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ST. FRANCIS
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The mission of the St. Francis Public Library is to build community by bringing people, information, and ideas together in a welcoming environment.

FRONT COVER: Responses from the 2021 Community Survey.

"Wonderful children's area."

"We love Move & Groove!"



"The friendliness makes me feel a welcome member of the library community."



"I've been so pleased with the programs we've been able to attend."

"We love the library publication 'Off the Shelf'! It showcases all the activities you offer in an easy to read way. We keep it on our refrigerator!"

"Our entire family has used library resources for so many years - we are so, so, so grateful for this library."



"Staff has always been courteous, helpful, and informative."

"I don't need the library very often anymore, but it is important to the health of society to maintain public spaces like the library. I'll pay taxes for that gladly."

"Creates a real sense of community."



ST. FRANCIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
2021 ANNUAL REPORT



40,156 Visits to the St. Francis Library
112 Programs / Events / Activities
2,760 Attendees

Most Circulated Adult Fiction Titles

1. The Four Winds / Kristin Hannah.
2. The Midnight Library / Matt Haig.
3. Ocean Prey / John Sandford.
4. Win / Harlan Coben.
5. Anxious People : a novel / Fredrik Backman



5,880 Computer sessions
4,359 Wireless sessions

Most Circulated Adult Non-Fiction Titles

1. Made For Living / Amber Lewis
2. That Time of Year / Garrison Keillor.
3. Incredible Archaeology/ edited by Paul Bahn.
4. Milk Street Cookish / Christopher Kimball
5. After / Bruce Greyson, M.D.



44 Children's Winter Reading participants
167 Children's Summer Reading participants
82,335 minutes of reading

Most Circulated Music CD Titles

1. Five Man London Jam / Tesla
2. Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival 2019
3. Soul Hits of the 80's
4. The Yes Album / Yes
5. Blues With Friends / Dion



NEW IN 2021

Book Boxes

Patrons ages 10 - 18 can sign up each month for a Book Box. After they fill out an interest form online, youth department staff hand-select books based on those interests. The box contains up to three library books, plus extra goodies, ready to pick-up in one convenient box. When they are finished, the patron returns the books and the box, the rest is theirs to keep.

Butterfly Garden

The library installed the first phase of our butterfly garden on the terrace at the back edge of the parking lot. Not only is it an attractive outdoor feature, we are doing our part to conserve butterflies and other native insects in order to help perpetuate native plant species in our area.

New Staff Member

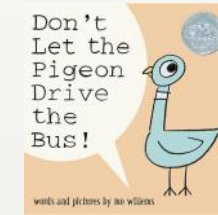
Meredith Genrich Mertes was a welcome addition to our library team in 2021. In order to get to know her better, Meredith shared some fun facts about herself:



- I used to work in a hotdog factory and as a mental health counselor. These two jobs are not related to each other.....
- I love to do and try all the pioneer stuff (canning jam, gardening, sewing, quilting, weaving, pottery, cheesemaking, making ice cream, cross stitch, woodworking, cooking)!
- I organize my neighborhood block party and get so much joy from it! I always wear butterfly wings so people can spot me in the crowd and I put on a bicycle helmet when I help with the pinata. The best part is when all the kids go home exhausted (up past their bedtimes!) and full of sugar....AND memories!



60,148 Physical items in the collection
92,791 Physical items checked out



Most Circulated Youth Fiction Titles

1. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus / Mo Willems.
2. Ice Team / based on the episode The New Pup
3. Where's the T. Rex? / Ingela P. Arrhenius.
4. Dog Man : Brawl of the Wild / Dav Pilkey
5. Dog Man : Fetch-22 / Dav Pilkey

257,765 Downloadable items available
12,404 Digital downloads



Most Circulated Adult DVD Titles

1. News of the World
2. Land
3. Tenet
4. The Father
5. Let Him Go

89 Adult Winter Reading participants
634 books read
220 Adult Summer Reading participants
1,735 books read



Most Circulated Youth DVD Titles

1. Tom & Jerry : the Movie
2. Space Jam: a New Legacy
3. The Boss Baby. Family Business
4. Peter Rabbit 2
5. Luca