

Library Director Report
North Liberty Community Library Board of Trustees Meeting
August 15, 2022

I. Financial Update

- A. Personnel: 7 percent
- B. Personnel Services (non-position): 1 percent
- C. Repair, maintenance, utilities: 13 percent
- D. Contractual Services: 19 percent
- E. Commodities (materials and services): 4 percent
- F. Average this time of year: 8 percent

II. Library Operations Update

- A. Will begin working with City Engineering Firm, Shive Hattery, on two capital improvement projects slated for FY23
 - 1. The design and installation for a new information/service desk, estimated at \$105,000
 - 2. Addition of acoustical panels in the main hallway of the library, estimated at \$37,000
- B. Met with United Action for Youth (UAY) staff to discuss a partnership on a grant proposal (Community Foundation of Johnson County submitted by Public Services Librarian, Kellee)
 - 1. Mural collaboration with a local muralist and teens from UAY
 - 2. Goal is to create a portable mural

III. Professional Activities

- A. Assisted in facilitation of the Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute
 - 1. 26 participants attended the three-day workshop presented by consultant, Maureen Sullivan
 - 2. Held at Kirkwood Center
- B. RuralRISE Summit, Sept 28-30
 - 1. Community of organizations that aims to increase opportunities and prosperity for small and rural communities in the US
 - 2. Asked to attend as representative for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL)
 - i. ARSL will cover all travel costs

IV. Staff Reports

- A. Assistant Director
 - 1. Organized and participated in ILA Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA) quarterly roundtable - topics included Discord and mentoring
 - 2. Guest speaker on "Good Morning ILA" zoom meeting to share information on the LLAMA Llama Gathering during ILA Conference (Llama visit at North Liberty Library)

3. Trainings: Human Trafficking Awareness; Niche Academy Lunch & Learn – “You Make the Difference”; BiblioBoard Creator
- B. Adult Services
1. Intergenerational programming is going particularly well – Pokémon Terrarium, Petri Dish Art, Cat Café and Pups and Pies. These programs are combined efforts to get adults and youth to be mutually engaged with an activity that is interesting and fun. It also gives parents the opportunity to have an event to attend and actively participate with their children who are older – upper elementary/middle grade/teen, etc. Though most of them are still drawing less (childless adults) than I’d originally hoped.
 2. Integration in Motion is restarting this month – Aug 18
 3. We are trying to draw in more adults this fall with a new movie series - Wild West Wednesday (1pm)
 4. Summer Reading Program – adult completions = 50
- C. Public Services
1. Submitted grant proposal to the Community Foundation of Johnson County
 2. Released new Love, Light, & Lit: The Podcast [episode](#)
 3. Spoke at Chamber ribbon cutting for LaMere family travel here in North Liberty
 4. Hosted July BYObook Club meeting
 5. Held monthly PT staff meeting
 6. Reviewed applicants for open Library Assistant position
- D. Family Services
1. Storytime
 - a. Outdoor & Saturday storytimes going well
 - b. Added 2 outreach sessions
 - c. Swim storytime, in partnership with free swim event, 1 a month for June, July & August
 - i. June & July had over 100 ppl attend to swim and hear stories!
 - d. Americorps Green Iowa sustainable schools, Tippie Toes & Iowa GymNest all came and did special storytimes
 - e. Planning more specials storytimes in the fall
 - f. Planning
 2. Additional Programming
 - a. Family Place, corner stone program, Playful Parenting Group, planned to start in November
 - i. 5-week session
 - ii. Offered at 2 different times (morning & evening)
 - iii. 5 resource professionals (Early Literacy, Nutrition, Music and Movement, Child Development, Speech and Language) all secured from community partners
 3. Committees
 - a. ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee
 - b. Presenting at ILA in Oct on how to deal with book challenges
 - c. Early Childhood Iowa/Johnson County Empowerment
 - d. Elected as treasurer
 4. Finished ASL in storytime class through ALA

- a. Have added ASL to welcome/goodbye songs, and storytimes on color and animals

E. Youth & Teen Services

- 1. As of July 2022, the youth collection is 33.8% diverse and the books added this past month are 52.8% diverse

- 2. June SRP numbers

- a. Super Tues: 252 (average of 63 per week)
- b. Twendom: 50 (average of 12 per week)
- c. Teens: 21 (average of 5 per week)
- d. Montessori: 84 (average of 28 per week)
- e. Recsters: 120 (average of 40 per week)
- f. Frog Hollow: 26
- g. JOI Club: 8 & 11
- h. Question of the Week: 112 (average of 28 per week)
- i. Snack: 249 (average of 62 snacks per week)
- j. Babaloo: 36
- k. Martika: 103
- l. June Totals: 1,077

- 3. July SRP numbers

- a. Super Tues: 161 (average of 40 per week)
- b. Tweendom: 44 (average of 11 per week)
- c. Teens: 38 (average of 9 per week)
- d. Montessori: 100 (average of 25 per week)
- e. Recsters: 159 (average of 42 per week)
- f. Frog Hollow: 242 (2 classes, average of about 30 per class)
- g. JOI Club: 10
- h. Question of the Week: 125 (average of 31 per week)
- i. Snack: 204 (average of 51 snacks per week)
- j. Pokémon Terrariums (Youth & Adults): 62
- k. Cat Café (Youth & Adults): 250
- l. Pups & Pie (Youth & Adults): 156
- m. Webb Space (Youth & Adults): 6
- n. Tween Lock-in: 34
- o. Teen Pool Party: 33
- p. July Totals: 1,624 attendees to 66 programs

F. IT Coordinator

- 1. iPads switched to new wireless network to allow for better updates and maintenance
- 2. "The Annex" internal information posting site for staff now rebuilt into City SharePoint site
- 3. Remote Desktop enabled for full time staff to access their individual workstations from the front desk

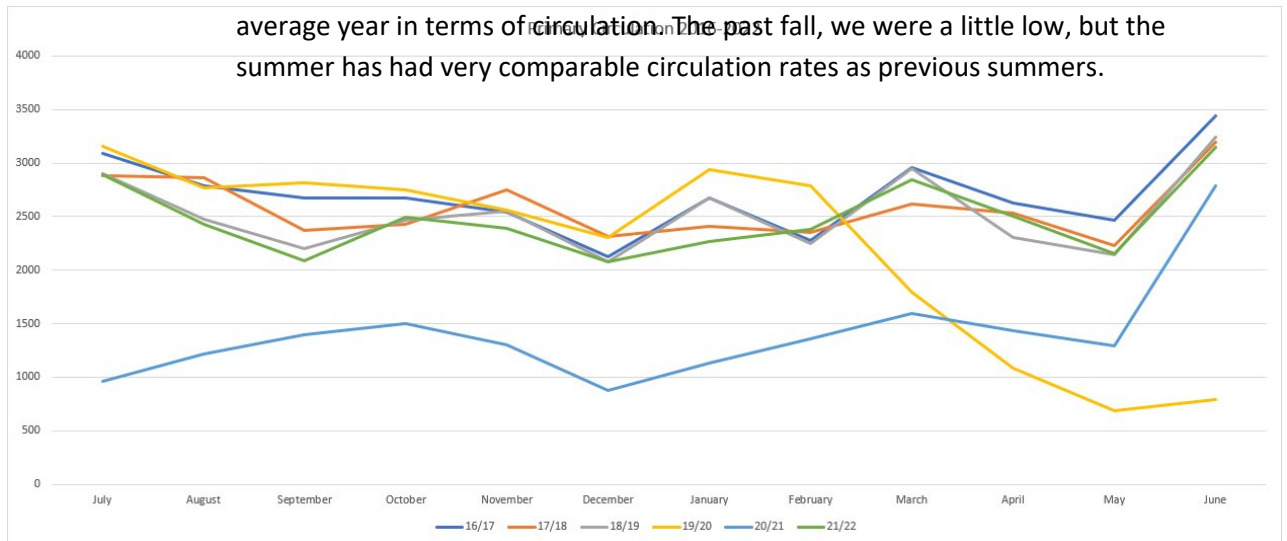
G. Collection Development

- 1. Total circulations for FY 21/22 compared to last year and to FY 19/20, which is the last year that makes sense to compare. Numbers are up considerably from

last year and doing well compared to our last non-pandemic year. DVDs and Audiobooks remain lower than three years ago but are doing much better than last year.

	Totals	Last Year Total	Percentage	Totals from FY 19/20	Percentage
Audio Total	832	481	172.97	1366	60.91
DVD Total	8628	4071	211.94	17103	50.45
Total Adult Books	20143	10992	183.25	20241	99.52
Total Primary Books	29659	16850	176.02	26443	112.16
Total Juvenile, Plus Readers	23598	12116	194.77	18123	130.21
Total Teen Fiction	3122	2009	155.40	3432	90.97

- ii. I also compared circulation in the Primary collection over the past six years and did a chart that shows the overall trends year to year. Overall, we had an average year in terms of circulation. The past fall, we were a little low, but the summer has had very comparable circulation rates as previous summers.



- iii. Below is a snapshot of our demand model at the end of the year. This is the information that I've been gathering for the past several years that has turned into a model of demand from our patrons, and the targets for titles in our different genres that we should be purchasing to meet that demand. We remained on target well throughout the year.

Some of the smaller collections of nonfiction got heavily weeded and more replacements purchased, so those are over target.

ADULT PRINT	140.8	1,712	1,631	81	105%
Adult Arts and Crafts	1.7	49	19.4	30	253%
Adult Biography	9.8	115	113.4	2	101%
Adult Business	1.7	40	19.4	21	206%
Adult Cooking	4.2	69	48.5	21	142%
Adult Fantasy	6.6	74	76.6	-3	97%
Adult Fiction	42.2	433	490.4	-57	88%
Adult Health	2.8	35	32.0	3	109%
Adult History	3.6	52	41.7	10	125%
Adult House and Home	1.7	18	19.4	-1	93%
Adult Humanities	2.1	43	24.2	19	177%
Adult Inspirational	1.7	37	19.4	18	191%
Adult Large Print	1.7	13	19.4	-6	67%
Adult Mystery	26.6	283	309.2	-26	92%
Adult Pastimes	1.7	45	19.4	26	232%
Adult Personal Life	5.6	63	64.9	-2	97%
Adult Romance	10.1	110	117.3	-7	94%
Adult Science Fiction	4.4	91	51.4	40	177%
Adult Society	8.7	99	100.8	-2	98%
Adult STEM	2.2	27	25.2	2	107%
Adult Western	1.7	16	19.4	-3	83%
ADULT TOTAL	182.3	2,187	2,112	75	104%

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Garner, Library Director