

Kilgore Memorial Library
Director's Report
Prepared for February, 2024
York City Council meeting

1. The Kent Bedient gallery is vacant at this time. The Elmer Baker display case is filled with wood carvings by local artist Desiree Hajny. Desiree has lived in York since 2020 and has authored nine books, competed internationally and won many awards for her beautiful animal carvings.
2. Kilgore Memorial Library was awarded a 2024 Youth Grants for Excellence grant from the Nebraska Library Commission. Carol Baker will collaborate with staff at Renewed Horizons to offer 0 – 5 year-olds and their families an 8-week session of Zumbini Music and Movement classes. This \$1,500 grant will cover the cost of the instructor and all the materials needed for the class. The Friends of the Library will help with costs to market the class and the library will provide support staff for this class.
3. Tyler Nelsen has completed the e-Rate application process for this year. This two-step process includes a bid-letting and evaluations process to determine the best candidate to support the library's broadband needs for the coming 2024-25 year. This year the library received five bids and Allo has been selected to continue their services for the coming year.
4. The annual Public Library Survey conducted by the Nebraska Library Commission has been submitted and accepted for the fiscal year 2023. The full report is attached to this report and numbers of interest are included in the table at the end of this report.
5. The Youth Services department of the library have two big partnerships going with the UNL Extension Educators of York County. One program offers backpacks with take home STEM experiments for elementary age students. This popular program includes all the necessary ingredients and supplies to complete challenges in Engineering, DNA, Food, Pollinators, weather, and animal science. The second program we are enjoying is the "Adopt a Cow" program that bring agriculture to the library for preschool storytime once a month.
6. The library is also hosting the AARP Tax-Aide program offering free tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on tax payers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. These services are offered by appointment only by calling the United Way Information Line at 211.

Respectfully submitted by,



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LIBRARY DATA AT A GLANCE

Data Type	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	March 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Year to Date
Added to Physical Collections	311	265	110	274									686
Added to E-Book Collections	612	522	638	491									1772
Physical item circulation	5,525	5,151	4,578	3,999									15254
E-books Circulations	2,058	1,882	1,919	2,276									5859
New Patrons	140	142	131	174									413
Public Computer logins	780	664	617	563									2061
Door Count	3,040	3,051	2,731	2,792									8822
Website visits	1,773	1,531	1,437	1665									4741
Meeting Room Use	453	392	298	291									1143

Data Type	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021
Physical Collections	59,885	62,255	64,107
E-Book Collections	63,283	59,624	52,789
Physical item circulation	62,261	63,625	58,648
E-book Circulations	20,693	17,362	17,647
Registered Borrowers	4,502	4,077	5,104
Public Computer logins	7112*	6,849	6,445
Door Count	36,610	36,648	48,055
Website visits	36,979	47,270	49,025
Meeting Room Use	59738	5,239	3,000

Data for annual report to Nebraska Library Commission submitted January each year.