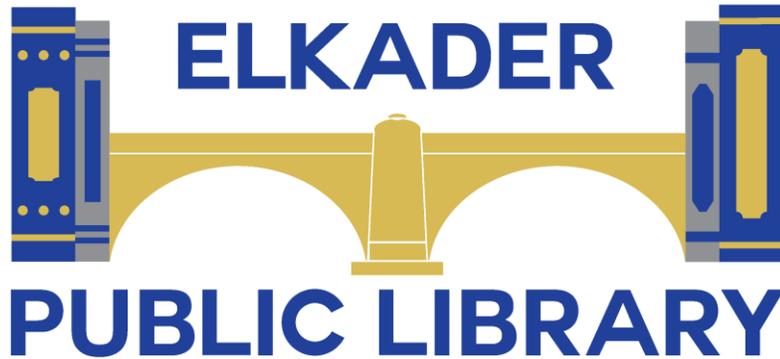


ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23



Mission Statement:

The Elkader Public Library provides the residents of the community and the surrounding area equal access to resources and services for information, continuing education, and recreation.

HOURS: Mon - Thurs 9:30 am - 6:00 pm; Fri 9:30 am - 5:00 pm; Sat 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

ATTENDANCE

There were over 11,000 visits to the library during Fiscal Year 2022-23! These visits included regular patrons, as well as visitors. In addition, over 1,600 people attended 114 library programs. Adult programs covered a variety of topics: an Iowan who climbed Mt. Everest, Tribes of the Turkey River, Gangsters of the Midwest, authors of a book covering the 1889 murders of a Clayton County couple, and monthly book discussions. Programs for children included the Summer Reading Program, Fantastic Foam, Dinosaur Dimensions, Clayton County Conservation staff from Osborne, Santa Claus, Halloween party, and after-school activities.

RESOURCES & STATISTICS

Books, Magazines, DVDs, & Audiobooks:

12,642 check-outs

Puzzles, Cake Pans, Kits, & Equipment:

223 check-outs

Public Computers & Wireless Network:

Used 9,777 times

BRIDGES Audiobooks, E-books, & Magazines:

4,556 items downloaded

Website Including Online Catalog:

Accessed 4,781 times

Facebook:

782 Likes; 892 Followers



"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

~ Andrew Carnegie

FUNDING

The City of Elkader provided approximately 73% of the Elkader Public Library's budget. County appropriations provided about 22%. Revenue from overdue fines, fees for services, the State Library Enrich Iowa program, and contracted library service for the towns of Elkport, Garber, and St. Olaf made up the remaining 5% of the library budget.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Faxing, Photocopying, and Scanning; Digitized Clayton County Newspapers Online; Tax Forms; Local Information; Reference Service, Readers Advisory.

CARDHOLDERS

There were 1,678 active library accounts from:

- Elkader and Rural Clayton County Patrons
- Contracting Cities Patrons from Elkport, Garber, and St. Olaf [cities pay for library service for their residents]
- Open Access Patrons (patrons outside local area) [reimbursement for each transaction from State Library of Iowa]
- Out of State Patrons [each pays a yearly fee]
- Interlibrary Loan Libraries (libraries borrowing our materials for their patrons) [reimbursement from State Library of Iowa for each item loaned]

PHOTOS



Gangsters of the Midwest



Fantastic Foam



BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) Club

Summer Story Time

Halloween Party

