



Verdigre Public Library Report to Village Board

February 2024

By Katie Hollmann, Director



Requested Statistics:

- GOLD LEVEL Accreditation 2022-2027 (only gold in Knox Co.)
- All \$ credited and expended fiscal year Oct 2022 - Sep 2023

REVENUE — total \$ 42,667

Village \$26,779 (THANK YOU!) County \$5,000 State \$891

Other \$9,497 [ex. copies \$2,446, fines \$29, donations \$2,287, interest \$96, grants/scholarships \$4,975]

As CREDITS we also rec'd federal E-rate grants of \$2,640 for internet. TOTAL successful grants for library: \$7,615

EXPENDITURES — total \$42,667

Total staff (x5) \$20,984 ... Total collection \$4,833 ... Insurance \$2,980 ... Total other operating \$6,863 (which includes grant purchases of \$2,474)

- Number materials in library — books 10,977, audios 401, videos 794, Library of Things & tech equipment 103, ebooks/audios downloadable 35,645/26,135 thru our Libby subscription, periodical subscriptions 7, magazine exchange 65+ titles. Total holdings — 12,275
- Materials added — 748, materials withdrawn — 362
- Number materials circulated — 4,023 (from the library), 5,518 (with Libby downloads)



Highlights of 2023

Programs for All Ages

For adults—Creative Aging for the Arts: Tell Your Story (arts council grant), NE Humanities speakers, two authors, book-folding craft, Let's Move in Libraries, CPR for general public

For youth—Dolly Parton Imagination Library (30 children ages 0-5 registered during 1st year), Quest: Golden Sower Book Buffet, Lego Club, Full STEAM Ahead, Summer Reading Program "All Together Now" (inc. Read-at-pool, movies, Book adventures, Read-at-the-park, NE state fair coupons)

For all—Puzzle exchange & SRP community puzzle, Kolach Days: Chalk Art, Pop-up storywalks, International Art Exhibition: Crossing the Line, NE Backroads Tour, sign language class, Vanoce: gingerbread workshop & display

Services to community

Cemetery records added to library website (St. Wenceslaus, so far)

AED on location and CPR teaching kit **** Knox County Arts Council (partner)

Grant facilitating for Village (payloader, GIS water mapping, dike-related) and ZCBJ (roof repair)

Verdigre Area Businesses Brochure (updated and distributed through VCF and water bills)

Interesting Donations: 100 books from Brownstone Found., Onyx Magnifier, Library of Things items

Miscellaneous

Facilities Inspection (1st of annual), FEMA repairs finished in library, Movie about broadband was filmed in the library, Library Board and Library Director were re-certified



Read-at-Pool



Movie filming



Intern Emma



Gingerbread * CPR for public



Creative Srs: Tell your Story w/ D. Kevin Wms



Golden Sower Books-Kids Votel

Pop-up Storywalks

Doorstep Deliveries

Daycare Book Swaps

Library of Things

Poinsettia Sales

Chalk Art Contest

NE Humanities speakers

Tuesdays After School

Shamrock Card Sales

Other 2022-23 Statistics:

- Staffing—Library Director (\$14.42/hr, .54 FTE *full-time equiv.*); Assistant Librarians (\$11.07/hr, .11 FTE) *Wages increased to \$15.00 and \$11.40 on 10-1-23* Retired: Diana Sukup, Karen Hansen (library board) and Pat Holland (staff)
- 614 library card holders (out-of-town 145)
- 3,610 library visits (2,430 by adults and 1,180 by children)
- Open 52 weeks/year, 26 hours/ week
- Internet usage 18,456 (939 on library's computers; 17,517 wi-fi users)
- 70 live programs hosted for children & adults with attendance of 749 (onsite, offsite, self-directed). 25 daycare book swaps, 78 doorstep deliveries, 210 Slim & Teeny Library give-aways, 1 artist-in-residence (storyteller)
- 37 different volunteers * 40 donors of materials or funds
- Library website users 828 (pageviews reported by NLC=17,517); Digital newspaper archives 19,609 page views
- Technology services for public: 100x100 internet , free wi-fi, 9 computers, wifi printing, scanner, fax, laminator, tech equipment check-out, 1-on-1 tech help from Director, Makerspace: 3D printer, buttonmaker
- Continuing education hours by director: 53.5
- Grants: E-rate credits for internet \$2,640, NE Arts Council CAAP \$2,120, continuing ed. \$505, NE Humanities speaker \$50, Am Heart Assoc \$1,500, OSU Citizen Science \$300, Internship \$500. Total \$7,615.00
- Challenges: maintenance by Village (still waiting for doorknob and solar sconces installation). Nothing else in particular. A good year.

Community gives positive feedback



Pat Holland



STEAM programs for kids



Backroads Tour



3D Printer

Read-at-the-POOL

LIBRARY BOARD of TRUSTEES

- Dylan Hamilton—President (term to June 2024)
- Jamie Novacek—V.P. & Lib. Found. (2026)
- Pam Kotrous—Secretary (2024)
- Fran Blessen—Member & Lib. Found. (2026)
- Shelley Kosola—Member (2026)

4 year terms

LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD

- Zoe Vakoc—President (2024)
- Kristi Rohrer—Treasurer (2024)
- Darla Gilreath—Secretary (2026)
- Jamie Novacek—VP *lib. trustee* (2026)
- Fran Blessen *library trustee* (2026)

4 year terms

LIBRARY STAFF

- Katrina (Katie) Hollmann—Director
- Donna Effle—Asst. Librarian
- Jamie Novacek—Asst. Librarian
- Barbara Salvatore—Asst. Librarian
- Emma Farnik—summer intern '23 & '24

Village Staff for library: Heidi Ruzicka—Clerk & Library Treasurer, Maintenance (two part-time)-- Allen Wavrunek and Bruce Bartos