

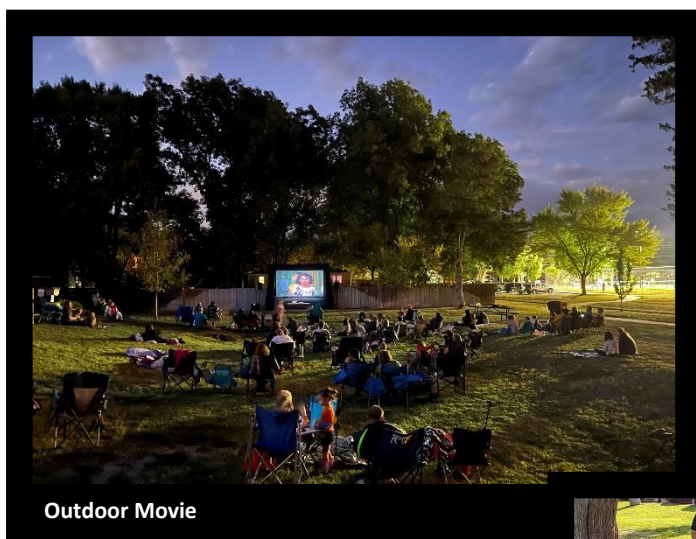


Mulvane Public Library

Annual Report for 2022

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The year of 2022 was one of growth and renewed connections. The community returned to traditional in-person library programming and services, while still utilizing the digital and outdoor spaces they had come to love. The usage stats were just under those of 2019, which was especially apparent with the storytime and afterschool crowds.



Outdoor Movie



Author Grant Snider



Cooking Demo



Summer Reading Kickoff Party with/Petting Zoo

Circulation and Collection:

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

Programs, Outreach, and Services:

Library programming in 2022 returned to primarily in-person with many still being held 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, Earth Day, Pirates & Sharks, Camping, Mermaids, 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, formerly K-5 Club, 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, Firefighter Storytime with Mulvane FD, Zoo Spring Break Program, Week of the Young Child, Fairy Tales Come to Life (joint event with MRC), Science Demo, Polar Express Event, and Noon Year's Eve Party *



Teen Halloween Event

- Teen Gaming Mondays (video games) *
- Teen Scene Wednesdays (activities for teens) *
- Bi-Weekly Teen Crafts in the YA Area *
- Dungeons & Dragons Game Nights (geared towards teens) *
- Teen Special Events- Indoor Movie Nights, Adventures at the Library, College Financial Planning, and Teen Halloween Event
- Traditional Book Clubs: Fiction and Friends, Books with Bite, and Diversify Your Shelf (book 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 *
- Cooking Demos and Classes: Cooking with Los Candiles, Prost, Read It & Eat: Desserts, Crocktober, Omelet Bar with Marc, and Feast for One *
- DIY Night on 2nd Mondays- activities included: Keepsake Boxes, Leprechauns, String Art, Burlap Paintings, Paint Stick Flags, Beach Fairy Gardens, Rope Baskets, Owl Paintings, Haunted Houses, Book Pumpkins, and Snow Globes *
- Technology Classes- topics included: Blogging, Resume 101, Smartphones for Seniors, Organize & Simplify Your Digital Life, and Smart Phone Review *
- Adult Special Programs- topics included: Budgeting Basics, Seed Swap, Frank Lloyd Wright Presentation, Meditation, Dyeing Yarn, Great Plains Woodcarvers, Traveling with Kids, Oceans of Kansas with Author Mike Everhart, Yard Games for Adults, Fire Safety with Fred, Music with Nita, Decluttering 101, Tea 101, Medicare 101, Nanowrimo, and Chair Yoga



Chair Yoga

- All-Ages Special Events- included: Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Outdoor Movie Nights, Back-to-School Block Party, and Astro Family Night *
- Summer Reading Program- special performances, which included: Phlox Fire Performers, Singer Dino O'Dell, Musician Will Parker, Storyteller Jo Ho, Balloon Artist Chris Conner, and the Enchanted Mermaid *
- Read Down Fines Program (youth were able to read their overdue fines down and use their library cards again) *

****Programs will repeat/continue in 2023 when possible.***

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



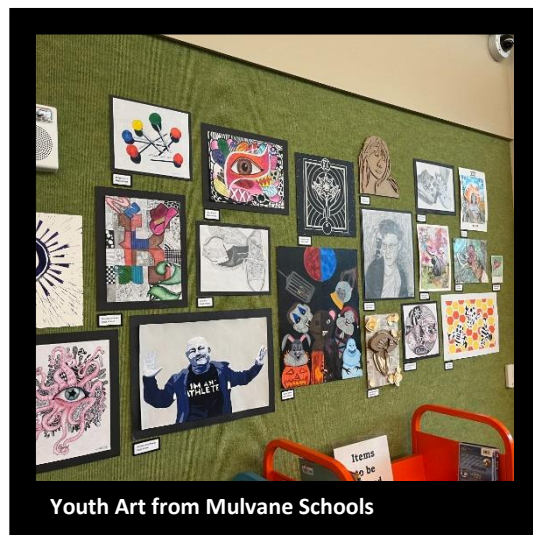
Chamber's Back to School Event for Teachers

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, the Women's Club, Chamber Halloween Event, and more! In 2022, the Library began promoting 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
- Underground: Strataca Salt Museum
- Native Plants: Dyck Arboretum
- Sweden: Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum
- History: Museum of World Treasures
- Trains: Great Plains Transportation Museum (new in 2022)
- Dinosaurs: Field Station Dinosaurs (new in 2022)



Grants, Donations, Memorials:

The Library primarily operates with funding from the City of Mulvane. However, in 2022 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: \$22,356
- South Central Kansas Library System Summer Reading Grant: \$100

- South Central Kansas Continuing Education Grant: \$281
- South Central Kansas Technology Grant: \$2,500
- Kansas Library Association Grant for the Kansas Leadership Center Class: \$449
- Kansas Library Association Education Foundation Continuing Education Grant: \$250
- Levand Trust: \$6,900
- Lenore Bishop Grant: \$ \$3,546
- State of Kansas Library Grant: \$1,880
- State of Kansas Notable Book Grant: \$273

Donations

- Jane's Landing: Coffee for programming with estimated value of \$800
- Main Street Crafts: Library Loot Prize of T-shirt and Water Bottle
- Carson Bank: \$405 check for the Summer Reading Program App
- Associated Materials and Supply: \$100 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane United Methodist Church: \$50 general donation for SRP
- Luciano's: \$50 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Historical Museum: \$50 general donation for SRP
- Katherine Hopwood Dental: \$50 general donation for SRP
- Cowley Community College: \$40 general donation for SRP
- Fish Window Cleaning: \$20 general donation for SRP
- Mulvane Assembly Church: \$20 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
 - Sonic: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$400
 - Chick-fil-A: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$300
 - Quiktrip: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$250
 - Freddy's Frozen Custard: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$200



Summer Reading Program (SRP) Balloon Performance

- Spangles: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$200
- CC's Massage Style: Gift card with value of \$55
- Lil' Deuce Scoop: Gift card with value of \$50
- Amy's Pizza: Gift cards with value of \$50
- Empire Tacos: Gift cards with value of \$50
- Merle's Barbershop: Gift cards with value of \$50
- Robot Roy's Vintage Toys: Gift cards with value of \$50
- Triumph Flower Company: Free bouquet with value of \$50
- Mulvane Chamber: Promotional tshirts with estimated value of \$50
- Mulvane News: Free ad with estimated value of \$50
- Main St. Crafts: Promotional products with estimated value of \$50
- Wind Surge: Sport tickets with estimated value of \$50
- Wichita State University: Sport tickets with estimated value of \$50

- Time donations for programming:



Back-to-School Block Party Hair Cuts for Youth

- Sedgwick County Extension Office (multiple staff members) for various programs
- Dog Handler Lori H. for the Paws & Read
- Kansas Astronomical Observers and Ron M. for the Astro Night
- Merle's Barbershop and Salon Bella for the Back-to-School Night
- Author Grant Snider for Back-to-School Block Party
- Chad T. (local police officer) for the

- bi-weekly Dungeons & Dragons Program
- Mulvane Fire Department for a storytime and fire safety program
- Kiana H. for mermaid storytime
- Frank Lloyd Wright staff for presentation
- Author Mike E. for author program
- Amber from Prost for cooking program
- Los Candiles staff for cooking program
- Vicky H. from Bartlett Arboretum and Krista D. from Kansas Native Plant Society for a seed swap program
- Miranda L. for youth events
- Great Plains Woodcarvers for woodcarving program
- Maggie S. for resume program
- Richard S. for financial program
- Maci M. for medicare program

- Conrad Y. and Mike G. from Wichita Toy Train Museum for youth holiday program
- Sean R. for building a wooden train for the youth holiday program
- Carrie G. for chair yoga and meditation program
- Nita L. for a music program

Memorials

- Nelson: \$100 donation for youth books.

Personnel:

The Library had big staffing changes in early 2022. Sadly, Assistant Director Elizabeth



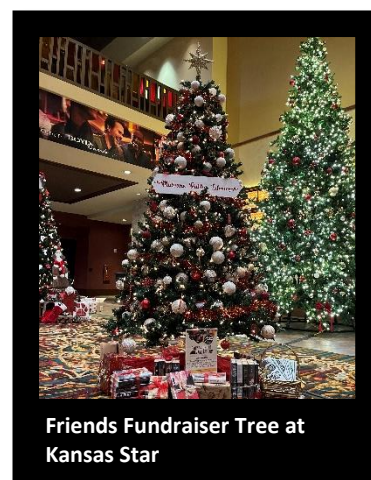
Thornton, a familiar face having worked at the Library for 13+ years, resigned due to on-going health issues. Additionally, our Adult/Teen Program Coordinator Maggie Pinnick moved back to her home state of Indiana to be closer to family. However, the Library was extremely lucky to fill these two positions with candidates who both possess their Masters of Library Science. Sara Moesel, formerly a librarian with Wichita Public Libraries, filled the Assistant Director position. Larissa Ester, a local Mulvane graduate, who had recently moved back to the area filled the Adult/Teen Program Coordinator position.

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 in-person trainings on serving patrons with autism and how to detect and manage bullying, and numerous webinars on topics such as customer service, reader's advisory, handling patron complaints, technology, cataloging, programming, and many more. Additionally, 6 staff members were able to attend the in-person Kansas Library Association (KLA) Conference in Wichita, with two of them acting as presenters. In 2022, the Library had representation at the Early Childhood Advisory Board meetings, Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation Board meetings, KLA Board meetings, and Mountain Plains Library Association Board meetings. The Director, Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse, received grant funding to attend a leadership workshop through the Kansas Leadership Center (3rd course) and partial funding to attend the regional Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Conference out-of-state. The Director also served on the KLA and MPLA Boards. In late 2022, Shanna became President of the Kansas Library Association. The Presidential term will last a year, and responsibilities include representing Kansas libraries and addressing state-wide issues on the subject when needed. The new Adult/Teen Program Coordinator, Larissa, also served on the KLA Board as webmaster last year, and will continue to do so. Our Youth

Program Coordinator, Victoria Fleming, served on the Mulvane Early Childhood Committee and Let's Move in Libraries Interest Group. She was also able to attend the Association for Library Services to Children Conference in Kansas City. 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 2022: President Joan Martinez, Vice President Sara Erb, Secretary Danielle Fells, Treasurer Charlie Morgan, Kallie Kimble, Mandy Roderick, and Janine Wollenberg (Pamela Bruce served part of the year). These volunteers actively promote and support the Library and its services year-round.

Other volunteers in 2022 included the local chapter of Mormon missionaries and a few local teens. The volunteers worked a total of over 210 hours for the Library. These volunteers assisted in numerous projects throughout the year, including the Summer Reading Program, 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 2022, 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, decorate a window for Old Settlers, and provide library information at Jane's Landing. With some of the money they fundraised, the group supported the Library by funding the pool rental and equipment for teen gaming for a total of \$899.

Future:

The Library will continue to prioritize programming, partnerships, outreach, and being present in the community. Additionally, in 2023 the Mulvane Public Library would like to begin an update to the digital branch, the website. While patrons have embraced returning to the physical space, there are many who developed an increasing reliance on our web presence and digital resources during Covid, and we want to continue to serve them to the best of our abilities as well.

Submitted by: Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse, Library Director