



Monroe County Public Library

Read, Learn, Connect & Create

2019 Accomplishments



61,661

Monroe County residents had a library card



834,595

visits to the Main Library, Ellettsville Branch, and Bookmobile

Circulation and Use

- 2,023,983 physical items
- 675,447 digital items



The Library's collection held:

- 336,579 print books and 97,638 ebooks
- 43,905 physical and 75,754 downloadable video materials
- 45,026 physical and 20,408 downloadable audio materials

- 317 print and 145 electronic serials subscriptions
- A new circulating seed library
- A new circulating zine collection
- A new video streaming service, Kanopy



49,591 people attended 2,115

Library-sponsored programs, including:

- 786 children's programs
- 264 teen programs
- 880 adult programs
- 185 all-ages programs



Technology

- 152 public computers
- 146,162 public computer sessions
- 2,830,076 number of wireless internet uses
- 1,330,259 website visits



9,191

meetings were held by area nonprofits and organizations in Library spaces

93,340

reference help transactions



Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners (VITAL)

With more than 170 volunteer tutors, 323 adults participated in 12,486 hours of learning at VITAL, including representation from 34 countries. They advanced literacy levels, passed citizenship tests and drivers tests, gained employment, and increased self-sufficiency.

Outreach

- Celebrated 90 years of the Bookmobile with 29 weekly stops in the community serving low-income, remote, and senior populations
- Served 90 homebound patrons at their doorsteps
- Increased outreach to elders with limited mobility through two new lobby stops at senior and assisted living sites
- Regularly visited 24 Head Start locations for deliveries and early literacy activities
- Provided circulation and reader's advisory services to patrons at the Monroe County Correctional Center



Community Access Television Services

- Covered 550 governmental meetings and produced 349 programs
- Moved to an HD environment to reliably serve the community for years to come



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library

The Friends supported Library programs, collections, staff training, and more through a \$100,000 contribution to the Library:

- Approximately 5,000 people participated in all-ages summer reading programs
- A second Story Walk™ was installed at Flatwoods Park



Awards

- Greater Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Community Anchor Award
- Indiana Library Federation Award for Excellence in Programming



Grants

- Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County Community Impact Grant to fund equipment for a teaching kitchen
- Wahl Family Charitable Trust Grant to fund the purchase of Head Start book collections
- George E. Archer Foundation Grant for seed library and gardening initiatives
- Smithville Charitable Foundation Grant for construction of the Ellettsville Garden



eAccess cards were distributed to Monroe County schools, which help to make electronic resources available to all students and educators in Monroe County

The wireless network at the Main Library was updated to improve speed and coverage

The Ellettsville Branch Library's renovation was completed, adding:

- A new preschool room with imaginative play area
- A dedicated teen space with a DIY design studio
- A meeting room and kitchenette to accommodate large meetings of up to 110 people
- An art gallery space



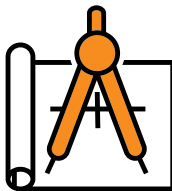
Accessibility Commitments

- A new initiative was created to reduce Library barriers for domestic violence survivors
- Took a lead role in the Dementia Friendly Indiana Initiative, conducting training at MCPL and other Indiana libraries to certify them as dementia-friendly public spaces
- Autism and sensory-friendly and dementia-friendly movies
- A new audiobook book club for the blind community
- Started programming and outreach to clients of Shalom Center
- Regraded ADA-compliant parking lot at the Ellettsville Branch Library
- New ADA-compliant restrooms at the Ellettsville Branch Library
- New ADA-compliant caregiver restroom at the Main Library
- A new electric mobility cart
- An additional portable assistive listening kit for use in program rooms



Inclusivity Commitments

- A new summit addressed issues facing women, non-binary, and transgender individuals
- Gender neutral restrooms were added
- Pronoun and preferred name options added for staff and public



Future Southwest Branch Library

Completed a branch feasibility study, request for proposal, and contract with Matheu Architects, PC for a new branch design, including a financial projection plan



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