
Library Board

Monday, September 18, 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: September 2023

Since Last Report

August

- Media Report, Shaun, Laura, and Erica Report, Policies Committee met
- Art Exhibit for August was "Journey Stories & Local History"
- Strategic Plan Work-Literacy Council Students/Janet Cordell working on 4 lang.signage
- Literacy Council is doing Community Conversation classes on Sundays at the library.
- August Nonprofits Neighborhood Night Out Promotions with Grow GI Library is a pickup packet/signup spot with Tanya Brown
- August 1 Budget Presentation Study Session with Finance/City Council/Admin.
- August 4 GI Police safety training 7:30 a.m. for staff and 3 Library Board Members
- August 9-22 Cement work on North side of the library, drivethrough and parking by trash
- August 12 Bygone Bookclub Mildred Schindler Janzen, documentary/discussion 142
- August 17 USCIS Naturalization Ceremony 1 p.m.
- August 23 Library changes to City Network
- August 29 H.E.L.P. Initiative GIPD 1-3 pm
- August 31 Outreach to Knickrehm Family Night 5-6:30 pm

Upcoming-Library work

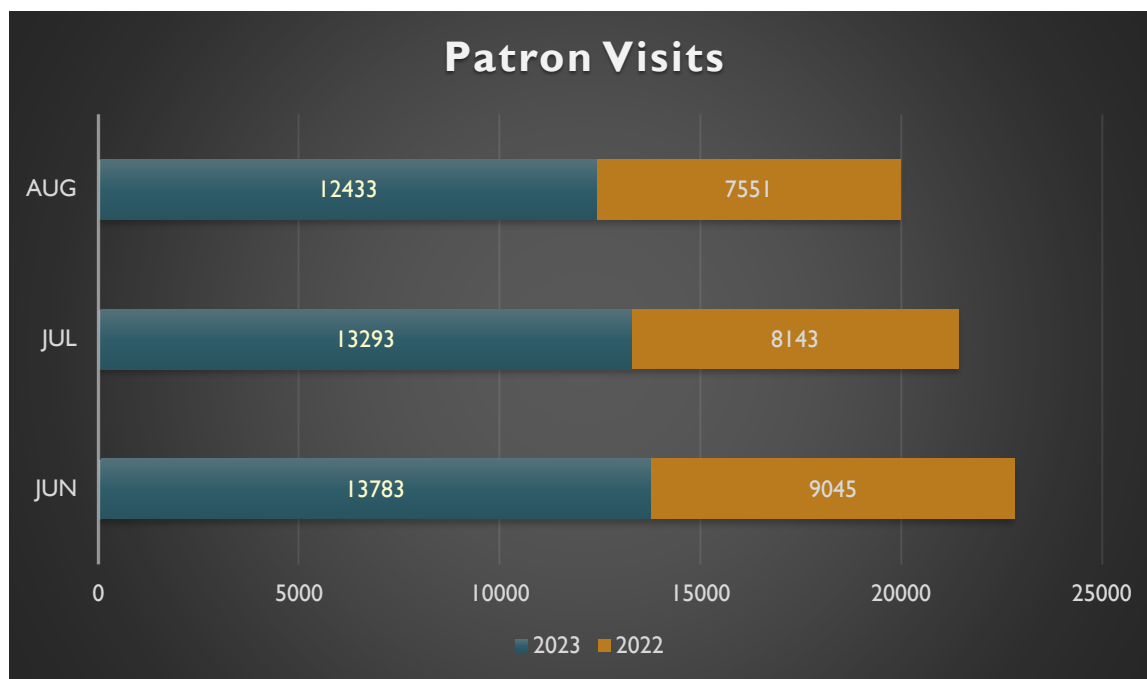
- Library Policy & Strategic Plan Work, network, Comprise-work with IT, new Library Asst 1's-two Jody and Penny
- Art Exhibit for September is the Community Art Show
- Attended H3C mtg, GI Children's Museum Bd. Meetings monthly, City Admin. monthly, Director weekly on Wed. a.m., and Central Plains Library System weekly, TLC ILS mtg., Librarian, MST, Zone mtg, Grow with Words, Welcoming Initiative with United Way
- Sept 1 Fairtastic-Fair 11 am/1 pm. Storytimes at Heartland Event Center (sensory)
- Sept 3 State Fair Latino Fiesta Stories and Crafts 11:30 am/3:30 pm. Library (Erica, Elle, and Alessandra) entered The Very Hungry Caterpillar Cable Spool
- Sept 5 Children's Fall Programming begins
- Sept 10 2-4 pm- Welcoming Week Multicultural Storytimes in 4 languages, and community information tables
- Sept 12 Met with JDAC/Schools 3:30 pm
- Sept 13 Is Your Board Really Welcoming w/ Jessica Ramos. Welcome Initiative Leadership Tomorrow 8:30-10 am
- Sept 14 Received Edith Abbott quilt from Linda Syverson Guild
- Sept 17 Welcome Initiative Outreach-Rock the Block Library table 1-4 pm downtown
- Sept 23 Edith Abbott Victorian Tea Party at Hargis House
- Sept 25 Greater Grand Island Board Noon Presentation on grant
- Sept 30 Mexican Consulate Clinic at the Library all day (Sept 29 meeting with Mayor)
- October-Library Utility Insert in English and Spanish in paper utility bills
- October 4-Meetings with Consulates
- Nov 17-Railside Downtown Christmas 6-8 pm
- Dec 18 Breakfast with Santa

GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST 2023 STATS OVERVIEW & COMPARISON

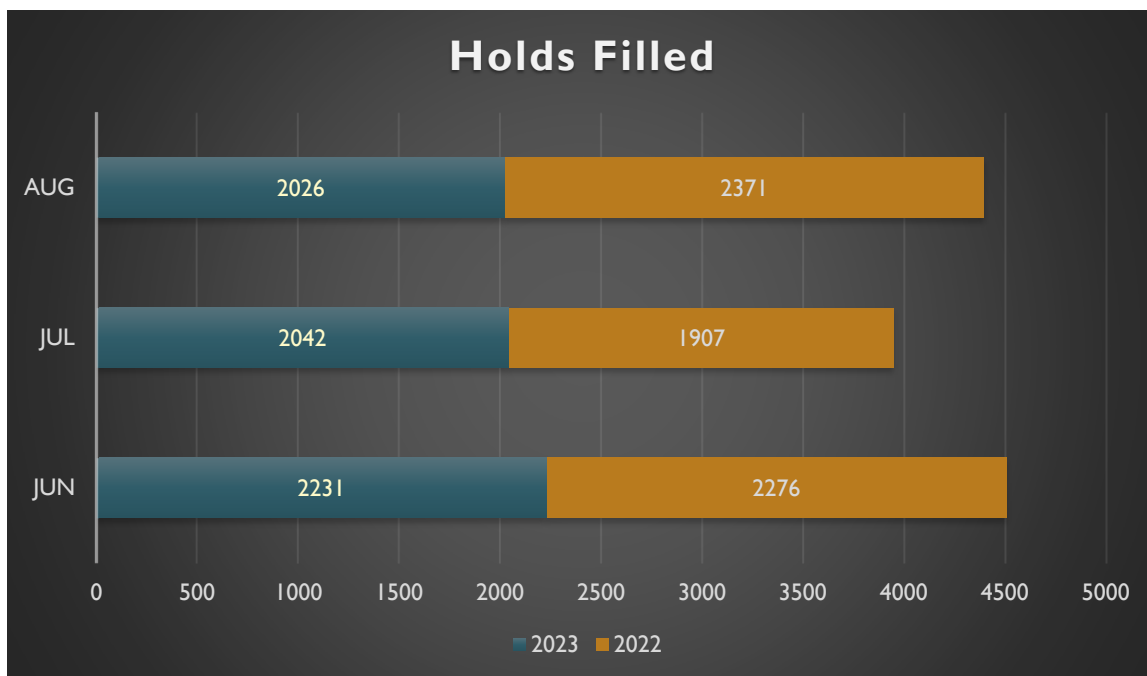
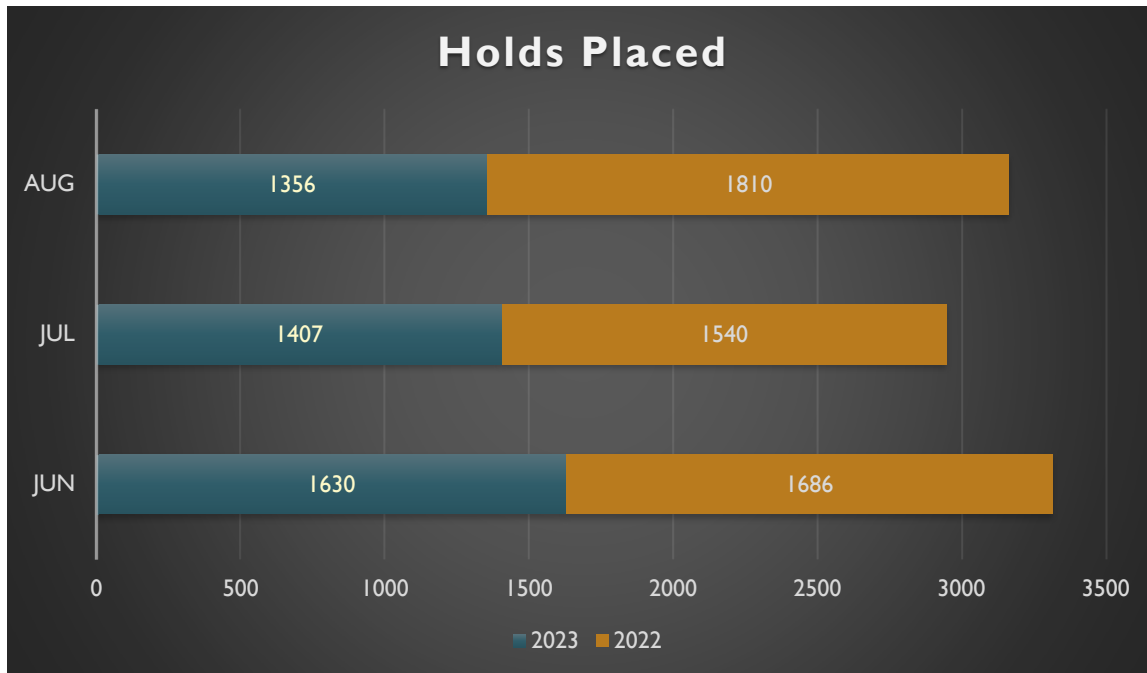


PATRON VISITS – PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS

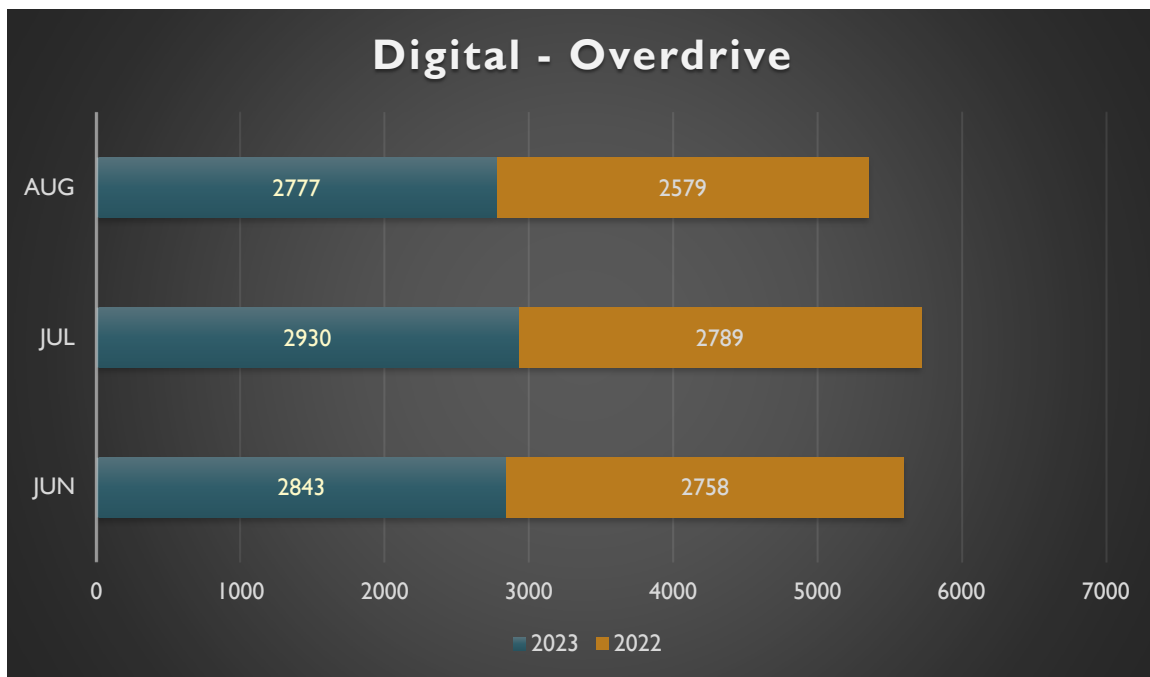
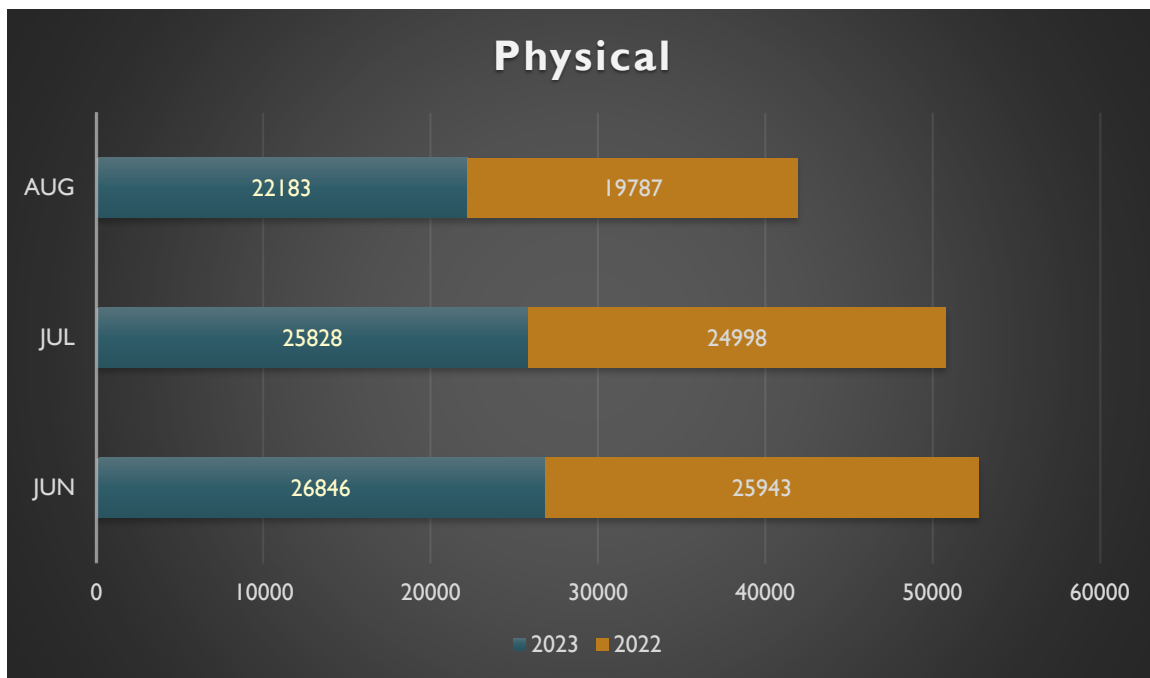


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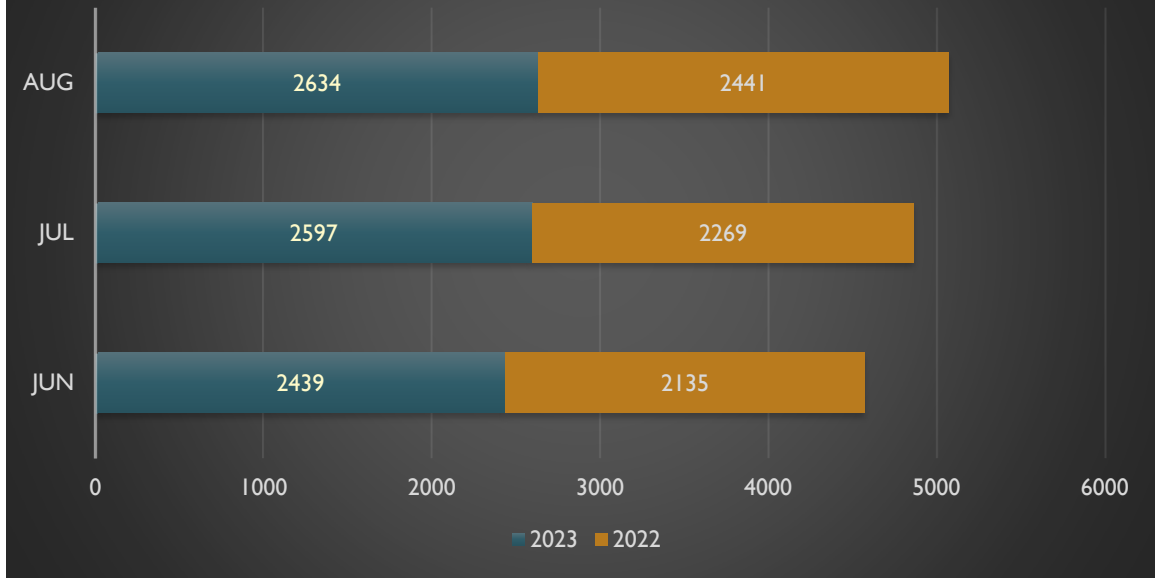
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Youth & Family Services Librarian Monthly Report

Laura Fentress

September 2023

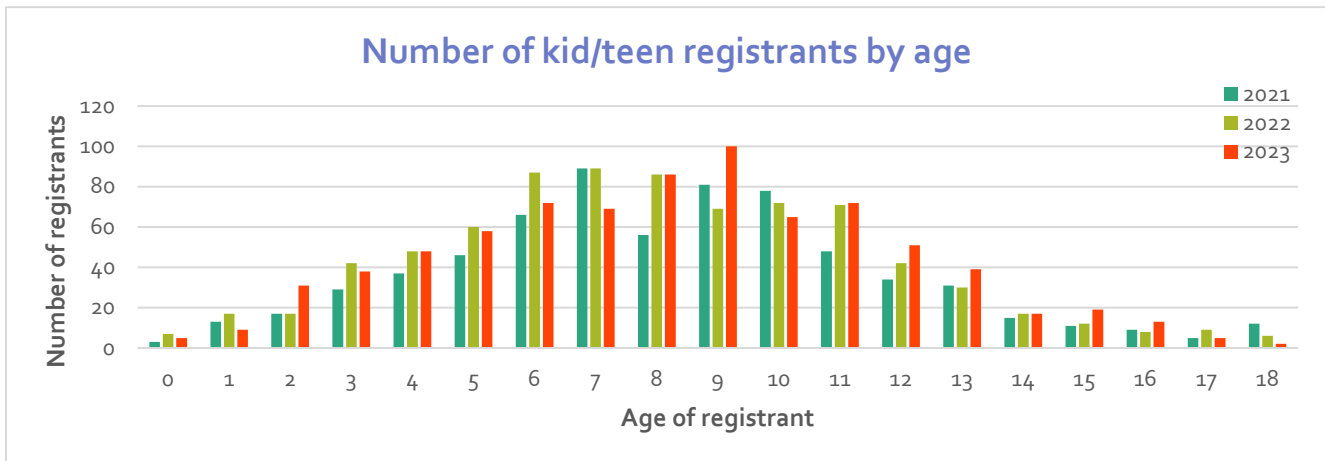
Since Last Report

Summer Reading 2023 Report!

Beanstack (Reading Log) Stats

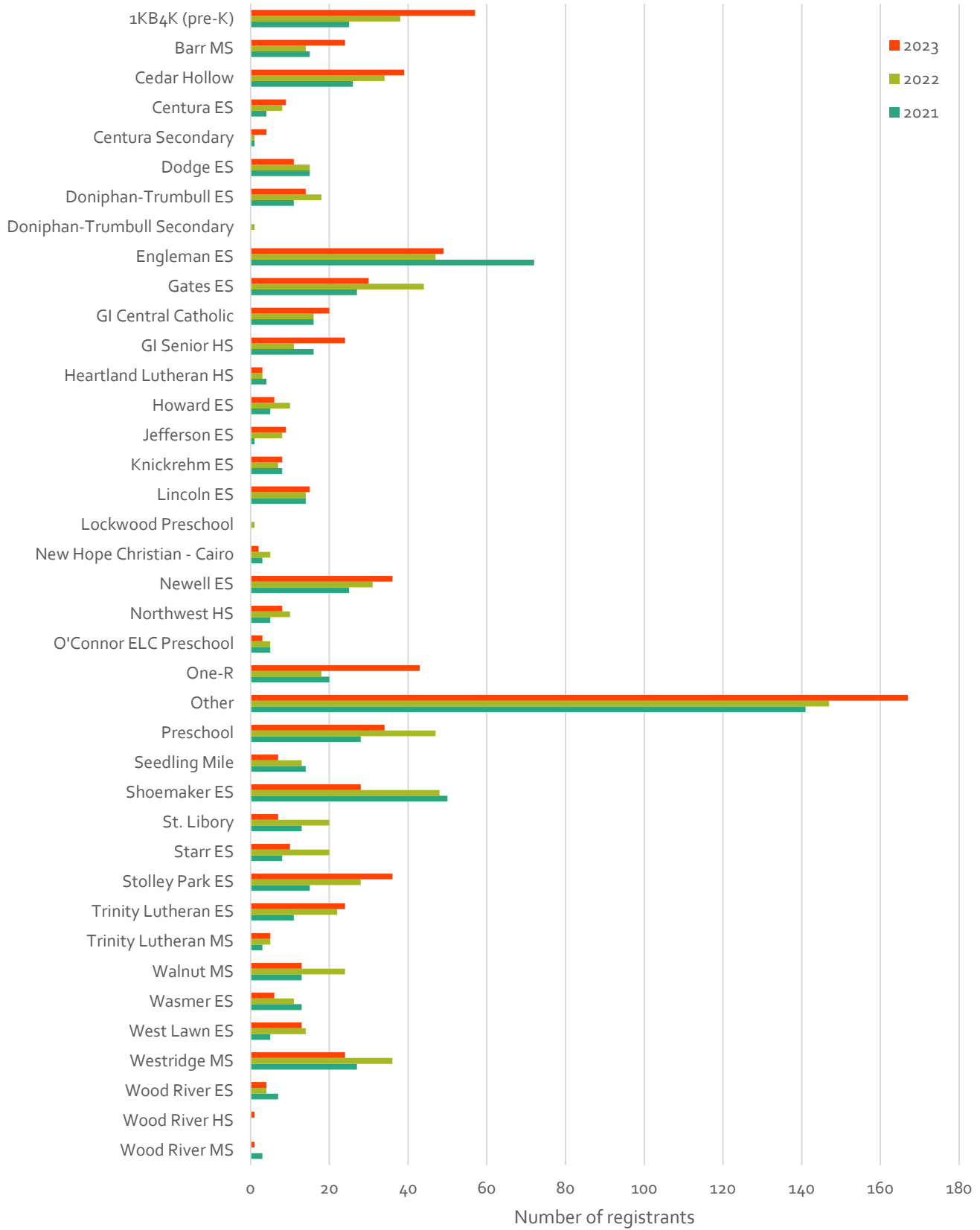
Program	Registrants	Active Readers (have logged any reading minutes)	Total Minutes	Minutes per Active Reader	Total Prizes Earned	Total Prizes Collected
Kids 0-11	653	514 (79%)	438,648	853	1,904	1,681 (88%)
Teens 12-18	147	116 (79%)	199,806	1,722	1,115	907 (81%)
Adults 19+	201	149 (74%)	316,367	2,123	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	1,001	779 (78%)	954,821	1,226		2,588

Kids' Beanstack Achievements	
Badges earned for writing book reviews (1 badge = 3 reviews, up to 6)	41
Reviews written	173
Activity badges earned (for attending library events and entering the Kids' Art Show)	144
Earned all badges possible (including art show participation)	3

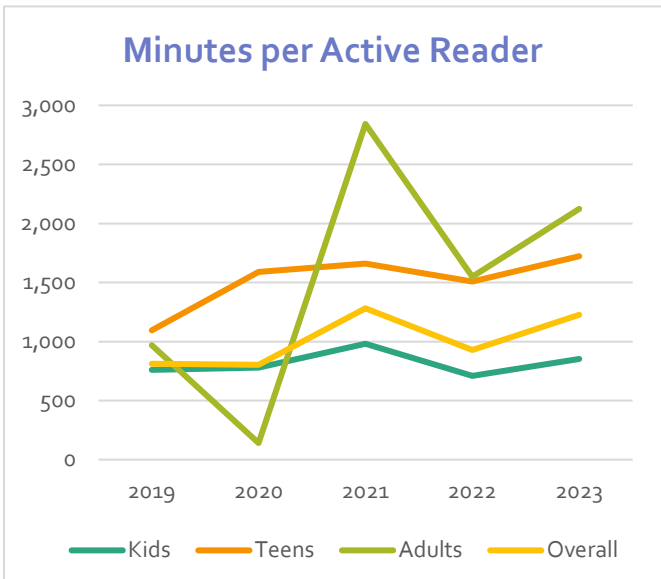
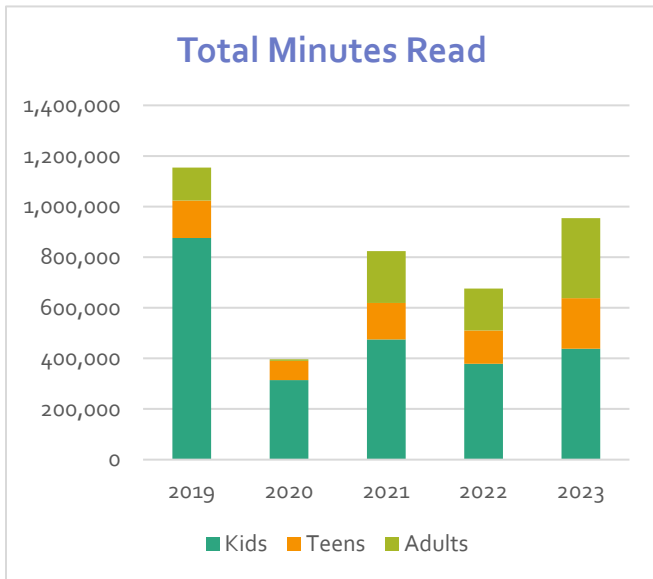
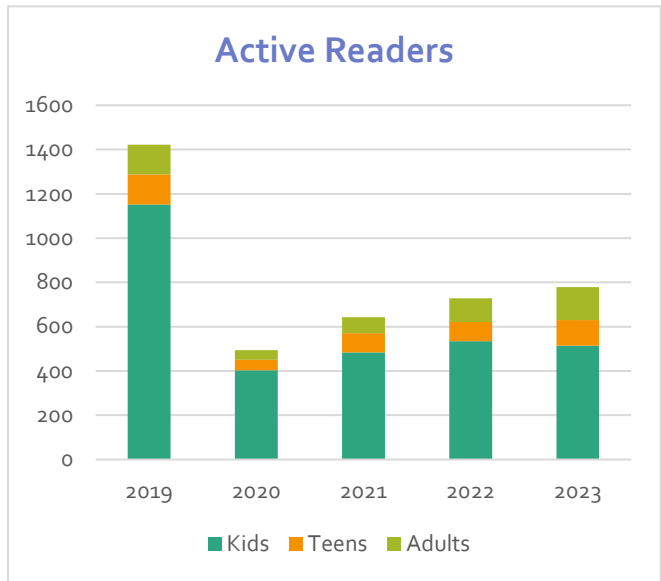
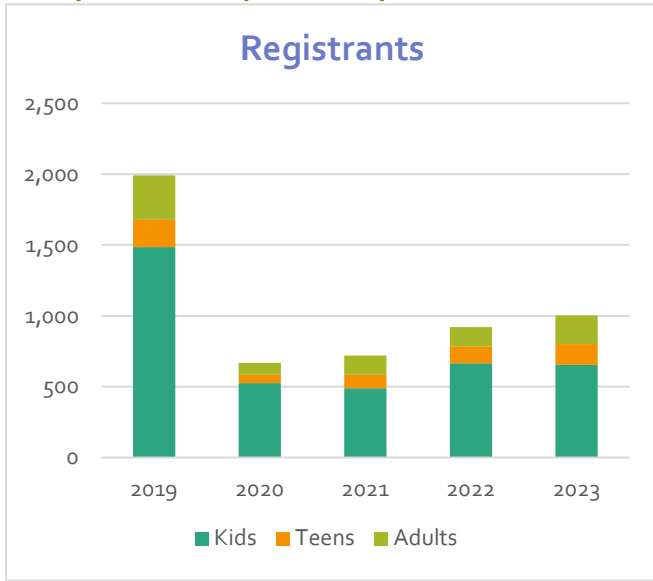


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Number of registrants by school



Compared with previous years...



Compared with 2022	Kids	Teens	Adults	Overall
Registrants	-2%	+24%	+49%	+9%
Active Readers	-4%	+33%	+39%	+7%

	Kids	Teens	Adults	Overall
Total Minutes Read	+16%	+52%	+91%	+41%
Minutes per Active Reader	+20%	+14%	+37%	+32%

Prizes Collected by Kids (Ages 0-11)

100 Minutes
State Fair
Kids' Pass

400

of 459 earned
(87%)

200 Minutes
Snack

371

of 418 earned
(89%)

300 Minutes
Free Book

332

of 369 earned
(90%)

400 Minutes
Kids' Meal
Coupon

310

of 347 earned (89%)

500 Minutes
Pool Party OR Prize Box Prize

91

of 311 earned (86%)

177

Summer Kids' Program Attendance (Ages 0-11)

	Total	Average	Compared to 2022
Mega Mondays All Ages Mondays 10:30 AM	1,508	189	±0%
Stories & Crafts Ages 3-11 Tuesdays at 10:30 AM	391	49	(was Thursdays at 10:30 AM) -23%
Big Kids Club Grades 3-5 Tuesdays at 2:00 PM	235	29	±0%
Thursday Morning Read-Aloud Grades 2 and up Thursdays at 10:30 AM	39	6	N/A
Baby & Toddler Lapsit Ages 0-2 Fridays at 10:30 AM	342	43	+8%
Golden Sower Fun Club Grades PreK-2 Fridays at 2:00 PM	270	34	(was Wednesdays at 2:00 PM) +79%

Total Kids' Program Attendance

3,501

(includes the Kickoff, Summer Reading Camp, and the Pool Party)

Kids' Art Show

June 1-30
Art Alcove

74 kids
submitted artwork

Summer Reading Kickoff

Kindness Carnival

Thursday, May 25 at 2:00 PM for ages 3+

350 people attended (a **150%** increase in attendance from last year's kickoff!)

9 volunteers helped out with games, face painting, the bounce house, and more

Pool party (500-minute prize)

Sunday, July 23 at 6:15 PM for all ages

100 passes were printed

91 passes were given out

56 passes were collected at the pool

90 people attended (including parents)

Summer Reading Camp

Mondays at 2:00 PM for grades K-5

90 registered (up **+76%** from last year)

58 attended at least once (**64%**) (46% in 2022)

41 attended twice or more (**45%**) (31% in 2022)

Total attendance **276** (**+74%** from 2022)

Average SRC attendance

7 kindergarteners

9 1st-graders

4 2nd-graders

2 3rd-graders

0 4th-graders

1 5th-grader

8 volunteers & staff (group leaders)

4 parents & additional staff in the room

averaging **3** kids per peer reading group

35

Other programs

Program Date & Time	Program Name & Description	Estimated Attendance
Wed, July 19	Chautauqua Kids' Program. Activities for elementary-aged kids related to the Humanities Nebraska Chautauqua at Stuhr Museum.	10
Thu & Fri, July 27 & 28 and Sat, Aug 19	GIFD Fire Hydrant Parties. Held in the parking lot on particularly hot days.	160 total
Sun, Aug 6 at 2:00 PM	Music from Around the World. A Humanities Nebraska presentation from David Marsh featuring a variety of musical instruments.	25
Mon, Aug 7 at 4:00 PM	Prairie Plains Resource Institute Family Night. Kids learned about native prairie flora and fauna through interactive stations.	40
Tue, Aug 8 at 3:00 PM	Storytime with GISH student volunteer Avery.	10
Sun, Sep 10 at 2:00 PM	Multilingual Storytime. Part of the GI Area Welcoming Initiative. Storytime in English, Spanish, Arabic, and Somali.	70

Fall programs began September 5!

Program Day & Time	Program Name & Description	Target Age Range	First Session Attendance
Weekly programs			
Mondays at 6:30 PM	Pajametime. Family storytime with craft.	0-11	11
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM	Bookbop. Storytime with music and movement.	0-5	32
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM	Preschool Storytime. Storytime with craft.	3-5	32
Fridays at 10:30 AM	Baby & Toddler Lapsit.	0-2	27
Monthly & periodic programs			
2 nd Thursdays at 4:30 PM	Tween program. New activities every month.	10-13	First program Sep 14
Fridays GIPS schools are out of session, at 10:30 AM	A Little Art. Hands-on art program. Meets 9/22, 10/13, 10/27, 2/9, 2/16, 3/29, & 4/19.	Grades K-5	First program Sep 22

Outreach

Date	Event Name & Description	Est. Reach
Thu, Jul 20 & Tue, Jul 25	O'Connor Early Learning Center Orientation. GIPL had a booth with other community outreach organizations, handed out flyers, and signed preschool families up for library cards.	300 total
Sat, Jul 29	St. Mary's Parish Festival. GIPL had a table with a prize wheel and flyers.	20
Thu, Aug 31	Knickrehm Open House. GIPL had a table in the hallway and signed families up for library cards.	
Fri, Sep 1	Fair-tastic Friday at the Nebraska State Fair. GIPL volunteers had a storytime and activities for disabled fairgoers.	
Sun, Sep 3	Fiesta Latina at the Nebraska State Fair. GIPL volunteers presented storytime in Spanish.	
Thu, Sep 7	Cedar Hollow middle schoolers. Laura presented about teen & tween programs, e-books, & other resources to 6 th -, 7 th -, and 8 th -graders.	100
Wed, Sep 13	1-R middle schoolers. Laura presented about teen & tween programs, e-books, & other resources to 6 th -, 7 th -, and 8 th -graders.	60

Upcoming

Upcoming programs

- **Edith Abbott Victorian Tea Party** Saturday, September 23 at 1:00 PM
 - **At the historic Hargis House!** For 2nd through 5th grade. Registration required.
- **Thanksgiving Break Programs** November 20-22
- **Breakfast with Santa** tentatively set for Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 AM
- **Winter Break Programs** December 21-January 3
 - Family Gingerbread House Building, Noon Year's Eve Party, and more!

Grant progress

- **ARPA Youth Grant for Excellence 2023** – we have the telescope!
- **IEEE Science Kits for Public Libraries grant** – first wave of funds has been received; purchase of supplies for circulating science kits has begun with a target availability date of **January 2024**

Prime Time

Elementary - Mondays at 6pm Preschool - Saturdays at 11am

September 18	September 23
September 25	September 30
October 2	October 7
(Skip October 9)	October 14
October 16	October 21
October 23	October 28
October 30	

TECHNOLOGY & TEEN SERVICES LIBRARIAN MONTHLY REPORT

Erica Rogers



SINCE LAST REPORT

*New Makerspace
Equipment:
Tumbler and Hat Press*

Teen

- Evaluated last years Teen Programs
- Outlined dates and basic plans for programs through the end of the year
- Started the Graphics & Manga project
 - Collections have been physically split
 - Working on relabeling and changing in the computer

Makerspace

- New Equipment
 - Tumbler Press
 - Hat Press
 - Button Maker paper punches
 - New 1" button maker

Other

- New IPAC computers
- Computers and printers switched over to new server, upgraded to Windows 11, and software update
- Helped with the Tomato Tasting project, which was a success



Erica R., Alessandra V., & Elle S. posing with the People's Choice ribbon from the state fair next their Hungary Caterpillar Telephone Spool

UPCOMING

TEEN PROGRAMS

TLC (Teen Library Council)

Tuesday September 12
Introduction Meeting

Tween Old Timey Cooking

Thursday September 14
New Monthly Club ages 10-13

Anime Club

Tuesday September 19
Making Boba Tea

Fall Cupcake Wars

Friday September 22

TEEN GRAPHICS PROJECT

Finish relabeling and changing computer labels

STAFF TRAINING

Working with staff to learn new makerspace equipment

MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS

Adults

Saturday September 30
Laser Cut Leather Earrings

AARP PROGRAM

Thursday September 21
Partner program with AARP exploring what the makerspace has to offer

TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Work with IT on getting new computers ordered and implemented.

PHOTOS: Birds of prey flock to Grand Island Public Library	8/1/2023	GI Independent
Library offers opportunity to expand gardening skills	8/2/2023	GI Independent
Learning continues through summer at Grand Island Public Library	8/2/2023	Local4News
Explore inner fitness at the Grand Island Public Library	8/4/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS		
Leigh Lillibridge: It's time for back-to-school, fall programs	8/5/2023	GI Independent
What's Going On	8/10/2023	GI Independent
Library, historical society team up to present poster exhibit	8/10/2023	GI Independent
Grand Island Public Library to host adult tie-dye event	8/10/2023	Local4News
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS	8/12/2023	GI Independent
What's Going On: A busy week ahead for Central Nebraska	8/15/2023	GI Independent
Library to host naturalization ceremony	8/15/2023	GI Independent
AUTHOR'S STORY TOUCHES AUDIENCE		
Mildred Schindler Janzen survived World War II in what is now Poland	8/15/2023	GI Independent
Library to host 'Makerspace Crafternoon' for adults	8/16/2023	GI Independent
23 people become U.S. citizens in first of its kind ceremony	8/17/2023	News4
From around the world, over 20 people become American citizens in Grand Island	8/18/2023	GI Independent
Fire Hydrant Party in Grand Island offers a chance to beat the heat this weekend	8/18/2023	News4
Celine Swan: Summer into fall, like a caterpillar into a butterfly	8/19/2023	GI Independent
What's your favorite tomato? Grand Island Public Library finds out	8/22/2023	GI Independent
What's Going On?	8/24/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS	8/26/2023	GI Independent
Erica Rogers: Teen council a valuable part of library community		
From sunrise to sunset: Ed Meedel is jack-of-all-trades volunteer at Nebraska State Fair	8/29/2023	NTV News
KRGi-Laura Community Connects	8/29/2023	KRGi
Fairtastic Friday	9/1/2023	State Fair site
Nebraska State Fair gives low sensory experience to some fairgoers	9/1/2023	News4
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS	9/2/2023	GI Independent
Fiesta Latina-Celebrating Our Raices	9/3/2023	York
Representing and celebrating Hispanic culture at the Nebraska State Fair	9/4/2023	GI Independent
Club calendar for September 2023	9/5/2023	GI Independent
On Display: New exhibit opens at Stuhr Museum; library hosts community art show	9/6/2023	GI Independent
Fall festivals and tailgate parties (ByGone Bookclub)	9/7/2023	GI Independent
What's Going On: Lots of cool stuff happening	9/7/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS		
Celine Swan: Today is my 'new' favorite day	9/9/2023	GI Independent
Welcoming Initiative host Multilingual story time	9/10/2023	News4
GOVERNMENT U.S. CONGRESSMAN Adrian Smith		
Nebraska's people make Nebraska great	9/12/2023	GI Independent