

Director's Report—October 2017

Door Count:

Month	Door Count	Hours open
Sep-17	14765	281
Sep-16	13302	284

- We have now reached the point where the entire building has been open for full year. Numbers still may be somewhat affected by the fact that there was increased interest in the refurbished Haish building, but from this point forward the numbers should be more accurate for comparison purposes.

Circulation:

Circulation	Sep-17	Aug-17	Jul-17	Sep-16
Checkouts/renewals in-house	21,683	25,651	26,918	19,293
Ebook circulation	1,262	1,496	1,563	1,415
ILL Total Circulation	4,415	5,275	4,966	4,070
New Patrons	194	274	224	228
Total Patrons	17,866	17,817	17,774	18,616

Staff and Volunteer Updates:

- Patrick Smith has resigned from his position as the Head of Facilities and Information Technology as of October 7. Matt McCue will act up into that role until the position is filled permanently.
- Leah Huey and Lindsey Aurand have been hired as part-time Adult Services Specialists and will begin work at the library in October.

Staff Training and Development:

- Four staff members attended PrairieCat Users Group Day—Emily Faulkner, Josh McCarthy, Melanie Kozinski, and Heike Schulze. While there they learned about ways to incorporate strategic goals, how to effectively plan projects, updates to the system, and networked with peers.
- On Wednesday, September 20, Teresa Iversen attended the Library Journal sponsored webcast “Sleeper Hits for the New Year.”
- Pat Adams and Emily Faulkner have undergone training for Paylocity payroll and scheduling. Department heads have also been reviewing training videos in anticipation of implementing the new system this month.
- Emily Faulkner, Susan Garlisch, and Samantha Hathaway will be attending the Illinois Library Association’s annual conference on October 10th and 11th.

Youth Services:

Programming	Adults	Children	Total
Homeschool Happenings	10	24	34
LEGO Club	4	7	11
LL Outreach	13	67	80
Mighty Makers	2	5	7
Movie Showings	7	16	23
Music for Toddlers	25	22	47
Parties with Character	14	15	29
Pokémon League	9	37	46
Read to Rover	15	22	37
Recurring Story Times and Crafts	450	552	1002
School Visits	29	58	87
Teacher in the Library	2	14	16
Grand Total	580	839	1419

- Fire chief Jeff McMaster and his crew brought a fire truck to the library parking lot for story times on September 12th and 13th.
- Mighty Makers: Build an Instrument was the first in a new series of monthly programs focused on Making and STEAM activities.
- Teacher in the Library resumed during the last week of September. This program is sponsored by District 428 to provide homework help.
- Homeschool Happenings hosted two programs: a building tour for their members and an Oktoberfest celebration.
- Outreach story programs to ELDC at Huntley began this month. Marti Brown does a program each week for the preschool children, and gives away a free book. The books are provided through a DCCF Promise Grant.
- The Friends of the DeKalb Public Library sponsored several programs: the movie Monster Trucks; a music program with Music Therapist Angie Carter; and a visit from a pirate from Parties With Character to celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day



Fire chief visit



Lego Race car winners (with 3D printed trophies)

Teen Services:

Teen and Tween Programs	Total
Adventure @ Your Library	26
Anime & Manga Club	10
Early Release Craft: Button Making	29
Magic Muffins Book Discussion: <i>Roller Girl</i>	7
Magic Muffins Activity: Rhinestone Crafts	8
Magical Theatricals	11
Magic Muffins Magazine	10
Pop-up Program: 13 Reasons Why Not	15
Pop-up program: Breakout DeKalb	16
Pop-up program: Ally Week	0
Pop-up Program: Yoga in courtyard	8
STEAM Day Teen Activities	63
Teen Advisory Group	10
Video Gaming Club	26
Total	176

- We continue to adjust hours to serve the needs of the teens. A schedule has been put in place to be open 2:45-8 p.m. on most days, with earlier hours during days that school is closed or has an early release.
- In order to keep teens engaged during the extra hours on early release days staff have been planning programs. This month the teens enjoyed using the library's new button maker.
- Staff have also been presenting a "pop-up," non-advertised, program in the Teen Room each Tuesday. These are usually planned around a celebration, such as National Yoga Day, and have been very popular—the kids seem to enjoy the surprise.
- Another partnership this month was with the Barbed Wire Betties, DeKalb County's Roller Derby Team. Tweens read *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson, a story about roller derby, and then met local athletes. The women provided positive, strong role models for our young female patrons.



National Yoga Day



Button Creations



Meeting the Barbed Wire Betties

Adult Services:

Adult Programs

Adult Programs	Adults	Children	Total
Book Clubs	35	0	35
Computer Classes	3	0	3
Maker Classes	7	4	11
Learn a Language on the Go with Mango!	16	0	16
Genealogy for the Very Beginner: Ancestry Library Edition	31	0	31
Total	92	4	96

- Upcoming Book Club books:
 - General Book Club (October 9) – Make Your Home Among Strangers by Jennine Capo Crucet
 - Off the Beaten Path (October 10) – Alif the Unseen by G. Willow Wilson
 - Crime Fiction Book Club (October 16/17) – The Dry by Jane Harper
- Other upcoming Adult Services programs:
 - Introduction to Proposal Writing (October 4)
 - Writing Your Family Story (October 14)
 - Articulating Disability, Mental Health, and Neurodiversity Writing Workshop (October 24)
- The response to the Genealogy workshop was unexpectedly high. We are responding to the community's interest in this topic by adding additional workshops.

Tech Desk and Collaboration Studio

Collaboration Classroom and Studio	Adults	Children	Total
Excel Tips	1	0	1
Word I	1	0	1
Computer Basics	0	0	0
Excel Formulas	1	0	1
Advanced TinkerCAD: Fidget Spinner	1	2	3
Makerspace For Edu	1	0	1
Arduino Workshop	0	0	0
Design Backpack Tag	0	0	0
Intro to TinkerCAD (CANCELLED)	0	0	0
Arduino Workshop	0	0	0
Makerspace for Edu	2	0	2
Intro to TinkerCAD	0	2	2
Design a Backpack Tag	0	0	0
Arduino Workshop	0	0	0
Design a Backpack tag	0	0	0
Scrapbooking	3	0	3
Total	10	4	14

- September was very slow for the Collaboration Studio. We are re-evaluating several classes that have not had any attendance.
- The department has taken the opportunity to focus on setting up the laser cutter and begin gathering equipment for the Sound Studio.
- Patron 3D printing continues to be popular, generating \$133.90 for the month.

Collections and Materials

- Several regularly scheduled outreach visits were rescheduled due to a bereavement leave.
- Staff continue to inventory the Local History collection and send books not in the catalog to Technical Services to be added.
- We sought a quote from Advantage Preservation for digitizing the library's 661 reels of the Daily Chronicle on microfilm. The cost would be \$110 per reel for a total of \$72,710. The hard drive with the digitized Chronicles would cost an additional \$200 and building and maintaining the website link would cost \$750. The total cost would be \$73,670. The library will not proceed with this project at this time.
- Teen Graphic Novels have been assigned their own code so they can be sorted more effectively.

Public Relations:

Media coverage for the month of September:

Date	Media Outlet	Topic	DKPL Staff Reference(s)	Link
9/1/2017	Daily Chronicle	New and Renovated Libraries	N/A	https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2017/09/01/2017-library-design-showcase/
9/4/2017	Daily Chronicle	Beatles Program	Samantha Hathaway	http://www.daily-chronicle.com/2017/09/03/who-influenced-the-beatles-expert-visits-dekalb/agtbwpy/
9/8/2017	WNIJ/WNIU	Jacob Haish	N/A	http://northernpublicradio.org/post/how-should-we-honor-innovation-underdogs-jacob-haish
9/8/2017	StateTech	Technology	N/A	https://statetechmagazine.com/article/2017/09/thanks-tech-upgrades-millennials-love-public-libraries
9/12/2017	Daily Chronicle	PrairieCat down	N/A	http://www.daily-chronicle.com/2017/09/11/dekalb-county-library-services-to-be-limited-tuesday/acpdptx/
9/13/2017	Daily Chronicle	Makerspace for Educators	Josh McCarthy	http://www.daily-chronicle.com/2017/09/11/library-provides-technology-tools-for-educators/atz20jg/
9/26/2017	NIU Today	8 Countries in 1 Day	N/A	http://www.niutoday.info/2017/09/25/fall-2017-common-reading-experience-events/
9/30/2017	Daily Chronicle	Disability Awareness Month	N/A	http://www.daily-chronicle.com/2017/09/29/several-events-scheduled-for-disability-awareness-month/a52hz1s/
9/30/2017	Daily Chronicle	Ben Franklin Circles	N/A	http://www.daily-chronicle.com/2017/09/28/library-set-to-host-ben-franklin-circles-with-niu-p20-center/a9xyqn3/

- The library will have a booth at the YMCA Family Halloween Event at the NIU Convocation Center on Friday, October 27th from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- We are also participating the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce's "Spooktacular" trick-or-treating on that evening.
- The library will have an ad in the Midweek's 50th anniversary edition. The insert will be in both the Daily Chronicle and the Midweek in October.
- Our spring event, World of Reading, will be advertised in the 2018 DeKalb County Visitors guide.

Grants/Fundraising/Donations:

- The DeKalb County Community Foundation’s Community Needs Grant team met with Emily Faulkner on October 2 to evaluate the library’s request for funding. A decision has yet to be made.
- The Friends approved the purchase of holiday decorations for the building, as well as handwashing stations to be used for programs involving food.
- The Sycamore and DeKalb Jewels have contributed items for the “8 Countries in 1 Day” programs.
- The philanthropy database has been cleaned as much as possible for errors and omissions. There will continue to be amendments as donors let us know about pledges or donations that have been improperly categorized.

Other Programs:

Special Programs	Adults	Children	Total
Influence of Rock 'n' Roll on the Beatles	33	2	35
Stitch Niche (twice)	3	0	3
Advanced ESL (four)	43	0	43
STEAM Day	50	100	150
Medicare and You	5	0	5
8 Countries in 1 Day	150	200	350
Seed Saving Workshop	1	0	1
Gary Mullis Performance	26	0	26
Blood Drive w/ Heartland BC	8	0	8
Total	319	302	621

- STEAM Day was enjoyed by many. We had activities for all ages in different parts of the building. Lego car races, marble runs, strawberry DNA extraction, the science of tattooing, and a skateboard design competition were highlights. Community partners included NIU’s STEM Read Jr., NIU Stem, Fargo Skateboards, Proton Tattoo, and Mathnasium. Turnout was lower than expected, most likely due to a combination of beautiful fall weather and the Sandwich Fair, but those who came reported having a very good time and enjoying the diversity of activities.
- The first of two 8 Countries in 1 Day programs was quite a hit. 350 people came to learn more about China, Sweden, the Dominican Republic, Morocco, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Chile, and Nigeria. A variety of snacks and crafts were available, as well as music and cooking demonstrations. Community partners included Kishwaukee College, the First Lutheran Church, the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies, the NIU Latino Resource Center, and the NIU Center for Black Studies. This program was funded by the Brian D. Slavenas Center for Cross-Cultural Understanding.
- Representatives from the Library presented at the Martha Circle of the United Methodist Women on October 5.



Chinese instruments and book display at 8 countries in 1 Day



Tech Take-apart at STEAM Day

Upcoming Events:

- 8 Countries in 1 Day—Friday, October 13th, 3-7 p.m. In conjunction with the NIU Latino Resource Center, the NIU Center for Black Studies, the NIU Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kishwaukee College, and the First Lutheran Church. Funding from the Brian D. Slavenas Center for Cross-Cultural Understanding.
- Author Visit: Jennine Capó Crucet—Tuesday, October 17th, 3:30-4:30 p.m., in conjunction with NIU's Common Reading Experience.
- Ben Franklin Circle: Temperance—Wednesday, October 18th, 6:30-8p.m. in conjunction with NIU's P20 Center for Engagement.
- Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale—Friday, October 20th through Sunday, October 22nd
- Becoming a Foster Parent—Monday, October 23rd, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Lizzie Borden and the Borden Murders—Saturday, October 28th, 2-3:30 p.m.

Meeting Room Reservations:

Meeting Room Reservations for the month of September:

Space	Library	Government	Non-profit/ Organization	Business/ Individual	Total	Revenue
Adult Study Rooms	0	7	4	107	118	\$0.00
Teen Study Rooms	0	0	2	53	55	\$0.00
Youth Study Rooms	7	6	0	29	42	\$0.00
Story & Activity Room	29	1	6	2	38	\$0.00
Bilder Family Meeting Room	13	0	14	2	29	\$107.50
Zimmerman Meeting Room	6	0	1	1	8	\$227.50
Yusunas Meeting Room	8	0	1	1	10	\$25.00

Building:

- Ventilation for the laser cutter has been installed—a basement window was replaced by a steel panel to allow for the exhaust. The cutter is being configured and a table created to hold it.
- The sound studio doors and soundproof panelling have been installed, and need to be adjusted minimally for best use before we sign off.
- Emily Faulkner met with representatives from Pepper, DeKalb Mechanical, ABC, and Graham Harwood to discuss the air handling units on October 3. At this time the air handling and pressure for the building were determined to be complete.
- The sump pump alarm went off on Sept 28, and was re-set. Upon preliminary inspection it appears to not be an ongoing issue, but a thorough inspection is scheduled for October 9th.
- On October 17th the anodes in the hot water heater are scheduled to be replaced in the hopes that it will solve any water quality issues. We have largely ruled out any problems with the cold water being supplied to the building, so it appears to be centered on the hot water heater.

Security Issues:

- A patron was banned for a week for unruly behavior.