
Library Board

Monday, April 17, 2023

Regular Meeting

Item C1

Approval of Director's Report

The Director's Report typically consists of:

- 1) a monthly report of programs and activities, public use of meeting spaces, library media, and Librarians' Reports*
- 2) a quarterly Report of Household Library Cards Issued to Hall County Residents Outside of Grand Island provided in January, April, July and October of each year*
- 3) a quarterly statistical usage report provided in February, May, August and November of each year*
- 4) upon execution of agreement, regularly scheduled report of use of Grand Island Public Library Foundation library support funds*
- 5) upon publication, a Library newsletter*
- 6) and additional administrative items of note, either in the agenda packet or discussed at the meeting.*

Staff Contact:

Library Director

Name: Celine Swan

Date: April 2023

Since Last Report

March

- Media Report, Shaun, Laura, and Erica Report,
- Shaun/Celine/Laura/Erica worked on updating Library policies with Anna and Tanya
- Art Exhibit for March was The Grand Island Art Club Show, reception on Sunday, 3/12/2023 50 in attendance
- Erica technical duties update of Comprise Kiosk-Library Improvement Grant, Digital Mobile Lab, Makerspace improvements, teen programming, summer reading, collection dev, and Librarian duties.
- Greater Grand Island Grant Writing, Celine and Leigh attended this free training 3/1/23
- Nebraska Library Association NLA Advocacy Day in Lincoln 3/3/2023 Kathleen Nonneman and Linda Whiteley received volunteer awards, Celine attended NE State Advisory Co. on Libraries 3/3/2023
- PrimeTime Family Reading Programs, Spring Break programs, GI Parks & Lib Guides
- Partnership with YWCA to offer computer and budgeting classes for the Public
- March 15 Celine presented to Rogene Bainbridge Book Club at the Library
- Strategic Direction 3 Grand Generation Center 3/16/2023 meeting for Sock Hop April 28
- Outreach to Doniphan Elem. for School Carnival 3/31 Celine and Erica went 5-7 pm

Upcoming-Library work

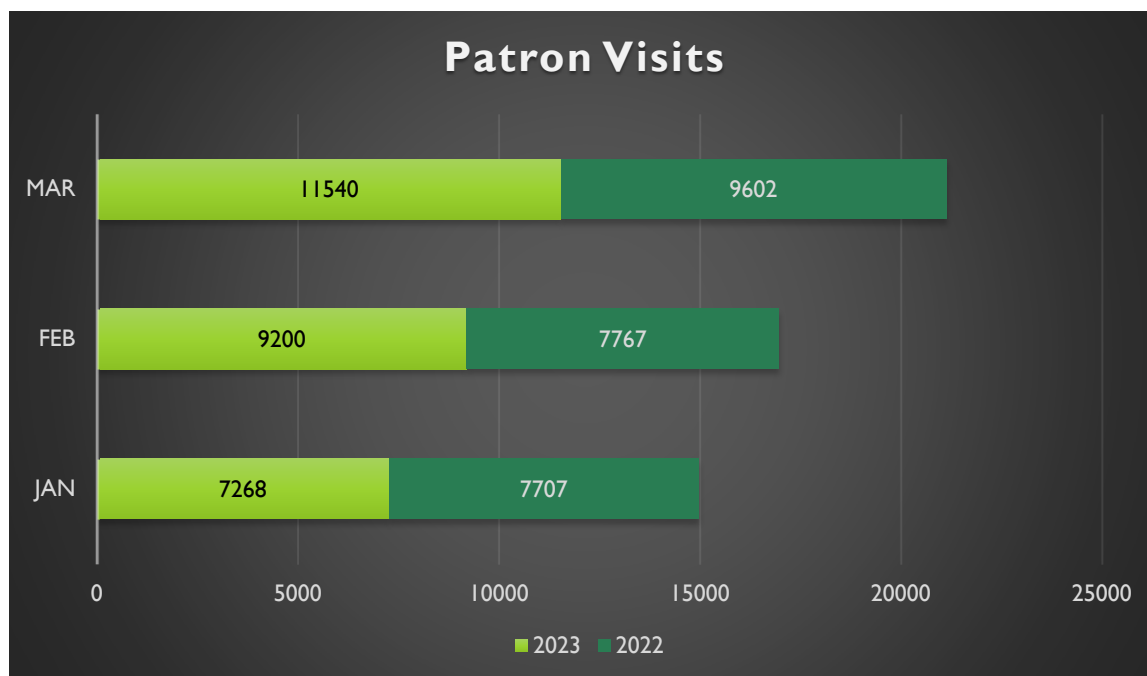
- Updates-Police Substation AdHoc Meeting, Library Policy Work, Strategic Plan work, Working with Patrons using Code of Conduct, Tosca Lee author event, Go Big Give-Foundation, Volunteer Promotions-social media, CivicPlus, Grants
- April Library Art Exhibit is "Crossing the Line" from UNK
- April 1 Spanish Early Childhood Conference-Grow with Words/Library at College Park
- April 1 and 3 PrimeTime finished programs, Tanya and her guest participated April 3
- April 12 outreach to O'Connor Learning Centers to promote the Bear Fair
- AARP finished up
- April 13 Quiz Bowl. 4 Library staff are volunteering to help and one husband of staff
- April 17 is Bear Fair 9 am-12:30 pm and 4-7:30 pm
- April 18 Adhoc meeting-Library/community 5:15 pm
- April 18 Lincoln School Visit
- April 20 Outreach to Howard Elementary
- April 21-23 is Comic Con. Library has a table Sat April 22 9-4 pm
- April 27 Grand Island Help Initiative 9 am-12 noon at GIPD
- April 28 Grand Generation Sock Hop-Library has a booth
- National Library Week April 23-29. The Foundation and Library have a week of events.
- Attended H3C mtgs, GI Children's Museum Bd. Meetings monthly, City Admin. monthly, Director weekly on Wed. a.m., and Central Plains Library System weekly, TLC monthly ILS mtg monthly, Librarian, MST, Zone mtg as needed, Grow with Words, Welcoming Initiative with United Way,
- Save the date: Go Big Give May 4, Annual Plant and Seed Exchange May 6, Tosca Lee May 21, Outreach to schools, Air Show June 3, 2023 NE Chautauqua July 21-22 programs with Stuhr for youth at the Library, August-Sept State Fair tbd

GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 2023 STATS OVERVIEW & COMPARISON

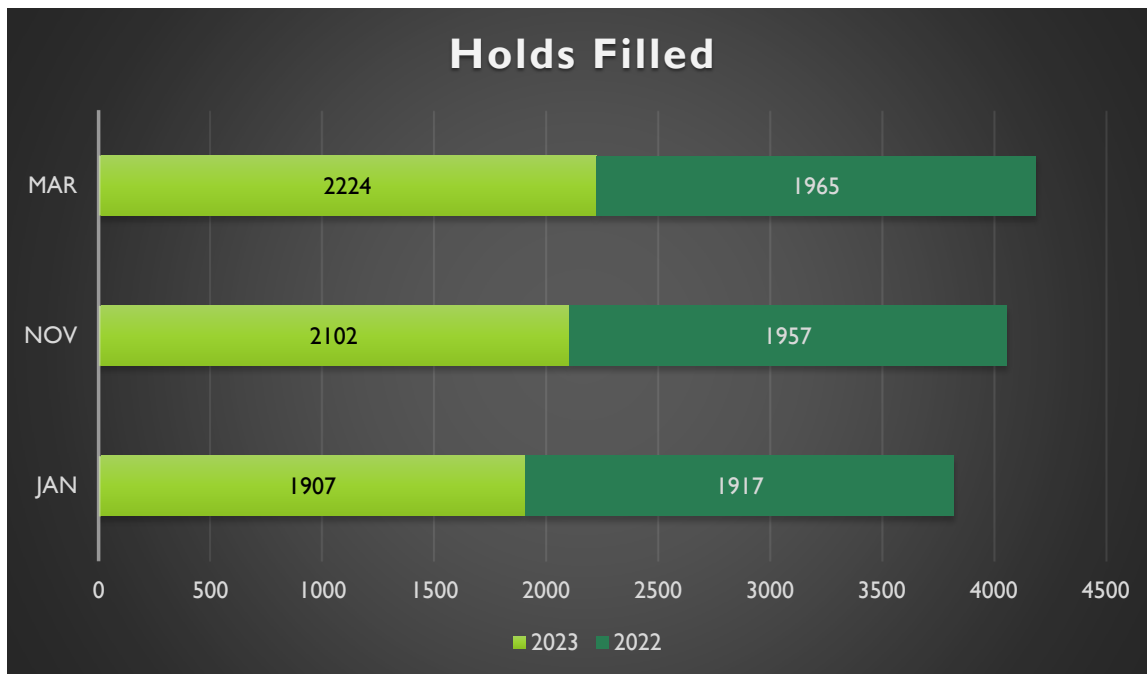
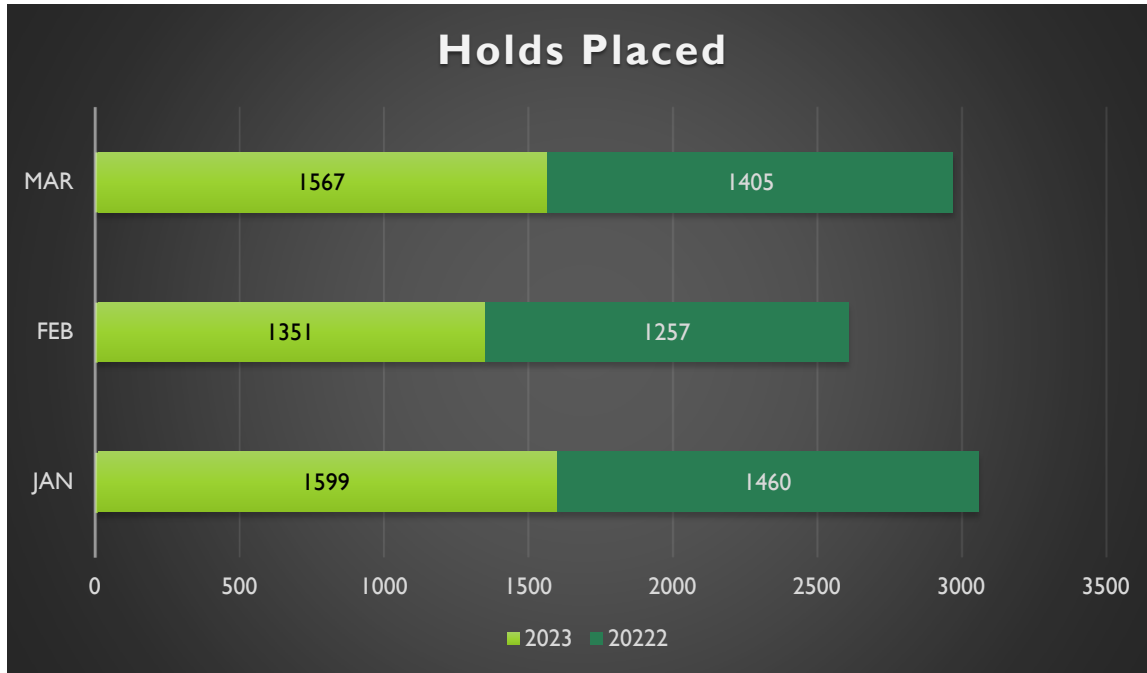


PATRON VISITS – PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS

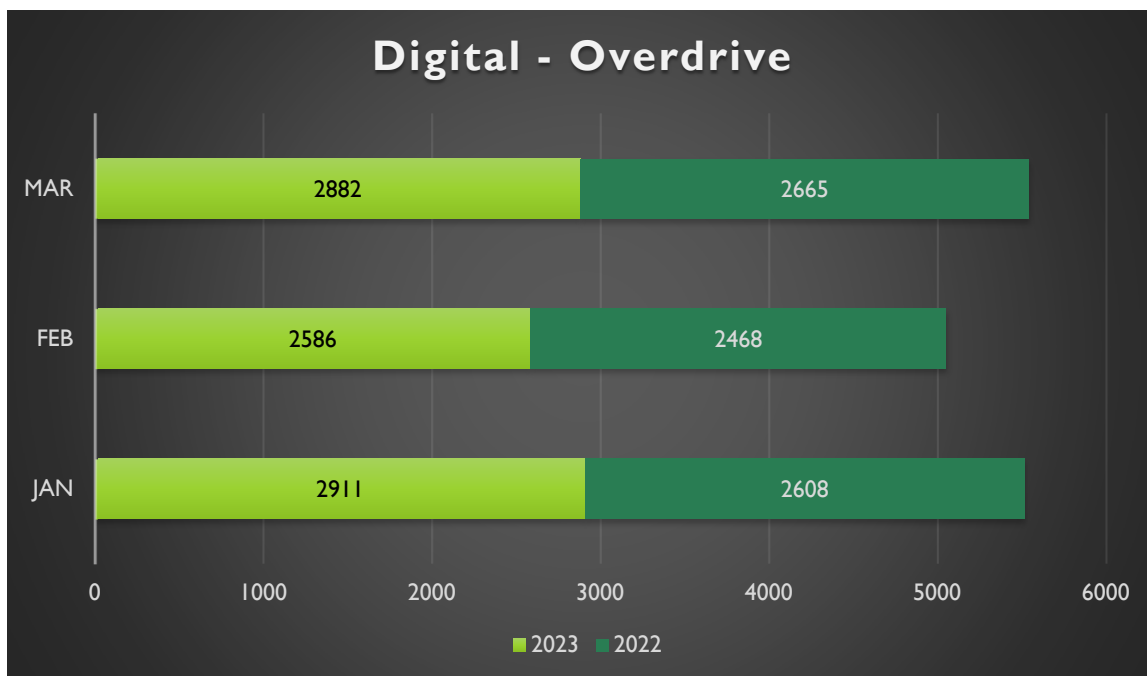
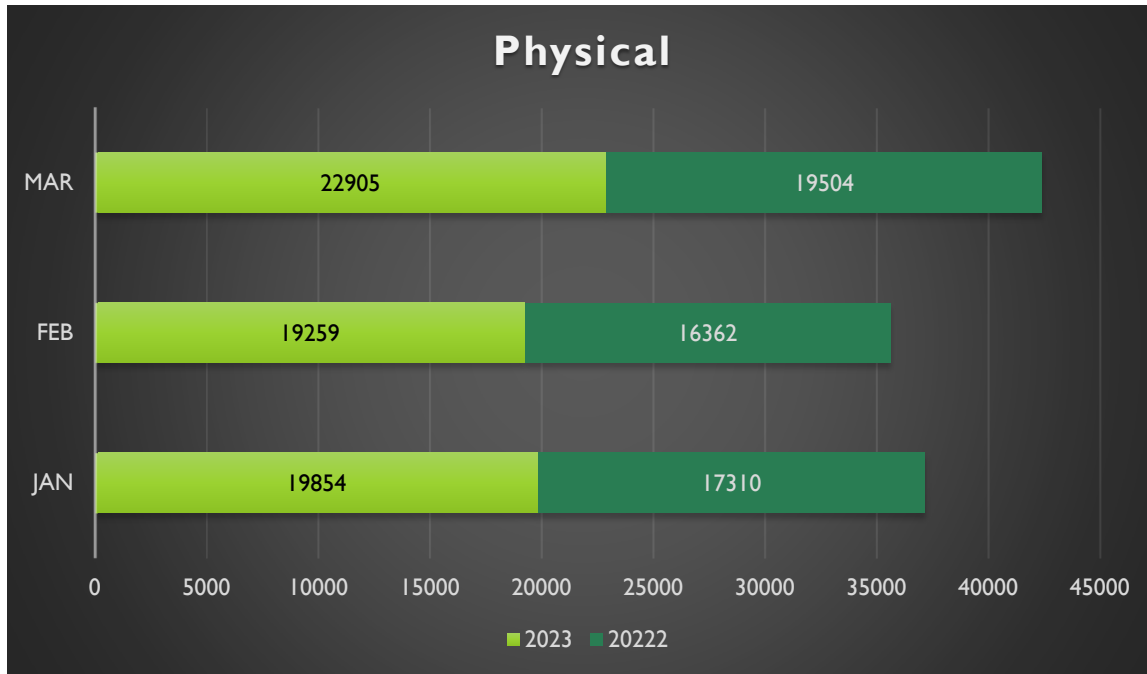


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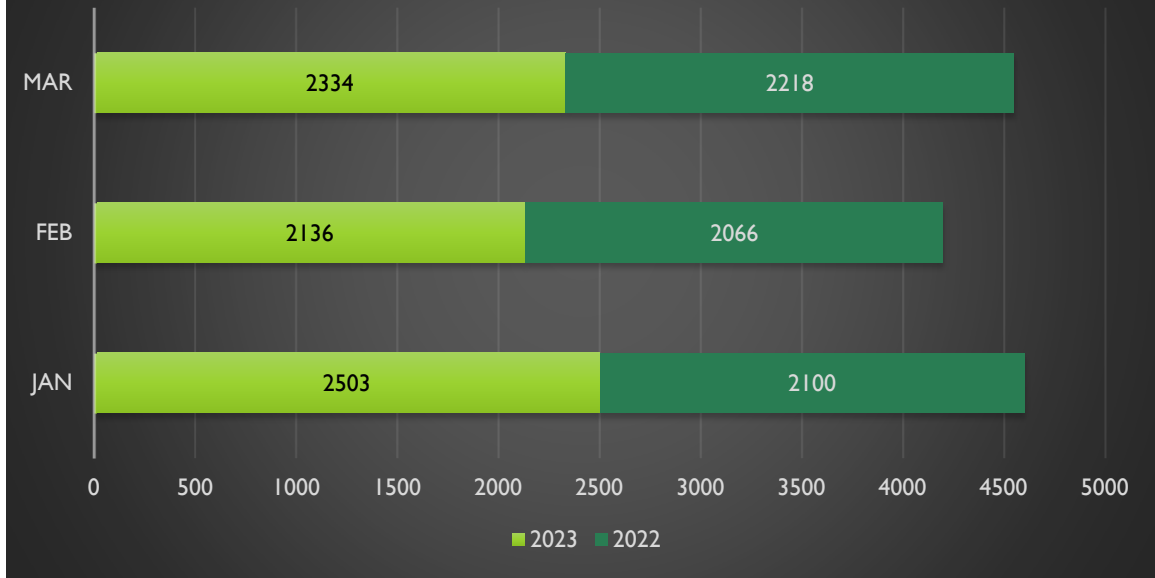
HOLDS PLACED



CHECKOUTS (INCLUDING RENEWALS & IN-HOUSE USE)



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Youth & Family Services Librarian Monthly Report

Laura Fentress

April 2023

Since Last Report

Prime Time finished

Toddler Scavenger Hunt

- Made by Elle in the Makerspace
- Consists of tags on a ring prompting families to look around the library ("Can you find something blue?" "Can you find the first letter of your name?" etc.)
- Available since early February
- Borrowed **15 recorded times** in February-March



Howard Family Library Night March 21

Families were given a self-directed scavenger hunt that would take them around the Children's Area.

Total attendees: **51 students (est. 100 people total)**

	Number		Notes
First time at the library	15 students		Self-reported
Did not have a library card before	33 students		Self-reported
Scavenger hunts completed	36	English	31
		Spanish	5
New library card sign-ups	9 (4 adult, 5 juvenile)		Based on new adult & juvenile library card sign-ups recorded between 6:00 and 7:30 PM
Primary language	English	11 students	Self-reported
	Spanish	17 students	Self-reported
	Both English & Spanish	13 students	Self-reported
	Arabic	1 student	Self-reported

Of note: 28 of 36 scavenger hunt respondents (**78%**) indicated **they believe the library still charges late fees**. Efforts will be made in future outreaches to highlight that the Library has gone fine-free.

Other outreach

- **Doniphan Trumbull Carnival Night** March 31
 - Celine and Erica attended
- **GIPS preschool Bear Fair promotion** April 12
 - Celine, Laura, and Susie took books, bears, and activities to all GIPS preschools

ARPA Youth Grant 2023 Progress

- Telescope has been sent in for modifications to make it ready for circulation.

IEEE Science Kits for Public Libraries Grant awarded!

- We have been awarded **\$1,500** for the purchase of science kits to circulate.
- Kits will include:
 - **For Younger Kids (grades K-2)**
 - Forces & Motion
 - Electricity
 - Magnets
 - Simple Machines
 - **For Older Kids (grades 3-6)**
 - Biodiversity (Citizen Science)
 - Local Pollinators (Citizen Science)
 - Snap Circuits
 - Geology
 - **For Middle & High Schoolers**
 - Telescope
 - Arduino (coding)

Upcoming

Bear Fair April 17

- 2 sessions: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM and 4:00-7:30 PM

Upcoming school outreach

- **Lincoln Elementary Family Library Night** April 18
- **Howard Family Night** April 20
- **Doniphan Trumbull school assembly** May 5

Planning to attend ALA Annual Conference

- June 23-26, Chicago, IL
- Partially funded with NLC and CPLS CE grants

Summer Reading 2023 Programs "All Together Now" May 23 - July 31

Kids' Kickoff: Kindness Carnival **May 25 at 2:00** (note time change)

Weekly programs run **May 30 - July 31**

(no programs July 2-8, except Thursday Morning Read-Aloud)

Program Day & Time	Program Name & Description
Mondays at 10:30	Mega Mondays. See list of programs and guest presenters, below.
Mondays at 2:00	Summer Reading Camp. Formerly Summer Reading Enrichment. Kids in grades K-5 read in small groups with volunteers.
Tuesdays at 10:30	Stories & Crafts. Aimed at kids 3-10.
Tuesdays at 2:00	Big Kids Club. Aimed at kids in grades 3-5.
Thursdays at 10:30	Thursday Morning Read-Aloud. <i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> by George Selden (1961 Newbery Honor). 1-3 chapters per session. Coloring pages and quiet fidget activities will be available. <i>Runs every week June 8-July 27.</i>
Fridays at 10:30	Baby & Toddler Lapsit Storytime. Stories, songs, rhymes, and bounces. For babies and toddlers ages 0-2 and their caregivers.
Fridays at 2:00	Golden Sower Fun Club. Storytime and crafts with Golden Sower Award nominated picture books.

Kids' Art Show

- Runs in the Art Alcove **June 1-30**
- Submissions accepted May 23-June 7

Mega Monday Special Guests (Mondays at 10:30)

- June 5: **Toby KID: Friendship Adventures**
- June 12: **Crane River Theater Page to Stage "The Spongebob Musical"**
- June 19: **Edgerton Portable Planetarium** (8 shows [all day]; registration required) (ARPA Youth Grant for Excellence)
- June 26: **Stomp Chomp Roar!** Dinosaur Program
- **No program July 3**
- July 10: **West African Kora** (harp) with Sean Gaskell
- July 17: **Jammin' Randy** music program
- July 24: **Dr. Oxygen's Science Party**
- July 31: **Fontenelle Forest Raptor Program** (11:00)

Parks & Recreation outreach

- **Outreach storytimes** tentatively planned with Kinder Kamp at parks on Wednesdays
- Parks will also **borrow Makerspace STEAM activity kits** for use in their programs
- **STEM Workshops**
 - **Paper circuits** June 15
 - **Bristlebots** July 19 & 20

Stuhr Museum/Humanities Nebraska Chautauqua partnership

- In connection with the Humanities Nebraska Chautauqua planned for July 21-22 at Stuhr Museum, the Library will host related activities for kids the preceding **Wednesday, July 19.**
- We are working with the Director of Education at Stuhr to plan these activities.

TECHNOLOGY & TEEN SERVICES LIBRARIAN MONTHLY REPORT

Erica Rogers



SINCE LAST REPORT

Teen

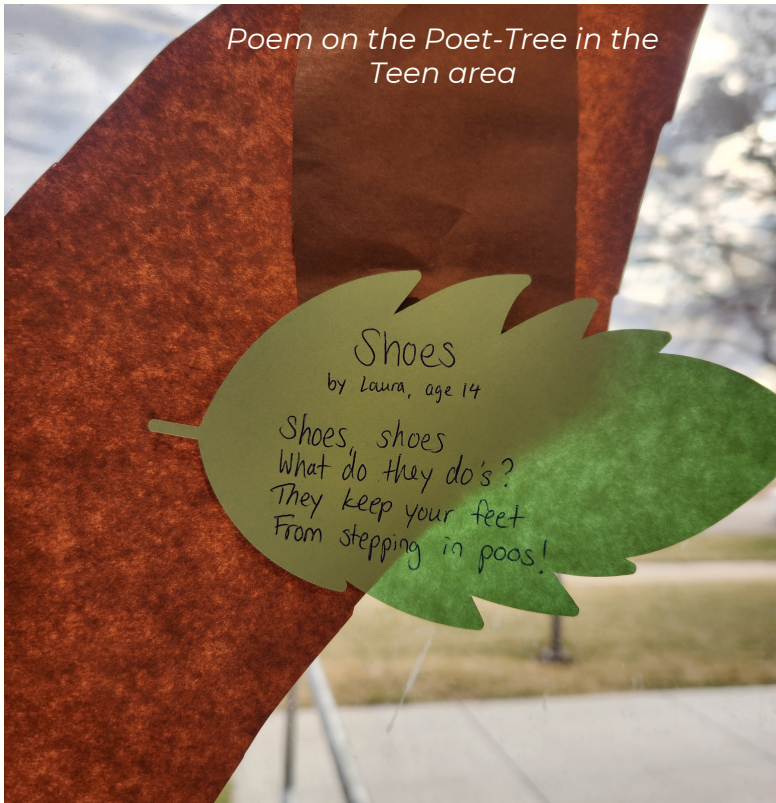
- Programs
 - Peeps Laser Cut Watercolor--12 people
 - Anime Club: Mochi Ice Cream--15 people
- Poetry Month Displays
 - Poet-Tree
 - Poem a day
- Summer Reading Beanstack planning

Makerspace

- New Printer
 - Works with Cricut machine
 - Will print buttons
- Working on Grand Comic Fest items

Other

- New Print release Kiosk arrived
- Parks & Rec summer event booklet (feat GIPL) has been finished and distributed
- Doniphan-Trumbull outreach event--280 people



STATISTICS

- Makerspace Users: 24
- Facebook followers: 5,137
- Instagram users: 741

UPCOMING

TEEN PROGRAMS

Anime Club
Tuesday April 18 at 4pm
Making Candy Sushi

TLC
Thursday May 4 at 4pm

Franken-toys
Friday April 28 at 2pm

TEEN GRAPHICS PROJECT

Separate Graphics & Manga titles. Move Manga titles next to Anime collection.

GRAND COMIC FEST

Outreach booth at the event to promote Library Events

MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS

Adults
Monday April 24 at 6pm
Making succulent jars

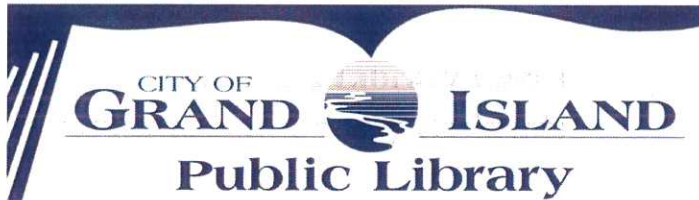
SUMMER READING KICKOFF

People can register for beanstack on May 1, kick off programs at the end of the month

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Still working on this. Met with IT to start Inventory of technology in the library and a long term replacement plan

Grand Island speaks up: Letters to the editor for the week of Mar. 3, 2023 Leonard McCarty, Jr.	3/2/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS Erica Rogers: Teens can find spring break fun at the library Erica Rogers: Teens can find spring break fun at the library	3/5/2023	GI Independent
Grand Island Public Library the scene of cupcake wars	3/6/2023	GI Independent
Arts & Entertainment: Grand Island Public Library to host Humanities Nebraska storyteller	3/9/2023	GI Independent
Fun at the Library (front page pictures)	3/9/2023	GI Independent
What's Going On: Grand Island library spring break programs continue	3/9/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS Laura Fentress: The five laws of library science	3/12/2023	GI Independent
Grand Island Public Library Teen Cupcake Wars	3/13/2023	GI Independent
Two Library Greats-'Grand Island Public Library volunteers honored for outstanding work	3/13/2023	GI Independent
Storyteller visits Nebraskan libraries sharing stories in three languages	3/14/2023	News Channel NE
What's Going On	3/14/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS Leigh Lillibrige: Volunteers keep the library humming	3/19/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS-Shaun Klee: Jump Start Your Spring with the Library	3/26/2023	GI Independent
Calendar of Club Events: Grand Island Public Library Adult Book Club	4/2/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACK-Celine Swan: Dr. Seuss or 'Harry Potter'	4/2/2023	GI Independent
BookBop	4/2/2023	NewsChannelNE
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS: Erica Rogers:For the Love of Comics	4/9/2023	GI Independent
Homeschool Program	4/9/2023	NewsChannelNE
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS: Laura Fentress- Libraries and comics and bears, oh my!	4/16/2023	GI Independent
Bear Fair Ad in the newspaper	4/16/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS: Celine Swan-There's More to the Story During National	4/23/2023	GI Independent
https://1077theisland.com/events/369184/#	4/7/2023	KSYZ Radio
Grand Island to celebrate National Library Week	4/12/2023	Local4News
Annual Bear Fair Returns to the Library	4/13/2023	GI Independent
What's Going On: Events calendar for Grand Island area: Sheep King: The Story of	4/13/2023	GI Independent
Bear Fair 2023	4/13/2023	NewsChannelNE
Teen Anime Manga Club	4/20/2023	NewsChannelNE



**Quarterly Report of
Household Library Cards
Issued to Hall County Residents
Outside of Grand Island**

JANUARY-MARCH 2023

To Hall County Board of Supervisors:

As of April 1, 2023 there are a total of 1,257 Head of Household Hall County patron accounts. We added 2 new Head of Household accounts this past quarter between January 1 and March 31, 2023; 10 cardholders were modified from other borrower types due to moving/change of address. This results in a net gain of 12 accounts from the previous report of 1,245 HCH accounts.

Our automated reporting of household cards is based on one member of each household manually coded as "head of household" no matter how many in the household have cards.

The Grand Island Public Library went Fine Free October 1, 2022. The Library continues to promote that to Hall County residents and that they can get their Library card for free. The Library has been a very busy place with Spring Break Programming for youth including the Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash, Teen and Adult Makerspace Programming, ByGone BookClub Adult Programs, AARP Tax Help, PrimeTime Humanities Preschool and Elementary Reading Programs for Families, Outreach to schools-including Doniphan Elementary and Northwest Public Schools. The library's gate attendance was the highest in March that it has been since before the COVID Pandemic. The Library Board and staff are working on implementing their new Strategic Plan and new Mission Statement: "To inspire and strengthen our community by connecting people with information, ideas, and experiences."

Balance December 31, 2022	1,245
Jan-March added 2 and modified 10 cardholders	+12
Balance March 31, 2023	1,257

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Celine D. Swan".

Celine D. Swan, Library Director

April 4, 2023