



Mulvane Public Library

Annual Report for 2023

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The year of 2023 was again one of growth and renewed connections. The Library continued to offer traditional services both on-site and digital, but prioritized being in the community and creating partnerships as well.



Candidate's Form with Chamber



DIY Night- Painting Activity



Afterschool Kids Program- Cooking Activity



Summer Reading Program Music Performance

Circulation and Collection:

Checkout Stats	2021	2022	2023		2021	2022	2023
Total Registered Patrons	5,340	5,617	5,899	Physical Collection Size	25,239	28,762	28,808
Total Checkouts	39,438	48,173	49,981	Digital Collection Size	442,947	517,511	502,166
Checkouts (Digital Items)	9,699	8,690	9,478	Items Borrowed from Other Libraries	2,903	3,032	3,327
Checkouts (Physical Items)	29,739	39,483	40,503	Items Lent to Other Libraries	5,284	6,111	6,849
Wifi Sessions	5,600	4,718	2,965	Computer Use Session	2,616	4,529	5,734

Programs, Outreach, and Services:

Library programming in 2023 was in-person with some still hosted outdoors because of the amazing green space. The Library's programs included:



- Discover & Play: Sensory Time on Tuesdays (geared towards 0-3 year olds) *
- Cookie Bookie on 2nd Tuesdays (evening storytime for families co-hosted with Parents as Teachers) *
- Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays (geared towards 3-5 year olds) *
- Wee Reads Storytimes on Fridays (geared towards 0-3 year olds) *
- Chat & Play Cafe on Fridays (for all caregivers after the storytime, 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, Being a Good Neighbor, Zoo, 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), Firefighter Storytime with Mulvane Fire Department, Tanganyika Spring Break Program, Week of the Young Child, Fairy Tales Come to Life (joint event with MRF), Kansas Reads to Preschoolers, Messtival, and Polar Express Event *



Messtival for Kids

- Teen Gaming Mondays (video games) *
- Teen Scene Wednesdays (activities for teens) *
- Teen Special Events- included: Harry Potter Escape Room and Teen Kick-Off SRP Party *
- Bi-Weekly Teen Crafts in the YA Area *
- Dungeons & Dragons Game Nights (geared towards teens)
- Traditional Book Clubs: Fiction and Friends, Books with Bite, Diversify Your Shelf, 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 *
- DIY Night on 2nd Mondays- activities included: Glass Etching, Junk Journaling, Wreaths, Tea Towels, Candles, Bath Bombs, No-Sew T-shirts Bags, Terrariums, and Herbal Fire Starters *
- Technology Classes- topics included: New Technology, Gmail, Streaming Services, and Is It A Scam? *

- Food Programs- included: Read It & Eat International Foods, Crock-tober, Cookie Decorating, and Healthy Meal Planning *
- Adult Special Programs- topics included: Raising Chickens, Running for Office 101, Movie Nights, Wichita Restaurants, Tea Talk, Mommy Mixer, Fan Festival, Candidate Forum, Paranormal 101, Humanities Kansas Talk, NaNoWriMo Writing Sessions, Moore Indigenous Drumming, and Chair Yoga
- All-Ages Special Events- included: Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Outdoor Movie Nights, and Back-to-School Block Party *
- Summer Reading Program (SRP)- special performances, which included: Sedgwick County Extension Office, Great Plains Nature Center, Musician Will Parker, Phlox Fire Dancers, Marty the Magician, Music and Movement Program, 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 2024 when possible.***

Program Stats	2021	2022	2023
Programs Hosted	362	584	623
Program Attendance	4,777	12,214	15,009
Outreach Programs (Off-site)	11	43	25
Total Outreach Attendance	764	1,996	1,876



Big Truck Night at the Munson Primary

The Library is proud to serve Mulvane through outreach programming as well. Staff members provided information at the Chamber's Back to School Event, all of the school open houses, daycares, high school clubs, Chamber Halloween Event, and more! In 2023, the Library continued to promote its programs and services through a monthly spot on KAKE TV's morning show too. The Library also continues to deliver and loan 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 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
- Native Plants: Dyck Arboretum



Sports Pack Promo

- Sweden: Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum
- History: Museum of World Treasures
- Trains: Great Plains Transportation Museum
- Dinosaurs: Field Station Dinosaurs

Grants, Donations, Memorials:

The Library primarily operates with funding from the City of Mulvane. However, in 2023 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: \$20,453
- South Central Kansas Library System Summer Reading Grant: \$100
- South Central Kansas Technology Grant: \$3,000
- Levand Trust: \$6,038
- Lenore Bishop Grant: \$1,643
- State of Kansas Library Grant: \$1,857
- State of Kansas Notable Book Grant: \$261

Donations

- Jane's Landing: Coffee for programming with estimated value of \$2,500
- Carson Bank: \$405 check for the Summer Reading Program (SRP) App
- Mulvane Optimist Club: \$200 general donation for SRP
- Associated Materials and Supply: \$100 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Historical Museum: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Katherine Hopwood Dental: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Cowley Community College: \$25 general donation for SRP
- Fish Window Cleaning: \$50 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Assembly Church: \$25 general donation for SRP



- Triumph Flower Company: \$75 general donation for SRP
- Edward Jones (Main Street): \$75 general donation for SRP
- Wayman Oil: \$25 general donation for SRP
- Summer Reading Program Prizes:
 - Derby Bowling: Free game passes with estimated value of \$2,200
 - Exploration Place: Free entry passes with estimated value of \$2,000
 - Mulvane City Pool: Passes estimated value of \$1,800
 - Jane's Landing: Coupon cards for drinks estimated value of \$540
 - Quiktrip: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$250
 - Andy's Frozen Custard: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$200
 - Spangles: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$400
 - Jason's Deli: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$180
 - CC's Massage Style: Gift card with value of \$75
 - Lil' Deuce Scoop: Gift card with value of \$75
 - Luciano's: Gift card with value of \$75
 - Amy's Pizza: Gift cards with value of \$75
 - Empire Tacos: Gift cards with value of \$75
 - Mulvane Chamber: Promotional tshirts with estimated value of \$75
 - Mulvane News: Free ad with estimated value of \$75
 - Main St. Crafts: Promotional products with estimated value of \$75
 - Chipotle: Gift card with value of \$30
- Time donations for programming:
 - Sedgwick County Extension Office (multiple staff members) for various programs



- Dog Handler Lori H. for the Paws & Read
- Chad T. (local police officer) for the bi-weekly Dungeons & Dragons Program
- Mulvane Fire Department for a storytime and fire safety program and water party
- Miranda L. for youth events
- Conrad Y. and Mike G. from Wichita Toy Train Museum for youth holiday program
- Carrie G. for chair yoga and meditation program
- Sedgwick County Conservation District for summer youth program
- Ian C. with Neighboring Movement for a summer youth program
- Kris D. with NASA for a summer youth program

- Logan G. with Textron for a summer youth program
- Ann K. with Peas and Happiness for a summer youth program
- Wichita Paranormal Research Society for an adult program
- Moore Family for a drumming program
- Ryan F. for an adult program on chickens
- Shelly S. and Steve F. for an adult program on running for office
- Denise N. for an adult program about Wichita restaurants
- Marisa S. for an adult program about tea
- Mike C. for an adult cooking class
- Ryan E. for DIY Night
- Gretchen D. for an adult program on Medicare

Memorials

- Memorials/Honorariums for books \$118

Personnel:

The Library had staffing changes in 2023. Sadly, Program Coordinator Larissa Ester, a familiar face in the community, moved out-of-state early in the year. Additionally, we had multiple part-time staff members move on. However, the Library was extremely lucky to fill these positions with candidates who value both the library and customer service!

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. Additionally, 4 staff members were able to attend the Kansas Library Association (KLA) Conference and 4 staff members were able to attend the National Association of Small and Rural Library (ARSL) Conference, both held in Wichita. In 2023, the Library had representation at the Mulvane Early Childhood Advisory Board

meetings, Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation Board meetings, KLA Board meetings, Mountain Plains Library Association Board meetings, and the Information Network of Kansas meetings. The Director, Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse, received a fellowship position at the



Director/KLA President Hosting Lunch for Kansas Librarians

Mountain Plains Leadership Institute held in Colorado (only 2 applicants were accepted per state). The Director also served on the KLA and MPLA Boards. In 2023, Shanna served as President of the Kansas Library Association, representing Kansas libraries and addressing state-wide issues on the subject when needed. Our Youth Program Coordinator, Victoria Fleming, served on the Mulvane Early Childhood Committee and Let's Move in Libraries Interest Group. 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 2023: President Sara Erb, Vice President Kallie Kimble, Secretary Danielle Fells, Treasurer Charlie Morgan, Mandy Roderick, Janine Wollenberg, and Tyler Miranda. These volunteers actively promote and support the Library and its services year-round.

Other volunteers in 2023 included a group of local dedicated adults and teens. The volunteers worked a total of over 146 hours for the Library. These volunteers assisted in numerous projects throughout the year, including the Summer Reading Program, Back to School Block Party, Fairy Tales Come to Life, 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 2023, Nancy Armstrong served as President, Joan Martinez as Secretary, and Barbara Banzet 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.



Polar Express Event

Future:

The Library will continue to prioritize programming, partnerships, outreach, and being present in the community. Additionally, in 2024 the Mulvane Public Library would like to continue work on the digital branch, the website, to help market all the wonderful resources and services offered to the Mulvane area.

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