadable audio books. She explained about the two that we carry – Libby and Hoopla – as to what apps need to be downloaded and how to select and borrow them. The call ended the patron saying, "I'll do it today!"

Marketing & Public Awareness

The Daily Nonpareil newspaper highlighted several of our programs this month as is to be noted in the significant increase in citations listed in the correspondence report.

Jamie visited the Spanish for Spanish Speakers class at Thomas Jefferson High School to work with the students on a plan for building the Community Ofrenda at the library. The students visited the library on October 18th to build the Ofrenda. The group of over 30 students brought the students up to Teen Central to introduce them to the services offered.

Jake created a presentation for the Thomas Jefferson High School's Wellness Fair. CBCSD reached out specifically to the library to share about Teen Central and the resources that the library has for teens related to stress management. Jake presented Tough Topics and resources that are available at the library to 5 classes.

We had a check presentation for a grant awarded to the Library Foundation to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the building on Willow. The Iowa West Foundation reached out to award this grant and the money will be used to support author visits to the schools for the Our Community Reads program in the spring. We had students and administration from the CBCSD and board representation from the Library Board and the Library Foundation Board for the check presentation.

Resources & Services

The youth department provided 60 storytimes for classrooms throughout the community reaching 900 students. Additionally staff continues to provide programming for the weekly 21st Century Grant Club at Bloomer elementary school.

The Homeschool Huddle program continues to be popular and this month the youth department started offering the activities as a new program called "After-School Specials" on early out days for the public schools. Over 60 patrons attended for the Homeschool Huddle program and nearly 150 patrons attended throughout the month at the After-School Specials program. These programs are best suited for school-aged youth.

Trish prepared 75 sugar skulls by hand for the Tinker Zone in October in Teen Central. It was fun to see the teens creations as they worked to add decorations to the skulls to celebrate the Day of the Dead right after Halloween.

October was packed with great adult programs. Learn to Sculpt Butter with Sarah Pratt provided hand-on experience in using this medium. Barbie: The History, a virtual program by Leslie Goddard, packed a great amount of research in an entertaining, anecdotal way that made the facts fun with rave review from our attendees. One person emailed us with: "The Barbie presentation was great! I loved it – but I love Barbie." Re-enactor Joe Weigand performed as Theodore Roosevelt in a "Salute to Books, Iowa and Conservation." His presentation was amazing! He knew his history, including names and dates of all of Roosevelt's life. He had researched and created this presentation just for the libraries that had contacted him for this road trip from Medora, ND, where he lives and works each summer in their musical. There was crowd of 56 people.

Duffy Hudson brought his one-man performance as "Nicola Tesla, Master of Lightning" with a unique spin on how he found the NY Public Library, main downtown archives to hold just the documents that gave him his unique spin on telling Tesla's story.

We had a total of 42 programs (16 general audience and 26 adult audience) with 492 people attending in person and 16 virtually.

Institutional Success

Planning for the spring Our Community Reads kick-off has begun and many partner organizations have been contacted to participate.

Jamie went to the Iowa Library Association Annual Conference in her role as a member of the Iowa Library Association Foundation Board. She represents Southwest Iowa large libraries and her main

contribution to the board was helping with the silent auction at the conference. ILAF provides funding to ILA for speakers at the conference and scholarships for individuals to attend the conference.

This month, the Imagination Library delivered 1,684 books and 57 new children were registered for the program.

During October, 57 patrons participated in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten in the Beanstack app and 22 new children registered for that program. Total registration for the program is 97 at the end of October.

In October we added 1529 items and removed 314 items from the collection. The large print version of *Everyone Here is Lying* by Shari Lapena and *No Reserve* by Felix Francis in new fiction were among the highest circulating titles this month.

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FY24 PROGRAMMING STATISTICS			
ADULT PROGRAMMING (Targeted age 19+)	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Number of In-Person Onsite Programs - Total	23	26	95
Number of In-Person Onsite Attendance - Total	376	308	957
Number of In-Person Offsite Programs - Total	0	0	1
Number of In-Person Offsite Attendance - Total	0	0	423
Number of Proctored Tests	4	3	13
GENERAL INTEREST PROGRAMMING	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Number of In-Person Onsite Programs - Total	13	17	57
Number of In-Person Onsite Attendance - Total	562	200	1095
Number of In-Person Offsite Programs - Total	6	2	18
Number of In-Person Offsite Attendance - Total	631	689	2611
TEEN PROGRAMMING (Targeted age 12-18)	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Number of In-Person Onsite Programs - Total	22	45	144
Number of In-Person Onsite Attendance - Total	217	259	1280
Number of In-Person Offsite Programs - Total	2	8	10
Number of In-Person Offsite Attendance - Total	41	52	93
Number of Live Virtual Programs	0	0	1
Number of Live Virtual Attendance	0	0	3
Number of Self-Directed Programs	13	12	53
Number of Self-Directed Participants	158	178	777
YOUTH PROGRAMMING (Targeted age 0-5)	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Number of In-Person Onsite Programs - Total	20	21	46
Number of In-Person Onsite Attendance - Total	600	652	1426
Number of In-Person Offsite Programs - Total	55	55	124
Number of In-Person Offsite Attendance - Total	783	796	2034
Number of Prerecorded Attendance	19,822	5792	57455
Number of Baby Reads Kits Distributed	0	100	100
YOUTH PROGRAMMING (Targeted age 6-11)	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Number of In-Person Onsite Programs - Total	4	13	24
Number of In-Person Onsite Attendance - Total	567	349	1407
Number of In-Person Offsite Programs - Total	7	4	17
Number of In-Person Offsite Attendance - Total	167	38	638
Number of Prerecorded Attendance	31	14	130
READING PROGRAMS	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Number Registered Adult Participants	0	5	199
Number Registered Teen Participants	0	0	220
Number New Registered Youth Participants	42	22	682
Number Imagination Library New Registrations	47	57	235
Number Imagination Library Books Mailed	1659	1684	6581
PATRON DIRECTED ACTIVITIES	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Story-Walk Participants	453	273	1376

FY24 CIRCULATION/RESOURCES/SERVICES STATISTICS			
	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Accounts			
New Card Registration	264	2181	3048
Building Usage			
Gate Count/Patron Visits	17154	13735	66384
Number of Reference Questions	1741	1785	7450
Number of Microfilm Rolls Used	5	8	44
Number of Meeting Rooms Used	113	146	554
Number of Notary Provided	24	12	84
Number of Computer Lab Sessions	1923	2145	8470
Number of WiFi Sessions	1762	1864	7508
Makerspace Room/Tool Usage	66	88	322
Circulation			
TOTAL CIRCULATION	16796	17835	75402
Self Checkouts	10,261	11,166	48039
Database Usage			
AcademicSearch Premier - Total FT + Abstract	54	6	142
Ancestry - Total	1164	1171	5548
Auto Repair Source	11	17	73
Brainfuse JobNow & VetNow- Total Usage	20	24	151
Brainfuse HelpNow - Total Usage	7	5	77
Britannica/Webster's - Total Number	99	170	616
Consumer Reports - Page Views	203	273	1053
Digital Sandborn Maps - Pages	50	283	479
Foundation Directory Online - All Views Total	19	n/a	19
Gale Virtual Reference - Total Retrievals from Usage Summary	4	18	58
Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center - Total FT + Abstract	11	15	44
Home Improvement Reference Center - Total FT + Abstract	1	0	32
Hoopla - Total Checkouts	2456	2372	9658
LearningExpress Library Complete - Sessions	1	1	7
LibraryAware	11080	21091	53550
LinkedIn Learning (Lynda) - Total Views	4	25	385
Mango Languages	4	11	62
MasterFile Premier - Total FT + Abstract	6	14	30
Newsbank - Total	6859	6866	31620
Novelist Plus - Total FT + Abstract	475	586	1822
Novelist Select - Total Clicks	70	45	342
Overdrive - Total Checkouts	6658	7462	27807
Reference Solutions - Detail View + Downloads	0	9	43
Small Engine Repair Reference Center	9	0	10
TumbleBooks Library - Content Views	42	14	128
Value Line - Downloads	3190	3381	11508
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Total ILL	361	398	1493

CIRCULATION/RESOURCES/SERVICES STATISTICS

	Sep-23	Oct-23	FY24 TOTALS
Materials			
Items Added to the Collection	1320	1529	6561
Items Removed from the Collection	354	314	1412
Curbside			
Overall Curbside Deliveries Total	15	13	55
Overall Curbside Items Total	65	56	202
Homebound			
Number of Patrons Enrolled	40	37	38.8
Number of Homebound Patrons Served	37	34	141
Number of Homebound Items Delivered	256	272	993
Number of pocket collections enrolled	3	3	12
Number of pocket collections delivered to	3	0	6
Number of items delivered to pocket collections	48	0	95
Volunteers			
Number of Volunteers	28	20	91
Volunteer Hours	96.16	64.97	339
Virtual Usage			
Website Users	7000	9300	29300
Website Sessions	15000	18000	56600
Catalog Users	4000	4100	15300
Catalog Sessions	8800	8800	36800