
Library Board

Monday, November 20, 2023

Regular Meeting

Item C1

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: November 2023

Since Last Report

October

- Media Report, Shaun, Laura, and Erica Report, Policies Committee didn't meet
- Art Exhibit for October is the "Community Art Show" (Sept 10 2 pm Artist's reception)
- Strategic Plan Work-Updated
- Literacy Council is doing Community Conversation classes on Sundays at the library.
- Oct-Library Utility Insert in English and Spanish in paper utility bills
- 10/1 started Celtic Music program
- 10/3 Sam Shaw NE Library Commission training 10-12 pm Celine attended for survey
- 10/7 Laura attended the Plum Creek Literacy Festival in Seward NE
- 10/8 Monster Within Humanities Program at 2 pm
- 10/14 ByGone Bookclub-More than Football 11 am, Crafternoon in Makerspace 1 pm
- 10/19 Central Plains Conference in Kearney Celine is attending
- 10/21 Cooking the Books theme Mediterranean at Noon
- 10/22 Genealogy programs 2 and 3 pm with Shaun
- 10/24 Project Connect Outreach
- 10/24 Literacy Council Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm
- 10/26 Dodge School Trunk or Treat evening
- 10/28 and 10/30 are the last Humanities NE PrimeTime Family Reading sessions
- 10/29 Willa Cather reception 2:00 pm
- 10/31 Pizza Hut Food Truck Foundation Fundraiser

Upcoming-Library work

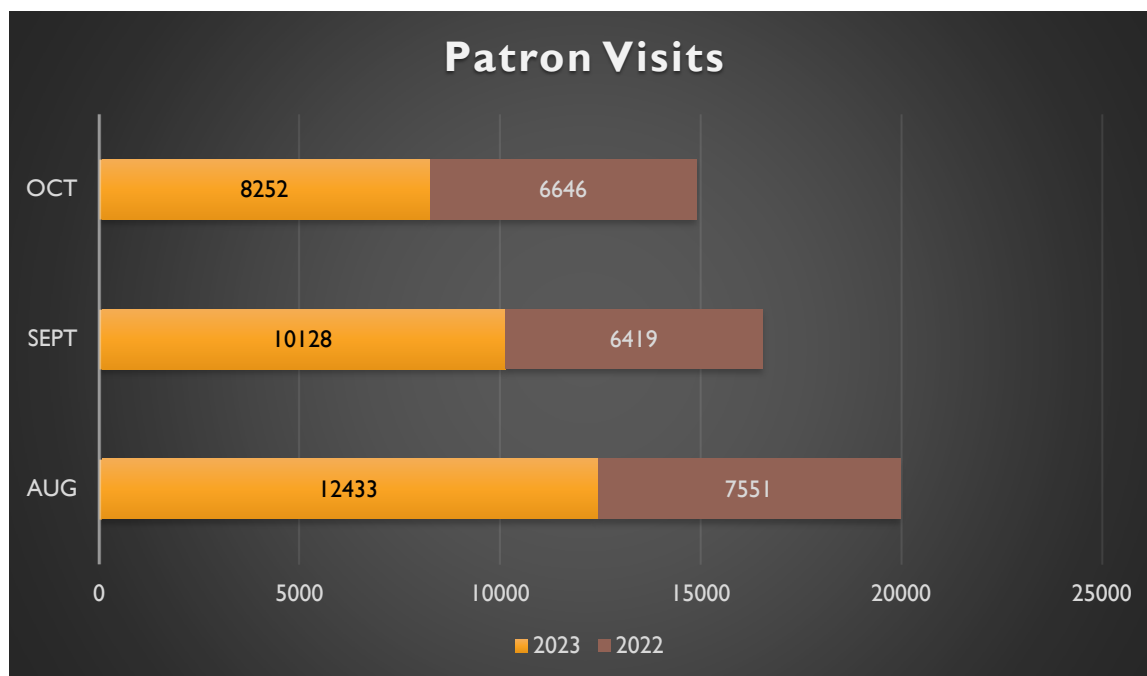
- Art Exhibit for November is the Willa Cather & Material Culture Nov 1
 - Attended GI Children's Museum Bd. Meetings monthly, City Admin. monthly, Director weekly, and Central Plains Library System, TLC ILS mtg., Librarian, MST, Zone mtg, Grow with Words, Welcoming Initiative with United Way
 - 11/1-11/8 Day of the Dead Displays, Veteran's Display, Native American Indian Display
 - 11/7 Talk-a-Book Meeting with O'Connor Learning Center
 - 11/9 Tween Mystery Science 4:30 pm.
 - 11/12 Outreach-Alessandra ACAP from 2-4 pm for Children's Day at E-Free Church.
 - 11/9 Tween Mystery Science today at 4:30 pm.
 - 11/12 Crafternoons at 1 pm. Program is FULL.
 - 11/14 Congrats Elle, Cameron, and Addie Supencheck for your new baby boy! August
 - 11/16 Library Foundation Meeting at 12 pm
 - 11/16 Library Homeschooler Programs at 2 pm
 - 11/17 Railside Christmas Friday at Full Circle Venue Downtown 530-8pm
 - 11/17 Staff Fire Extinguisher Training GIFD
 - 11/17 Celine attending NLA State Advisory Meeting Lincoln
 - 11/18 Kitty Café is coming at 11am. Partnership with Central Nebraska Humane Society
 - 11/18 Cooking the Books at 12pm
 - 11/20 Library Board Meeting at 5:15 pm
- Thanksgiving Week Programs –schools out, 12/8 City Library Staff Christmas Dinner on Friday Dec 8th at 5 pm after we close, fencing around HVAC, Chairs recovered

GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2023 STATS OVERVIEW & COMPARISON

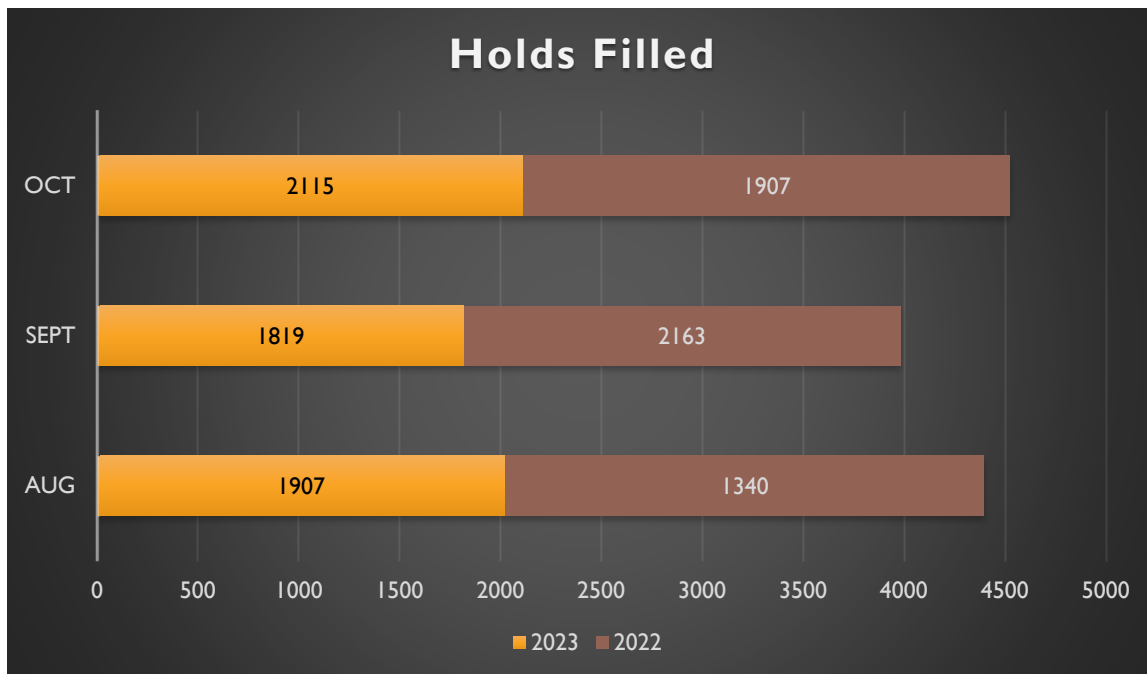
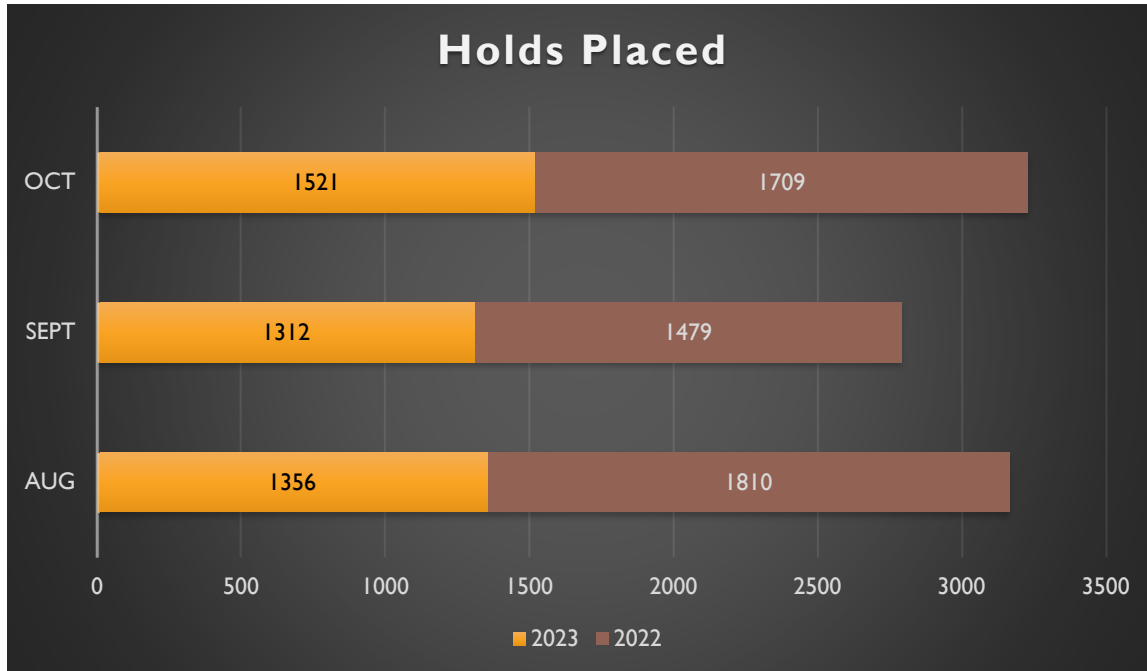


PATRON VISITS – PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS

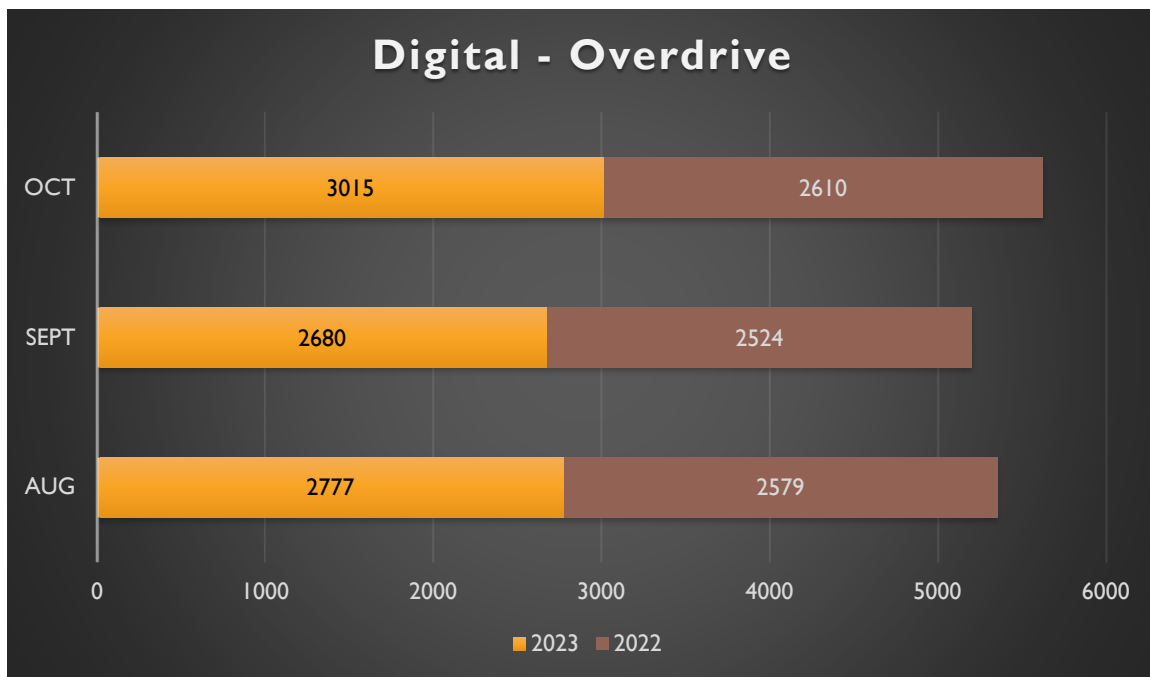
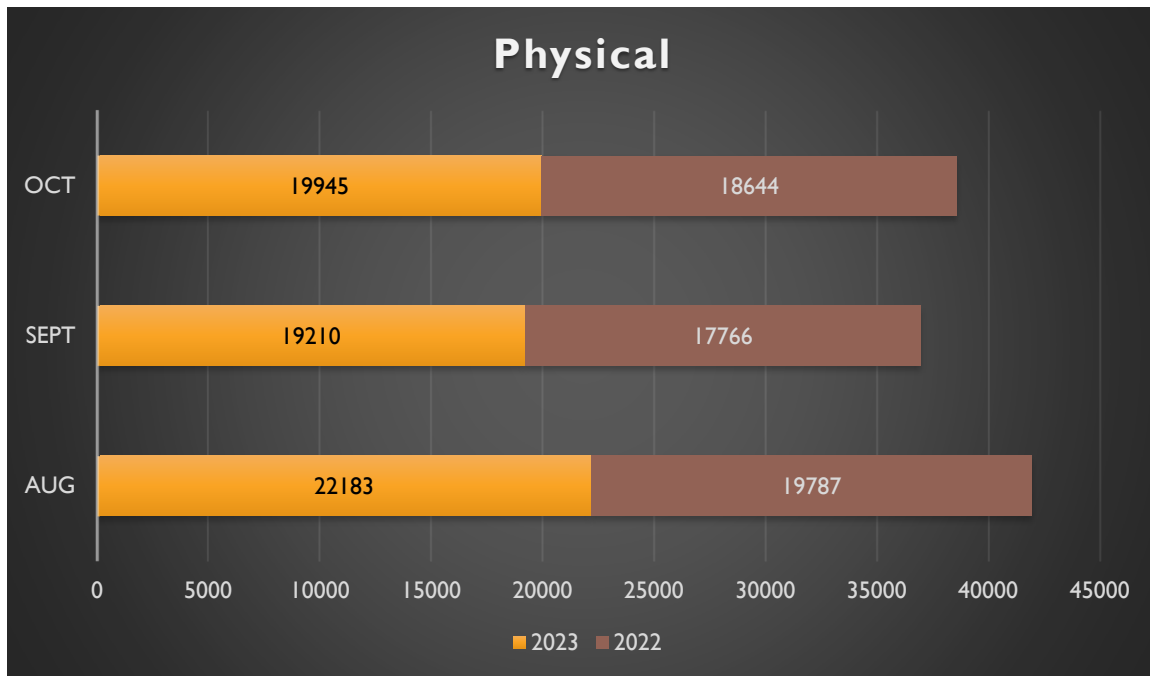


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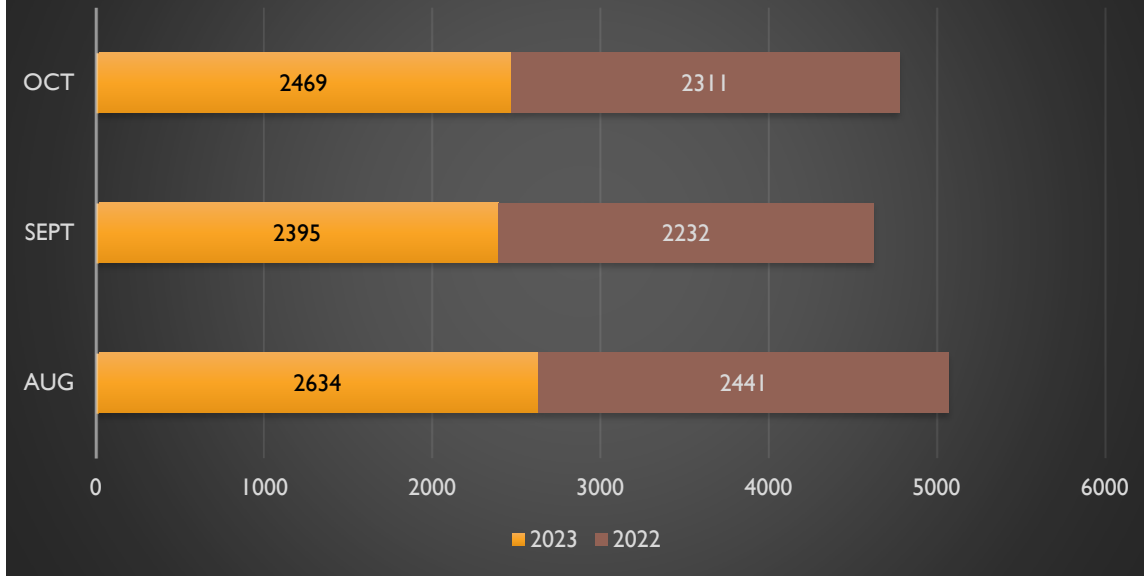
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Youth & Family Services Librarian Monthly Report

Laura Fentress

November 2023

Since Last Report

Fall programs

Program Day & Time	Program Name	Target Age Range	Average Attendance (October)	Compared with October 2022
Weekly programs				
Mondays at 6:30 PM	Pajamatime	0-11	13	+4%
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM	Bookbop	0-5	22	+122%
Wednesdays at 10:30 AM	Preschool Storytime	3-5	18	±0%
Fridays at 10:30 AM	Baby & Toddler Lapsit	0-2	21	+4%
Monthly & periodic programs				
2 nd Thursdays at 4:30 PM	Tween program October: Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse!	10-13	9	N/A
Fridays GIPS schools are out of session, at 10:30 AM	A Little Art	Grades K-5	11	-61%

Grant progress

- **ARPA Youth Grant for Excellence 2023** – we need to coordinate time for staff to participate in Zoom training for the telescope
- **IEEE Science Kits for Public Libraries grant** – next step is inventory and cataloguing; target availability date **January 2024**

Outreach

- Literacy Council **Trunk or Treat** October 24
- Dodge School **Trunk or Treat** October 26
- **Talk-a-Book** presentation for parents at OLC November 7
- **Children’s Day Festival** November 12

Prime Time finished

Upcoming

Upcoming outreach

- **Doniphan Trumbull field trip to the library** November 16
- **Railside Christmas** November 17

Upcoming programs

- **Homeschool program** November 16
- **Kitty Café** November 17

Thanksgiving Break Programs November 20-22

Monday, November 20

10:00 AM Family Game Time

All Ages

Bring your family or group and play a board game! Bring your own, or play one from the Library's newly updated collection.

Tuesday, November 21

10:30 AM Thanksgiving Crafts and Activities

Ages 3 and up

Write and color thank-you cards, make colorful corn mosaics, and more.

6:00 PM Storytime with the Tri-City Storm

All Ages

Hear a story and do a craft with members of the Tri-City Storm hockey team

Wednesday, November 22

10:30 AM Thanksgiving Family Storytime

All Ages

An all-ages storytime for the whole family, including a craft activity.

December programs

- **Storytelling with Molly of Denali Bilingual Family Program** (partnership with Nebraska Public Media) Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 PM
- **Melted Crayon Ornament Craft** (December Tween Program) Thursday, December 14 at 4:30 PM
- **Breakfast with Santa** 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!

TECHNOLOGY & TEEN SERVICES LIBRARIAN MONTHLY REPORT

Erica Rogers



SINCE LAST REPORT

T-shirts that were bleached by the Teens using laser cut stencils

Teen

- TLC (Teen Library Council)
 - Introduction meeting & second meeting
 - discussed upcoming Winter Break programs
 - took down Halloween decorations
- Anime Club
 - Made Dorayaki Pancakes with Nutella & Sweet Red Bean Paste
- Spooky Fun Trivia
 - 7 Kids
- DIY Bleach T-shirts
 - 25 people
- Tween Programs
 - Solar Eclipse
 - Mystery Science

Makerspace

- Lots of tours with groups and people in the community
- 112 people for appointments
- Makerspace Crafternoon
 - Made Canvas Prints
 - 14 people
 - considering doing an encore class

Other

- Working with IT on updating/replacing computers
- Working with Bibliotheca on fixing gates



Tweens learning about the chemical reactions between Alka Seltzer tablets and water and oil

UPCOMING

TEEN PROGRAMS

Anime Club

Tuesday November 21
Origami Pumpkins

TLC (Teen Library Council)

Tuesday December 5
Winter Break Planning

Painting with Jill

Monday November 20

TWEEN PROGRAM

Thursday December 14

Making Ornaments with
melted crayons

MAKERSPACE PROGRAMS

Adults

Saturday December 9
Sublimation Puzzles

MAKERSPACE TRAIN

Working with staff to get more
people trained and
comfortable helping people.

TEEN FICTION PROJECT

Going through the collection
and checking circulation
statistics

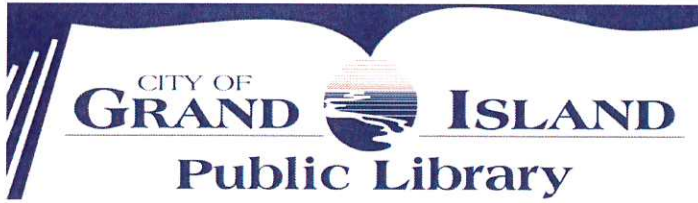
TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Work with IT on finishing up
getting the new computers
installed and running

GATE SOFTWARE

With with Bibliotheca, who
owns our RFID gates, to get
things running properly
again

GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS		
Erica Rogers: Magic in the makerspace	10/1/2023	GI Independent
What's Going On: Calendar of area events	10/4/2023	GI Independent
Library reschedules genealogy program	10/4/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS	10/7/2023	GI Independent
PRIME TIME PRESCHOOL IN GRAND ISLAND	10/7/2023	Humanities NE
October is National Estate Planning Month	10/14/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS	10/15/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS: It's never to late to read books.	10/21/2023	GI Independent
Support Groups for October 2023	10/21/2023	GI Independent
Project Connect Offers Free Services to the Community	10/24/2023	Local4 News
Library to dedicate Cather sculpture; open art exhibit	10/26/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS		
Erica Rogers: Digital comics to die for	10/29/2023	GI Independent
Library, CCC host Day of the Dead celebrations	10/31/2023	GI Independent
Grand Island Public Library celebrating "Dia De Los Muertos"	11/2/2023	Local4 News
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT: Celtic music at Grand Island Public Library	11/2/2023	GI Independent
Grand Island introduces new utility billing software	11/3/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS: November is Native American Indian Month	11/4/2023	GI Independent
Shaun did interview with KSYZ 107.7 on Cook the Books other adult programs	11/5/2023	KSYZ
New quilt group having open house Nov. 13	11/6/2023	GI Independent
Nebraska Voter ID brochure available in Hall County, elsewhere	11/7/2023	GI Independent
GIPL: BEYOND THE STACKS;Feel-ine Fine at the Library	11/11/2023	GI Independent



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

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2023

To Hall County Board of Supervisors:

As of September 1, 2023 there are a total of 1,289 Head of Household Hall County patron accounts. We added 1 new Head of Household account this past quarter between July 1 and September 30, 2023; 1 Head of Household Account was deleted; 12 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 1,277 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 Library continues to promote to Hall County residents that they can get their Library card for free and we are fine free too. The Library was a very busy place with our Summer Reading Programs for all ages that ended July 31. We had Humanities Nebraska Chautauqua programs at the Stuhr Museum and Grand Island Public Library July 21-22. We have several adult programs with the popular ByGone Book Club in partnership with the Hall County Historical Society, Makerspace Crafternoons, CrimeTime, and Cooking the Books Cookbook Book Clubs. Children's and Teen Programs started up on September 5. The Library hosted a Multi-Lingual Storytime and community partners on September 10 as part of the Welcoming Initiative. Visit www.gilibrary.org or call 385-5333 for more information on programs and services. Check out our free databases such E-books and Audiobooks on Overdrive and Hoopla, and free homework help on Tutor.com from our website and with a Grand Island Public Library card.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Value. Rows include Balance June 30, 2023 (1,277), July-September added 1, deleted 1 and modified 12 cardholders (+12), and Balance September 30, 2023 (1,289).

Celine D. Swan

Celine D. Swan, Library Director

October 2, 2023