



Mulvane Public Library

Annual Report for 2024

408 N. 2nd Ave.
 Mulvane, KS 67110
 316-777-1211
www.mulvanelibrary.org

The year of 2024 continued to be one of growth with more people than ever before registering for the Annual Summer Reading Program (1,154). The Library has definitely bounced back from 2020, prioritizing key services, resources, programs, and community partnerships!



Teen Advisory Board



Women's History Tea Party



Storytime with the Library Director



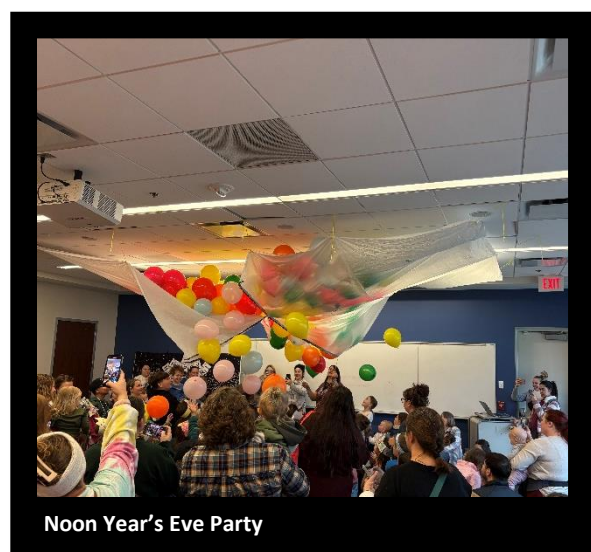
Messtival Art and Sensory Event

Circulation and Collection:

| Checkout Stats | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total Registered Patrons | 5,617 | 5,899 | 6,027 | | Physical Collection Size | 28,762 | 28,808 | 28,007 |
| Total Checkouts | 48,173 | 49,981 | 50,544 | | Items Borrowed from Other Libraries | 3,032 | 3,327 | 3,487 |
| Checkouts (Digital Items) | 8,690 | 9,478 | 9,637 | | Items Lent to Other Libraries | 6,111 | 6,849 | 6,875 |
| Checkouts (Physical Items) | 39,483 | 40,503 | 40,907 | | Wifi Sessions | 4,718 | 2,965 | 2,723 |

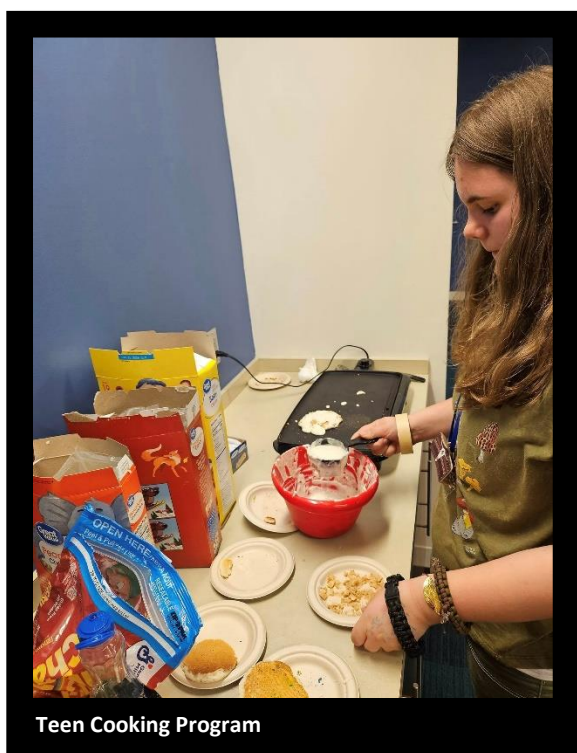
Programs, Outreach, and Services:

The Mulvane Public Library's programs in 2024 included:



- Discover & Play: Sensory Time on Tuesdays (geared towards 0-3 year olds) *
- Cookie Bookie on 2nd Tuesdays (evening storytime for families- geared toward 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, Teddy Bear Picnic, Fall with Pumpkins, and Christmas *
- Take Home Crafts for Kids weekly (geared towards 3-7 year olds) *

- 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) *
- Youth Special Events- included: Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Community Health Fair (joint event with Mulvane Rec Foundation, MRF), Big Truck Night (joint event with MRF and School), Firefighter Storytime with Mulvane Fire Department, Tanganyika Spring Break Program, Week of the Young Child, Kansas Reads to Preschoolers, Messtival, and Polar Express Event *



Teen Cooking Program

- Teen Gaming Mondays (video games) *
- Teen Advisory Board on the last Tuesdays*
- Teen Scene Wednesdays (activities for teens) *
- Teen Blush Book Club on 1st Thursdays*
- Teen Special Events- included: Percy Jackson Party and ACT Prep Session *
- 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 Clubs (Facebook Discussion and TikTok) *
- Bunco Game Night on 1st Mondays *
- Journey to Joy on 1st Tuesdays (mental health topics)
- Mulvane Move Buffs on 1st Thursdays (movie club)
- DIY Night on 2nd Mondays- activities included: Stained Glass Picture Frames, Yarn Art, DIY Disco Balls, Stamp Carving, Candle Painting, Gnomes, Adventure Journals, String Art, Felt Pennants, Painting Coasters, Gratitude Jars, and Felt Ornaments.
- Food Programs- included: Read It & Eat International Foods, Crock-tober, Cookie Decorating, Healthy Meal Planning, and Elderslie Cooking Presentation *

- Adult Special Programs- included: Mommy Mixer Program, Spa Program, Insurance Class, Women's History Tea, Poetry Program, Gardening Class, Travel Agent Class, All-About-Crystals Session, Paranormal Event, Local Author Showcase, Live Music with the Lough Brothers, Trivia Night, Crochet Group, Zumba class, Fan Festival, Art Program with Group Mural, Dog Program, Clothing Swap, and Cards for a Cause.
- All-Ages Special Events- included: Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Outdoor Movie Nights, Summer Reading Finale Pool Party, and Back-to-School Block Party *
- Summer Reading Program (SRP)- special performances, which included: Sedgwick County Extension Office, Sedgwick County Zoo, Mad Science Demonstration, Happy Face Theater Group, Didgeridoo Down Under, Dan Dan the Magic Man, and Water Party with the Mulvane Fire Department*
- Read Down Fines Program (youth were able to read their overdue fines down and use their library cards again) *



****Programs will repeat/continue in 2025 when possible.***

| Program Stats | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Programs Hosted | 584 | 623 | 643 |
| Program Attendance | 12,214 | 15,009 | 15,179 |
| Outreach Programs (Off-site) | 43 | 25 | 38 |
| Total Outreach Attendance | 1,996 | 1,876 | 1,819 |



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, daycares, high school clubs, the Chamber Halloween Event, storytimes at Munson, and more! In 2024, the Library continued to promote its programs and services through a monthly spot on KAKE TV's morning show too. The Library also delivered and loaned books on a rotating basis to the Middle and High School Libraries, Maria Court, and Quad County Manor.

In addition to outreach and programming, the Library provided faxing, copying, tech assistance, test proctoring, 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), and museum passes/activity vouchers (called Community Explorers) 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 Center 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 Transportation 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 2024 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

- South Central Kansas Library System Grant-in-Aid: \$19,802
- South Central Kansas Library System New Program Grant \$500
- South Central Kansas Library System Summer Reading Grant: \$150
- South Central Kansas Library System Professional Development Grant \$1,020
- South Central Kansas Technology Grant: \$3,000
- Levand Trust: \$6,555
- Lenore Bishop Grant: \$2,016
- State of Kansas Library Grant: \$1,898
- State of Kansas Notable Book Grant: \$315

Donations

- Jane's Landing: Coffee for weekly programming with estimated value of \$2,500
- Steven Foster: Pumpkins for youth programming with estimated value of \$30
- Ideatek: \$450 general donation for SRP
- Twin Valley: \$400 general donation for SRP
- Carson Bank: \$395 donation for the Summer Reading Program (SRP) App
- Mulvane Chamber of Commerce: \$75 general donation for SRP



- Mulvane Optimist Club: \$250 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Historical Museum: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Triumph Flower Company: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Katherine Hopwood Dental: \$75 general donation for SRP
- ReeceNichols- Destiny Myers: \$50 general donation for SRP
- State Farm Insurance- Angela Fox: \$25 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane United Methodist Church: \$25 general donation for SRP
- Wayman Oil: \$25 general donation for SRP
- Summer Reading Program Prizes:
 - Derby Bowling: Free game passes with estimated value of \$2,229
 - Exploration Place: Free entry passes with estimated value of \$2,000
 - Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$1,593
 - Mulvane City Pool: Passes with estimated value of \$1,800
 - Spangles: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$796
 - Pizza Hut: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$600
 - Andy's Frozen Custard: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$555
 - Jane's Landing: Coupon cards for drinks with estimated value of \$540
 - Luciano's: Gift card with value of \$250
 - Quiktrip: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$150
 - Wyldewood Cellars: Gift cards with the value of \$120
 - CC's Massage Style: Gift card with value of \$85
 - Lil' Deuce Scoop: Gift cards with value of \$75
 - Amy's Pizza: Gift cards with value of \$75
 - Empire Tacos: Gift cards with value of \$75
 - Mulvane News: Free ad with estimated value of \$75
 - Mulvane Mercantile: Gift cards with the value of \$75
 - Main St. Crafts: Promotional products with estimated value of \$75
- Time donations for programming:
 - Elderslie Farms for a cooking demonstration
 - Bethany A. for Spa Night Program
 - Gretchen D. from Cappers Insurance for an adult program
 - Cindy L., Shelly S., Malissa L., and Bonnie J. for Women's History Tea
 - Garden Club for an adult program
 - Local Authors for the Author Showcase Program
 - Angie W. from Sunflower Travel for an adult program
 - Moonstone Crystals for an adult program

- Christa E. for Crochet Program
- Wellington Humane Society and Chelsea P. for dog 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
- Wichita Paranormal Research Society for an adult program
- Love on a Leash for family storytime programs
- Manny from Animal House FC for a family storytime program
- Author Britny A. for a storytime program

Memorials

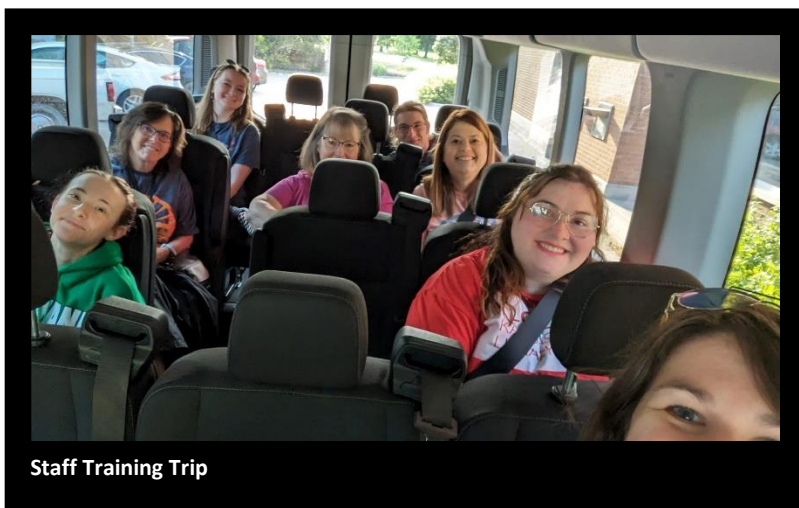
- Memorials/Honorariums for books \$75

*Donations from the Mulvane Public Library to community organizations included: holiday cards made in patron programs for HumanKind and Wesley Hospital, 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:

The Library had staffing changes in 2024. Stephanie Daniel was welcomed on staff as Assistant Director, and sadly, Janice Aldrich retired after serving the community as a Library Assistant for 5 years.

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, and many more. All staff members traveled to the Manhattan Public Library and Salina Public Library to explore their spaces, resources, and



Staff Training Trip

services. Additionally, 5 staff members were able to attend the Kansas Library Association (KLA) Conference held in Wichita. In 2024, the Library had representation at the Mulvane Early Childhood Advisory Board meetings, KLA Board meetings, Mulvane Downtown Business meetings, and the Information Network of Kansas meetings. The Director also served on the KLA Board in the final year of her 4-year term, including one as President. Our Youth Program Coordinator, Victoria Fleming, served on the Mulvane Early Childhood Committee. 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 an amazing group of Trustees in 2024: President Sara Erb, Vice President Kallie Kimble, Secretary Janine Wollenberg, Treasurer Mandy Roderick, Tyler Miranda, Joel Pile, and Rachal Harper. Outgoing Board Members were Danielle Fells and Charlie Morgan. These volunteers actively promote and support the Library and its services year-round.

Other volunteers in 2024 included a group of local dedicated adults and teens. The volunteers worked an estimated total of 417 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 order to help promote and fund special programs and projects, the Library also has a Friends of the Library Group. In 2024, Nancy Armstrong served as President, Joan Martinez as Secretary, and Kristina Reed as Treasurer. 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, and decorate a window for Old Settlers. With some of the money they fundraised, the group supported the Library by funding the pool rental for the Summer Reading Program and maintaining the fish tank for the youth area.



Friends of the Library Casino Tree Fundraiser

Future:

The Library is actively developing a new website launching in April of 2025. The Library looks forward to offering a more dynamic web presence, but also continuing to prioritize physical services and programs, which provide so much value to families in the community.

Submitted by: Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse, Library Director