



Mulvane Public Library

Annual Report for 2025

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The year 2025 continued to be one of growth with more people than ever before using the Library and attending programs, and the addition of two new online resources, digital magazines and streaming video. In order to highlight all of the Mulvane Public Library's offerings and resources, a new website was released in April. The new website allows patrons to register online for programs and receive event reminders, as well as book the public meeting spaces and browse all of the unique collections in one place.

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New Library Website

Circulation and Collection:

Checkout Stats for 2025			
Physical Collection Size	30,796	Items Borrowed from Other Libraries	3,234
Digital Collection Size	51,458+	Items Lent to Other Libraries	5,843
Checkouts (Physical Items)	37,145	Computer Use Sessions	6,354
Checkouts (Digital Items)	11,298	WIFI Sessions	2,958
Total Checkouts	48,443	Total Registered Patrons	3,965

Programs, Outreach, and Services:

The Mulvane Public Library's programs in 2025 included:



- Discover & Play: Sensory Time on Tuesdays (geared towards 0-5 year olds) *
- Cookie Bookie on 2nd Tuesdays (evening storytime for families- geared towards 0-5 year olds)*
- Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays (geared towards 3-5 year olds) *
- Wee Reads Storytimes on Fridays (geared towards 0-3 year olds with two sessions available) *
- Chat & Play Cafe on Fridays (in between storytimes, which allows adults to network with each other while kids play) *
- Family Storytime on 4th Saturdays- themes included: Pete the Cat (book series), Love, Spring, Gardening, Storywalk, Crafts, Hispanic Heritage, Fall Festival, and Holiday Ornaments*
- Love on a Leash on 4th Saturdays (volunteer therapy dog program) *
- Music and Movement on 1st Mondays (partnership with Mulvane Parents as Teachers) *

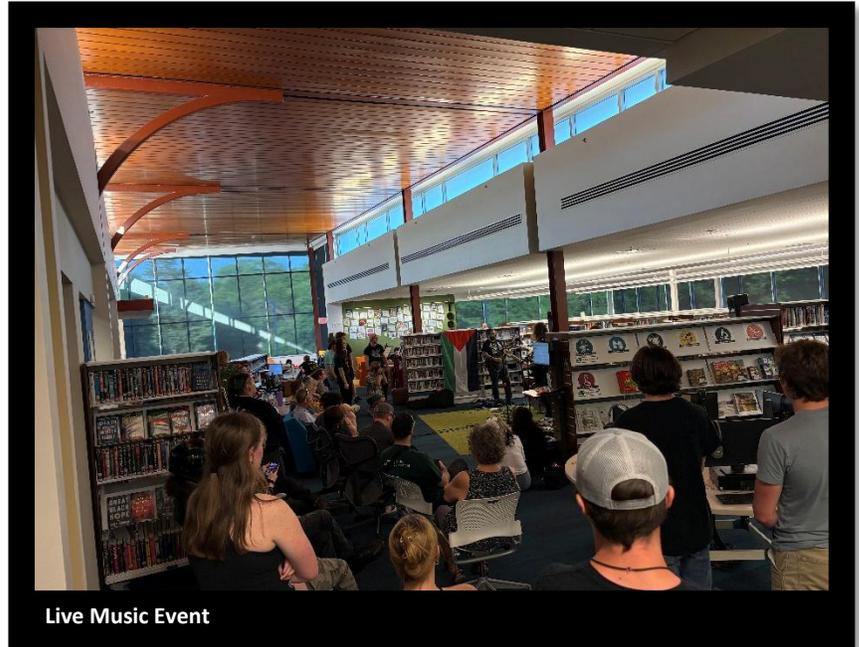
- Take Home Crafts for Kids weekly (geared towards 3-7 year olds) *
- Scavenger Hunts for Kids monthly *
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (on-going reading program for 0-5 year olds) *
- Exploration Station on Tuesdays (activities for grades K-3) *
- Spark Zone on Thursdays (activities for grades 4-6) *
- Paws & Read (reading sessions with a therapy dog) *
- Homeschool Collective on 2nd Thursdays (activities for homeschool families) *
- Youth Special Events- included: Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Big Truck Night (joint event with MRF and School), Firefighter Storytime with Mulvane Fire Department, Sedgwick County Zoo Spring Break Program, Week of the Young Child, Storytime with Mulvane High School's Future Farmers of America Students, Kansas Reads to Preschoolers, Storytimes with Authors Paulina Valencia and Karla Bauer, Messtival, Polar Express, and Noon Year's Eve *
- Teen Gaming Mondays (video games) *



Fiction and Friends Book Club

- Teen Advisory Board quarterly on the last Tuesdays*
- Teen Scene Wednesdays (activities for teens) *
- Teen Blush Book Club on 1st Thursdays
- Teen Special Events- included: Teen Cooking Class, Teen Finance, and Pickleball/Tennis Program *
- Bi-Weekly Teen Crafts in the Teen Area *
- All-Ages Game Night*
- Traditional Book Clubs: Fiction and Friends, Books with Bite, and Books with Spice (club dates/times vary) *
- KanRead Joint Book Club and Events (consortium-wide spanning 8 wks) *
- Social Media Book Club (Facebook Non-Fiction Discussion) *
- Bunco Game Night on 1st Mondays *
- DIY Night on 2nd Mondays- activities included: collages, painting tote bags, recycled planters, perler bead crafts, embroidered photos, texture art, pot painting, pipe cleaner flowers, paper mosaics, mug rugs, beaded wall hangings, and vision boards *
- Food Programs- included: Read It & Eat, Crock-tober, Chicken Pasta Dish, Baking with Huckleberry, Bread Baking, Charcuterie Class, and Brewery Program *

- Adult Special Programs- included: Goal Setting, Chair Yoga, Genealogy, Heart Health, Women’s History Tea, Author Showcase, Bee Presentation, Art Swap, Live Music- Metal Show, Paint Night, Art and Advocacy, Mural, Theater Presentation, Clothing Swap, Sign Language, Silent Film, Fashion History, History to Hollywood, True Crime, Town Hall: School Bond, Adult Coloring, and Cards for a Cause.



- All-Ages Special Events- included: Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Outdoor Movie Nights, Summer Reading Finale Pool Party, Back-to-School Block Party with Mulvane Rec Foundation, Community Health Fair with Mulvane Rec Foundation, and Storywalk *
- Summer Reading Program (SRP)- special performances, which included: Vodvill Entertainment, Science Heroes, Magician Shawn Reida, Water Party with the Mulvane Fire Department, Mr. Stinky Feet, Musician Aaron Fowler, and Musician Dino O’Dell *
- Read Down Fines Program (youth were able to read their overdue fines down and use their library cards again) *

****Programs will repeat/continue in 2026 when possible.***

Program Stats	2025
Programs Hosted	710
Program Attendance	17,621
Outreach Programs (Off-site)	27
Total Outreach Attendance	1,424

The Library is proud to serve Mulvane through outreach programming as well. Staff members provided information at the Chamber's Back to School Event, the school open houses at Munson and the Grade School, the School District Educator Health Fair, high school clubs, Cowley County Community College, the Mulvane Community Foundation's Getting Ahead Class, storytimes at Munson, and more! In 2025, the Library continued to promote its programs and services through a monthly spot on KAKE TV's morning show. The Library also delivered and loaned books on a rotating basis to the Middle and High School Libraries, Maria Court, and Quad County Manor.



Outreach Table at Community Event

In addition to outreach and programming, the Library provided faxing, copying, tech assistance, free notary, display space for local artists, meeting room space for non-profits, a home delivery service (drop-off of books to the sick/elderly), museum passes/activity vouchers (listed below), and new grant-funded "Library of Things" items (microscope, blood pressure cuffs, Tonie Boxes, binoculars, car diagnostic machine, radon detector, telescope, board games, and more) for checkout.

Community Explorers included:

- Space: Cosmosphere Passes
- Animals: Sedgwick Co. Zoo Passes
- Wildlife: Tanganyika Passes
- Art: Wichita Art Museum Passes
- Innovation: Exploration Place Passes
- Sports: Family Pass to Mulvane Games
- Western Theme: Old Cowtown Museum Passes
- Native American Culture: Mid-America All-Indian Museum Passes
- Gardening: Botanica Passes
- Parks: Disc Golf Packs with Equipment
- Parks: Pickleball Pack with Equipment
- Native Plants: Dyck Arboretum
- Sweden: Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum
- History: Museum of World Treasures
- Trains: Great Plains Train Museum
- Dinosaurs: Field Station Dinosaurs
- Baseball: Mulvane Patriot's Home Games

Grants, Donations, Memorials:

The Library primarily operates with funding from the City of Mulvane. However, in 2025 the Library also received numerous grants and donations, both monetary and goods, which helped fund the Summer Reading Program and our general services. The amounts are as follows:

Grants- Total \$35,793

- South Central Kansas Library System Grant-in-Aid: \$18,280
- South Central Kansas Library System New Program Grant \$500
- South Central Kansas Library System Summer Reading Grant: \$200
- South Central Kansas Technology Grant: \$3,000 for new computers
- Levand Trust: \$7,245 for the Summer Reading Program
- Lenore Bishop Grant: \$2,579 for STEM, Museum Passes, and Wonderbooks
- State of Kansas Library Grant: \$3,407
- State of Kansas Notable Book Grant: \$307
- Continuing Education Grant: \$275



Grant for Community Explorers

Donations- Total \$7,640 monetary/\$15,583 for goods and services

- Mulvane Historical Museum: \$5,640 donation for the digitization of the Mulvane News
- Jane's Landing: Coffee for weekly programming with the estimated value of \$2,500
- Mulvane Optimist Club: Hot dog dinners at the Big Truck Night with the estimated value of \$500
- Steven Foster: Watermelons and pumpkins for youth programming with the estimated value of \$270
- Lil' Deuce Scoop: Fruit cups for the water party with the estimated value of \$240
- Joan Martinez: Flowers for library pots with the estimated value of \$200
- Mulvane High School Future Farmers of America: Barn shelf and agricultural books and materials for the youth area with the estimated value of \$100
- Wichita Historical Society: Book with the estimated value of \$95
- French Tea Room: Desserts for the Women's History Tea with the estimated value of \$75
- Wichita State Dental Hygiene Program: Hygiene kits for storytime with the estimated value of \$75



- Mulvane Garden Club: Books with the estimated value of \$50
- Ideatek: \$400 general donation for SRP
- Twin Valley: \$400 general donation for SRP
- Carson Bank: \$400 donation for the Summer Reading Program (SRP) App
- Mulvane Family Medcenters- Dr. Comer: \$250 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Chamber of Commerce: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane United Methodist Church: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Community Foundation: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Historical Museum: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Katherine Hopwood Dental: \$75 general donation for SRP
- The Pact Tattoo: \$75 general donation for SRP
- ReeceNichols- Destiny Myers: \$50 general donation for SRP
- Damm Pharmacy: \$25 general donation for SRP
- Wayman Oil: \$25 general donation for SRP
- Summer Reading Program Prizes:
 - Exploration Place: Free entry passes with the estimated value of \$2,000
 - Wendy's: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$1,845
 - Mulvane City Pool: Passes with the estimated value of \$1,800
 - Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$1,700
 - Spangles: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$747
 - Jane's Landing: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$540
 - Let's Roll Derby: Free game passes with the estimated value of \$400
 - Luciano's: Gift card with the value of \$400
 - Quiktrip: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$298
 - Chick-fil-A: Gift cards with the value of \$275
 - Wichita Symphony Orchestra: Performance tickets with the value of \$170
 - Mulvane Sonic: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$170
 - Wichita State University Athletics: Game tickets with the estimated value of \$160
 - Iron Jacket BBQ: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$90
 - CC's Massage Style: Gift card with the value of \$85
 - Lil' Deuce Scoop: Gift cards with the value of \$75
 - Triumph Flower Company: Flower arrangement with the estimated value of \$75
 - Amy's Pizza: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$75
 - Empire Tacos: Gift cards with the value of \$75

- Mulvane News: Free ad with the estimated value of \$75
- Mulvane Mercantile: Promotional products with the estimated value of \$75
- Main St. Boutique: Promotional products with the estimated value of \$75
- Laurie's Kitchen: Gift cards with the value of \$75
- Mulvane Casey's: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$65
- Top Golf: Gift cards with the value of \$50
- Wichita Ice Center: Skate passes with the estimated value of \$48
- Huckleberry Baked Goods: Coupon cards with the estimated value of \$35



- Time donations for programming:
 - Local Authors for the Author Showcase Program
 - Sedgwick County Extension Office (multiple staff members) for various programs
 - Dog Handler Lori H. for the Paws & Read Program
 - Mulvane Fire Department for a storytime and fire safety program and water party
 - Conrad Y. and Mike G. from Wichita Toy Train Museum for youth holiday program
 - Love on a Leash for family storytime programs
 - Authors Paulina V. and Karla B. for storytime programs
 - Dental hygiene students from Wichita State University for a storytime
 - Shonda K. for Music and Movement Classes
 - Sedgwick County Conservation District for a youth program
 - Carrie G. for Chair Yoga Programs
 - Rosetta W. for a genealogy program
 - Olga L. for the Heart Health program
 - Cali W. for a baking class
 - Nicole B. for the bee class
 - Bill H. for the brewing class
 - Local bands Schoeche, Verruckt, and Nothing//Special for the live music event
 - Jevin M. for the theater class
 - Edward B. and Taylor W. for the sign language class

- Jami T. and Sam C. for the fashion class
- Lisa V. and Andrew C. for staff training
- Mayor Brent A. for Polar Express Event
- Mulvane National Junior Honors Society and National Honors Society students for Community Block Party and Polar Express Events



Mayor Allen at Polar Express Event

Memorials- Total \$100 monetary/\$400 for goods

- Memorial for books \$100
- Memorial for a new picnic table with estimated value of \$400

*Donations from the Mulvane Public Library to community organizations included: clothing for Care and Share from the Clothing Swap Program and food items from the Library's Food for Fines Program to Care and Share and the Mulvane Baptist Church's food pantry.

Personnel:

As always, the Mulvane Public Library strives to provide increasingly diverse and quality services, so the staff were encouraged to attend professional meetings, trainings, and conferences. Specifically, staff attended trainings and webinars on topics such as customer service, reader's advisory, censorship, handling pest problems in library facilities, technology, cataloging,

programming, grant writing (Elevate Kansas), and many more. All staff members received extensive training on the new website and the library hosted speakers on the topic of how to serve people with disabilities. Additionally, 4 staff members were able to attend the Kansas Library Association (KLA) Conference held in Manhattan, KS, and the Director Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse presented a session on launching a new website. In 2025, the Library had representation at the Mulvane Early Childhood Advisory Board meetings, KLA Governmental Affairs meetings, Mulvane Downtown Business meetings, and Wichita Area Library Association meetings. Our



Library Staff Dinner

Youth Program Coordinator, Victoria Fleming, served on the Mulvane Early Childhood Committee. Director Smith-Ritterhouse participated in a Kansas Leadership Center training with the Mulvane Chamber, Senior Center, Community Foundation, and Rec Foundation. The Mulvane Public Library is extremely proud of its professional library presence in the community and beyond.

The Mulvane Public Library continued to be governed by an amazing group of Trustees in 2025: President Kallie Kimble, Vice President Tyler Miranda, Secretary Madison Jurgensmeyer, Treasurer Mandy Roderick, Joel Pile, Cynthia Creamer, and Rachal Harper. Outgoing Board Member was Sara Erb. These volunteers participated in a Board Training hosted by the South Central Kansas Library System in the Fall, and actively promote and support the Library and its services year-round.

Other volunteers in 2025 included a group of local dedicated adults and teens. The volunteers worked an estimated total of 228 hours for the Library. These volunteers assisted in numerous projects throughout the year, including the Summer Reading Program, Back to School Block Party, and Polar Express Event, but many also helped shelve books weekly. In the fall, the Library also facilitated an unpaid internship with a Mulvane High School Student. Rebecca served the library an estimated total of 170 hours.

In order to help promote and fund special programs and projects, the Library has a Friends of the Library group. In 2025, Kristina Reed served as President, Rachal Harper as Vice President, Joan Martinez as Secretary, and Barbara Banzet as Treasurer. Outgoing Board Member was Nancy Armstrong. The group was able to participate in the Kansas Star Casino's Trees of Hope, sell picnic blankets, t-shirts, and tumblers as a group fundraiser, hold a used book sale, decorate a window for Old Settlers, and host a table at Mulvane's Market on Main. With the money raised, the group supported the Library by funding the Finale Pool Party for the Summer Reading Program and maintaining the fish tank for the youth area. This year the Mulvane Friends also hosted the area Friends gathering, which invited members from other towns to share ideas over donuts and coffee. Mulvane's Library Director presented at the event the topic of library advocacy.



Friends of the Library at the Market

Future:

The Library is actively pursuing grants and community partnerships to strengthen the Library's impact and presence in the community. Additionally, the Library will continue to prioritize physical services, programs, and outreach, which provide so much value to families in the community.

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