

# ANNUAL REPORT

CENTRAL  
PLAINS  
LIBRARY  
SYSTEM  
2020-2021



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## OUR MISSION

Central Plains Library System will assist libraries and media centers to meet community needs by serving as an advocate for libraries through facilitation, training, and consultation.

# STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

During the 2020-2021 service year, Denise continued to conduct the weekly meeting on Thursday mornings for librarians to get together to discuss current or relevant topics that were weighing on their minds. This weekly meeting had started as a response to the COVID-19 crisis that was affecting all librarians early on in 2020.

Response to these sessions has been overwhelming! Many librarians have stated that this meeting has been something that has helped them not only through the initial crisis but as they began to return to normal. Hearing from their fellow librarians about what has been happening around the System has helped unify our members.

## FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD

What started out as a monumental task turned into a wonderful way to support libraries in our system. During February, we provided a new S.T.E.A.M. project each weekday. The program was such a hit that we decided to continue the program throughout 2021 with 2 projects being posted each month Mar-Dec.

• 26 Participating Libraries  
• 4,485 Individual S.T.E.A.M. Kits

## READER ZONE INITIATIVE CONTINUES

When Covid-19 hit, CPLS looked for a way to help librarians not only offer virtual summer programs, but also a way of tracking the reading done by patrons with an online app. What resulted was a year-long partnership between NLC and Reader Zone.

1,648,144 Minutes Read Since Inception Plus:  
4,976 Books 841 Chapters 87,607 Pages

Summer Reading 2021:  
635,141 Minitues 167 Participating Libraries  
2,653 Active Readers

## WORKSHOPS GO VIRTUAL

Even though we could not meet in person due to the Pandemic, we still offered educational opportunities through various workshops held virtually throughout the year. What we discovered was that, while everyone missed meeting in person, virtual meetings offered greater flexibility for those who might not be able to attend the workshop when offered. They were able to watch the workshops on our YouTube channel at a time convenient for them.

- Annual Meeting 2020
- Joint Youth Services Retreat
- Bibliostat Training
- Summer Reading Workshops
- Read for Resilience
- Book Repair on a Budget
- WordPress 2021
- Using YA Fiction to Build Interest in S.T.E.A.M. with Teen Girls
- Teaching Technology in the Library
- Wild World of Copyright
- Golden Sower Reading Day (In-Person)

## SERVICES PROVIDED DURING 2020-2021

Professional Articles Emailed:	30
Book Reviews Emailed:	94 pages
Periodicals Circulated:	50
Disc Cleaning:	198
Books Repaired:	11
Cutting Machine Usage:	12
Audio Books Circulated:	790
Book Kits Loaned:	34
Breakout EDU Kits:	1
Button Machines Used:	13
Cricut & HeatPress Loaned:	6

## SUMMER READING DIE-CUTS & CRAFTS

CPLS provided die cuts and SRP craft supplies for any library who wanted them.

20 Libraries

4,949 Die Cuts

\$2,758.28

Amount saved by 29  
Nebraska Libraries  
utilizing a Group Puppet  
Order in which 204  
Puppets were ordered.



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