



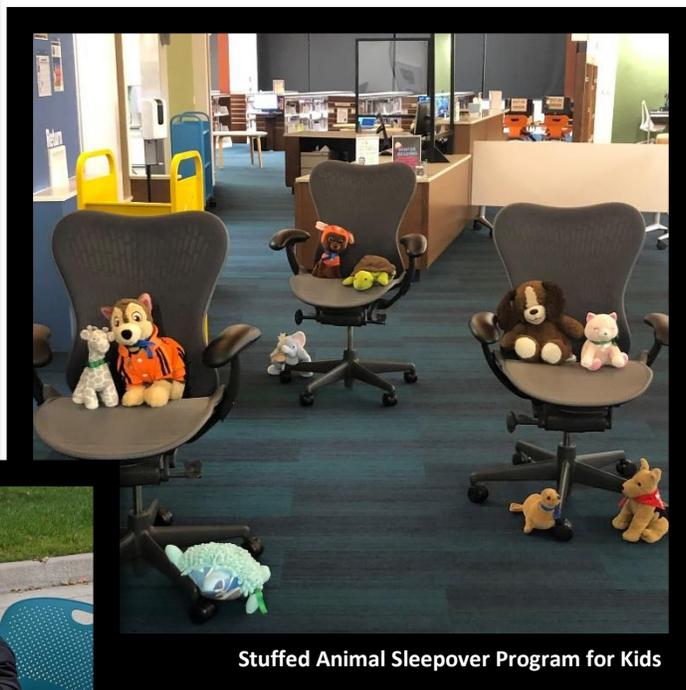
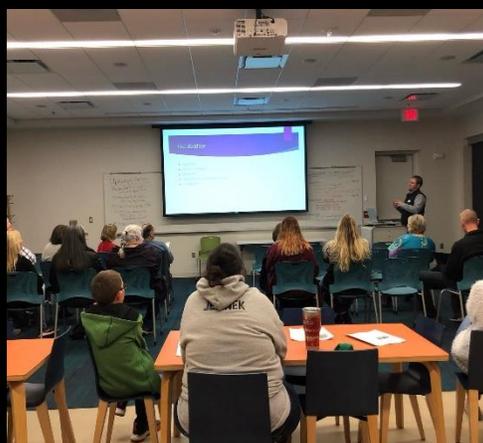
# Mulvane Public Library

## Annual Report for 2020

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No one could have predicted how the world would change in 2020, the Library included. However, change is something that public libraries experience regularly, so the Mulvane Public Library made the best of the situation by adapting programming to virtual and/or outdoors, adjusting services like introducing curbside delivery of materials, and tweaking processes, examples: quarantining returned materials, increased cleanings, blocked scheduling of staff, etc. The primary goal of the Library always being to continue offering the core library services while exercising caution in order to keep the community healthy and safe.

Raising Chickens Class (January/Pre-Covid)



Stuffed Animal Sleepover Program for Kids



Outdoor Pumpkin Painting Program

## Circulation and Collection:

Checkout Stats for 2020				
Total Registered Patrons	5,249		Physical Collection Size	25,294
New Patron Cards Created	96		Digital Collection Size	203,993
Total Checkouts	33,437		Items Borrowed from Other Libraries	1,554
Checkouts (Physical Items)	22,074		Items Lent to Other Libraries	4,143
Checkouts (Digital Items)	11,363		Computer Use Session	2,489

### *Notes on Table:*

*Stats are lower than the last few years, but still higher than 2015 when the Library was in the old downtown location.*

## Programs, Outreach, and Services:

Programming was significantly impacted by the pandemic, as it was in all public libraries, but the Mulvane Pubic Library still held programming in 2020, including:



- Wee Reads Storytimes on Fridays: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar and then virtual/outdoors \*
- Mommy Mixers: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar (for all caregivers on Friday mornings between the storytimes, which allows parents to network with each other while kids play) \*
- Cookie Bookies: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evenings at 6pm for families, and co-hosted with Parents as Teachers) \*
- Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar and then virtual/outdoors \*

- Monday Mixers: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar (hosted playtimes for caregivers and children) \*
- Family Storytime In-Person Special Events- Pete the Cat Themed Day and Chocolate Making \*
- Family Storytime Virtual/Outdoor Events- Teddy Bear Picnic, All-About-Plants, Pumpkin Painting, Noon Year's Eve Party
- Take Home Crafts for Kids \*
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten \*
- K5 Club: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar (for grades k-5 on Tuesdays) \*
- Spark Zone Thursdays: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar (for grades 4-6 weekly) \*
- Read to Barney the Therapy Dog: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar (Every other Tuesday afternoon for early readers) \*
- Teen Job Fair for Summer Opportunities: In-person March
- Teen Battle of the Books: In-person Jan (co-hosted with Mulvane High School)
- Teen Time Wednesdays: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar \*
- Traditional Book Clubs- Fiction and Friends, Books with Bite, and Mommy and Me: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar and then virtual/outdoors (dates/times vary) \*
- Social Media Book Clubs (Facebook Discussion and TikTok) \*
- Bunco Game Night: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month) \*
- Explore Creative Writing: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar and then virtual (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month for writers) \*
- Cooking Classes In-Person- Sedgwick County Extension Center and Beautiful Day Café \*
- Cooking Classes Virtual/Outdoors- Gabby's Peruvian and Grilling with Marc
- DIY Night: In-person Jan/Feb/Mar and then virtual/take home (once a month) \*



Teen Battle of the Books



Group Paint Night

- Computer Classes In-Person- Google Docs and Selling on Ebay
- Monthly In-Person Grab Bag, topics included: Raising Chickens, Rain Barrels, and Group Painting
- Virtual Grab Bag, topics included: Digital Marketing, Self-Care Series, Home Brewing, Wine with Wyldewood Cellars, Watercolors Class, and Bee Keeping
- Virtual Trivia Nights

- Summer Reading Program special virtual performances, which included: Sedgwick County Zoo, Tanganyika, Exploration Place, Beaver's Den, Storybook Wichita, Rosie Cutrer Storyteller, and Meadowlark Farm \*
- Summer Reading Program Teen Weekly Challenges/Challenge the Librarian
- Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week (program encouraged by the State Library)
- Read Down Fines Program (youth were able to read their overdue fines down and use their library cards again- very popular!) \*

*\*Programs will repeat/continue in 2021 when possible.*

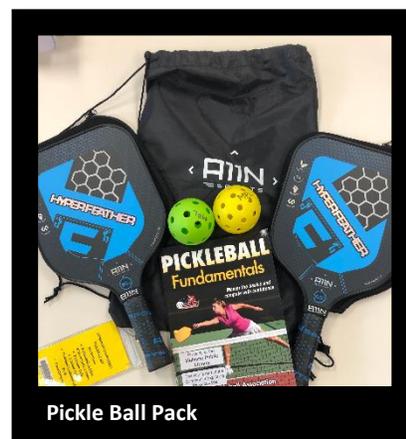
Program Stats	2020
In-Person Programs Hosted	133
In-Person Program Attendance	2,196
Virtual Programs Hosted	137
Virtual Program Attendance	7,749
Total Programs Hosted	270
Total Program Attendance	9,945

The Library is proud to serve Mulvane through outreach programming as well. Staff members provided information at the School District Health Fair and continues to deliver books on a rotating basis to the School Libraries, Maria Court, and Quad County Manor. In 2020, a large part of outreach was through promotional videos created in-house as well. A video about our curbside service reached 14K people in the Wichita area, our Storywalk video that included local businesses reached 9k, and a DIY Program video reached 168K on TikTok.

In addition to outreach and programming, the Library continues to provide faxing, copying, tech assistance, book-a-librarian appointments, test proctoring, free notary, display space for local artists, meeting room space for non-profits, a Homebound Service (drop-off of books to the sick/elderly), and museum passes/activity vouchers (called Community Explorers) for checkout.

#### Community Explorers included:

- Space: Cosmosphere Passes
- Animals: 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 Center Passes
- Gardening: Botanica Passes
- Parks: Disc Golf Packs with Equipment
- Parks: Pickle Ball Pack with Equipment (new in 2020)



Pickle Ball Pack

#### **Grants, Donations, Memorials:**

The Library primarily operates with funding from the Town of Mulvane. However, in 2020 the Library also received numerous grants and donations, both monetary and goods, which helped fund the Summer Reading Program, the digital and physical collection, and our general services. The amounts are as follows:

#### **Grants**

- South Central Kansas Library System Grant-in-Aid: \$24,982

- South Central Kansas Library System Summer Reading Grant: \$100
- South Central Kansas Continuing Education Grant: \$319
- South Central Kansas Technology Grant: \$2,500
- CARES Act Grant for Drive-Thru (through City): \$30,855
- CARES Act Grant for Additional Digital Materials (through State Library): \$750
- Kansas Library Association Virtual Program Grant: \$600
- Kansas Library Association Grant for the Kansas Leadership Center Class: \$399
- Levand Trust: \$6,210
- Lenore Bishop Grant: \$3,041
- State of Kansas Library Grant: \$1,846
- State of Kansas Notable Book Grant: \$237
- Walmart Grant for Cooking Program: \$3,000

### **Donations**

- Jane's Landing: Coffee for programming with estimated value of \$400
- Battle of the Books raised \$560 to fund the program, donors included:  
Carson Bank, Dr. Comer with Family Med, Prairie Garden Inn, United Methodist Church, Mulvane Rec Center, Todd Nelson with State Farm, Kirk Farber with American Family Insurance, and Mulvane Women's Club
- Associated Materials: \$100 general donation for SRP
- Carson Bank: \$395 check for the Summer Reading Program
- Summer Reading Program Prizes:
  - Jane's Landing: Coupon cards for drinks estimated value of \$300
  - Quick Trip: Coupons cards with estimated value of \$100
  - Spangles: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$300
  - Derby Bowling: Free game passes with estimated value of \$6,000
- Time donations for programming:
  - Sedgwick County Extension Office (multiple staff members)
  - Barney's Handler David P.
  - Wes Wolken for Bee Keeping Session
  - Gabby's Peruvian Restaurant
  - Beautiful Day Café
  - Bee Fresh Farm (time and food for program)
  - Wylewood Cellars
  - Sami Halaseh Institute
  - CC's Massage Style
  - Mike Swope of Farmers Insurance

### Memorials

- Nelson: \$100 donation for youth books.
- Campbell Memorial: \$1,219 donation for books.
- Johnson Memorial: \$250 for books.

### Personnel:

In an effort to provide increasingly diverse and quality services at the Library, the staff was encouraged to attend meetings, trainings, and conferences (most of them were virtual in 2020). The staff attended trainings on the new catalog/checkout system, Active Shooter Scenarios, and various library topics via webinars. Plus, the Library had representation at the Kansas Library Association Conference, Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Wichita Area Library Association meetings, Parents as Teachers meetings, Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation Board meetings, Kansas Public Library Association meetings, and Mountain Plains Library Association meetings. Additionally, the Director received grant funding to attend a two-day leadership workshop through the Kansas Leadership Center. The Director, Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse, also served on the Kansas Library Association (KLA) and Mountain Plain Library Association (MPLA) Boards. In 2020, she was elected by Kansas Librarians to serve as Vice President (2-year term) and future President (1-year term starts in 2023) of the Kansas Library Association. The Adult Program Coordinator, Maggie P. served on the Boards of the Wichita Area Library Association, the Collaborative Summer Library Program, and the Kansas Library Association Education Foundation, which she was also elected Secretary in 2020. The Mulvane Public Library is extremely proud of its professional library presence as it stands as a clear role model to other area public libraries.

The Mulvane Public Library continued to be governed by a stellar group of Trustees in 2020: President Merle McKee, Vice President Sara Erb, Secretary Danielle Fells, Treasurer Charlie Morgan, Joan Martinez, Dianne Fleming, and Pamela Bruce. These volunteers actively promote and support the Library and its services year-round.

In order to help promote and fund special programs and projects, the Library also has a Friends of the Library Group. In 2020, Nancy Armstrong served as President, Donna Fells as Vice President, Joan Martinez as Secretary, and Monica McDaniel as Treasurer. Despite the pandemic, the group was able to still participate in the Kansas Star Casino's Wreaths of Hope and held a Flash Used Book Sale.



Outdoor Used Book Sale

**Projects:**

During 2020, progress was made on multiple projects, including:

- Kan-Share Consortium Partnership: In March, the Mulvane Public Library joined 7 area public libraries to share a checkout system and catalog. The new consortium includes the Derby, Andover, El Dorado, Park City, Augusta, Goddard, and Rose Hill Public Libraries. This gives Mulvane patrons direct access to all of these libraries' collections with one-card access. Other benefits included cost-sharing/savings as well as general support (technology and policy).
- Drive-Thru Window: The Library with the financial support of the City and the CARES Act was able to install a drive-thru window in 2020, which allows patrons to pick-up materials easily and safely.

**Future:**

As referenced, the pandemic impacted Library usage and services in 2020. With this in mind, the Library will continue to tweak programming and services to maintain the health and wellness of staff and patrons as needed, but also will make an effort to rebuild some of the past key events and outreach when it is deemed safe to do so.

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