



Mulvane Public Library

Annual Report for 2021

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It was another challenging year for the Mulvane Public Library, largely due to the on-going presence of Covid. However, the Library continued to offer quality core services, which included all-ages programming, access to technology, community outreach, and lending of both physical and digital materials. While being cautious and considerate of our patrons' health and safety, the Library was delighted to see steady increases in usage and attendance throughout the year. A key element of 2021 was outdoor programming, which allowed many families to comfortably return to in-person events. The Library feels very lucky to have such a welcoming outdoor green space!

Outdoor Cooking Demo



Noon Year's Eve Party



Summer Reading Program with Wichita Riding Academy

Circulation and Collection:

Checkout Stats for 2021				
Total Registered Patrons	5,340		Physical Collection Size	25,239
Total Checkouts	39,438		Digital Collection Size	442,947
Checkouts (Digital Items)	9,699		Items Borrowed from Other Libraries	2,903
Checkouts (Physical Items)	29,739		Items Lent to Other Libraries	5,284
Wifi Sessions	5,600		Computer Use Session	2,616

Programs, Outreach, and Services:

Library programming in 2021 was varied in format; some being virtual, outdoors, or inside with masks. The Library adapted to the audience with wellness and comfort in mind. The Library's programs included:



- Wee Reads Storytimes on Fridays (geared towards 0-3 year olds) *
- Mommy Mixers on Fridays (for all caregivers after the storytime, which allows parents to network with each other while kids play) *
- 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) *
- Family Storytime on 4th Saturdays- themes included: All-About-Dogs, Ice Cream, Camping, and a Fall Festival *
- 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) *
- K5 Club on Tuesdays (activities for grades k-5) *
- Spark Zone on Thursdays (activities for grades 4-6) *

- Read to Barney the Therapy Dog (summertime sessions for early readers) *
- Teen Time Wednesdays (activities for teens) *
- Teen Special Event- Disney Villian's Ball



Outlander Book Party (Scottish Themed)

- Youth Special Events- included: Teddy Bear Clinic, Lights On Afterschool with MRC, Firefighter Storytime with Mulvane FD, Noon Year's Eve Party, and Tippi Toes Dance Session *
- Polar Express Event (special holiday event with train theme) *
- Book Bracket Battle (all-ages online book battle)
- Traditional Book Clubs: Fiction and Friends, Books with Bite, and 5K (book club dates/times vary) *
- Social Media Book Clubs (Facebook Discussion and TikTok) *
- Bunco Game Night on 1st Mondays *
- Explore Creative Writing on 3rd Thursdays (held half year) *
- Cooking Demos and Classes: Wild Game Cooking, Garden Grill, and Cooking with Chef Eric *
- DIY Night on 2nd Mondays- activities included: Jar crafts, Menu Board, Keychains, Frames, Topiary, Watercolor, Wax Sachet, and Washer Necklace *
- Technology Classes- topics included: Resources for Small Businesses, Podcast ICT, Canva, and Genealogy *
- Adult Special Programs- topics included: Adult Trivia Night, Take Back the Morning, Mushroom Farming, Crock-tober, Cookie Decorating, Outlander Party, Pickle Party, Funeral Planning, and Medicare Info Session
- All-Ages Special Events- included: Summer Reading Kick-Off Party, Outdoor Movie Nights, and Astro Family Night
- Summer Reading Program- special performances, which included: Sedgwick Co. Zoo, Eagle Valley Raptor Center,



Outdoor Movie Night

Marty the Magician, Tanganyika, Wichita Riding Academy, and Storyteller Rosie Cutrer *

- 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 2022 when possible.***

Program Stats	2021
In-Person Programs Hosted	278
In-Person Program Attendance	4,919
Virtual Programs Hosted	95
Virtual Program Attendance	622
Total Programs Hosted	373
Total Program Attendance	5,541

The Library is proud to serve Mulvane through outreach programming as well. Staff members provided information at the Chamber's Back to School Event and all of the school open houses, and continues to deliver books on a rotating basis to the Middle and High School Libraries, Maria Court, and Quad County Manor. During the Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week, our youth coordinator also provided storytimes at the Munson Primary School.

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 (new in 2021)
- Native Plants: Dyck Arboretum (new in 2021)
- Sweden: Old Mill and Swedish Heritage Museum (new in 2021)
- History: Museum of World Treasures (new in 2021)

Grants, Donations, Memorials:

The Library primarily operates with funding from the City of Mulvane. However, in 2021 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: \$23,313
- South Central Kansas Library System Summer Reading Grant: \$100
- South Central Kansas Continuing Education Grant: \$225
- South Central Kansas Technology Grant: \$2,500
- South Central Kansas Digital Materials Grant: \$1,000
- Kansas Library Association Grant for the Kansas Leadership Center Class: \$799
- Levand Trust: \$6,900
- Lenore Bishop Grant: \$800
- State of Kansas Library Grant: \$1,844
- State of Kansas Notable Book Grant: \$344
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant for Outdoor Programs: \$4,942

Donations

- Jane's Landing: Coffee for programming with estimated value of \$800
- Stroot's Meat Locker: Gift card with value of \$20
- Candiles Mexican Restaurant: Gift card with value of \$30
- Battle of the Books raised \$405 to fund the program, donors included:

Vintage Bank, Carson Bank, American Family Insurance, Walters Shelter Insurance, Mulvane United Methodist Church, and Mulvane Family MedCenter

- Mulvane United Methodist Church: \$100 general donation for SRP
- Bertha Moore: \$100 general donation
- Mulvane Rec Center: \$500 donation for SRP program participation
- Carson Bank: \$395 check for the Summer Reading Program
- Summer Reading Program Prizes:
 - Mulvane City Pool: Passes estimated value of \$1,800
 - Jane's Landing: Coupon cards for drinks estimated value of \$540
 - Quick Trip: Coupons cards with estimated value of \$100
 - Spangles: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$500
 - Derby Bowling: Free game passes with estimated value of \$2,200
 - Chic-fil-A: Coupon cards with estimated value of \$300
 - CC's Massage Style: Gift card with value of \$60
 - Lil' Deuce Scoop: Gift card with value of \$40
 - Screaming June Bug: Prize donation with value of \$35
- Time donations for programming:
 - Sedgwick County Extension Office (multiple staff members) for various programs
 - Barney's Handler David P. for the Read to Barney Program



Fire Department Storytime



Wesley Teddy Bear Clinic

- Kansas Astronomical Observers for the Astro Night
- Megan Cox-Whiteside for a dog program
- Mulvane Fire Department for a storytime
- Wesley Children's Hospital for the Teddy Bear Clinic Storytime
- Sedgwick Co. Conservation District for youth programs
- Garden Grill for a cooking demo
- Kande Jones for a health program
- US Small Business Administration for a resource program
- Jack Hennessay for a cooking demo
- Chef Eric for a cooking demo
- Podcast ICT for a tech program
- Myers Mushroom Farm for an agriculture program

- Smith Family Mortuary for a funeral planning program
- Maci Mishler for a Medicare program
- Wichita Riding Academy for a summer youth program
- Millers Meadow Mini Donkeys for a summer youth program
- Rowan's Flower Shop for a plant program

Memorials

- Nelson: \$100 donation for youth books.
- Campbell Memorial: \$120 donation for books.
- Chew Memorial: \$315 for books.
- Anonymous Memorial: \$2,500 for drive-thru awning and signage, and water fountain

Personnel:

The Mulvane Public Library strives to provide increasingly diverse and quality services, so the staff was encouraged to attend professional meetings, trainings, and conferences (many of them were still virtual in 2021). Specifically, the staff all took an in-person field trip this summer to visit 7 neighboring libraries, and in the fall, attended an in-person training on serving LGBTQ patrons. Additionally, numerous staff members were able to attend the in-person Kansas Library Conference in Wichita, with two of them acting as presenters. In 2021, the Library had representation at the Wichita Area Library Association meetings, Parents as



Library Staff (not all pictured)

Teachers meetings, Kansas Library Association Educational Foundation Board meetings, Kansas Public Library Association meetings, and Mountain Plains Library Association meetings. Again, the Director received grant funding to attend a leadership workshop through the Kansas Leadership Center (2nd course). The Director, Shanna Smith-Ritterhouse, also served on the Kansas Library Association (KLA) and Mountain Plain Library Association (MPLA) Boards. In 2021 and through 2022, Shanna serves as Vice President for the Kansas Library Association and will serve as President in 2023. The Adult Program Coordinator,

Maggie Pinnick served on the Boards of the Wichita Area Library Association, the Collaborative Summer Library Program, and the Kansas Library Association Education Foundation. The Youth Program Coordinator, Victora 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 a stellar group of Trustees in 2021: President Joan Martinez, Vice President Sara Erb, Secretary Danielle Fells, Treasurer Charlie Morgan, Pamela Bruce, Kallie Kimble, and Mandy Roderick (Merle McKee and Dianne Fleming served part of the year). These volunteers actively promote and support the Library and its services year-round.

Other volunteers in 2021 included the local chapter of Mormon missionaries and a few local teenagers. They worked a total of 112 hours for the Library. These volunteers assisted in numerous projects throughout the year, but also helped shelve books weekly.



Outdoor Used Book Sale

In order to help promote and fund special programs and projects, the Library also has a Friends of the Library Group. In 2021, Nancy Armstrong served as President, Donna Fells as Vice President, Joan Martinez as Secretary, and Monica McDaniel as Treasurer. Despite the continued pandemic, the group was able to participate in the Kansas Star Casino's Trees of Hope, sell picnic blankets as a group fundraiser, hold a Flash Used Book Sale, decorate a window for Old Settlers, and host a t-shirt fundraiser for a sick library employee.

Future:

As patrons and the community become more comfortable with the new normal, living with Covid, the Library's goal is to rebuild usage and programming to 2019 levels. This means more emphasis will be placed on partnerships, outreach, and being present throughout the community. We want people to get excited about learning new things, meeting new people, and forming connections with their Library and community!

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