

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24



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 to 6:00 pm; Fri 9:30 am to 5:00 pm; Sat 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

ATTENDANCE: There were over 12,000 visits to the Elkader Public Library during Fiscal Year 2023-2024! These visits included regular patrons, as well as visitors. In addition, over 1,800 people attended 140 library programs. Adult programs covered a variety of topics: an Iowan who served in the Peace Corps in Albania; April in Paris (a performance of jazz guitar music); a monthly book discussion; weekly board game afternoons; and, a monthly Bring Your Own Book Club. All ages events included a jigsaw puzzle contest; two trivia events; a yarn swap; and, a book-signing event with a local sports legend. Programs for kids included making friendship bracelets; pinch pots; pinwheels; nature collage; decorating appliance boxes; painting bird houses; and, a visit from staff from Clayton County Conservation's Osborne Nature Center.

RESOURCES & STATISTICS

Books, Magazines, DVDs, & Audiobooks:

16,279 checkouts

Puzzles, Cake Pans, Kits, & Equipment:

310 checkouts

Public Computers & Wireless Network:

Used 12,838 times

BRIDGES Audiobooks, E-Books, & Magazines:

4,713 items downloaded

Website, Including Online Catalog:

Accessed 4,998 times

Facebook:

909 Likes; 1059 Followers

Instagram:

41 Followers



Alexandra Bomhoff began in her role as Library Director at Elkader Public Library in January of 2024

FUNDING

Tax revenue from the City of Elkader provided approximately 80% of the Elkader Public Library's budget. County appropriations provided about 17%. Revenue from overdue fines, fees for services, the State Library Enrich Iowa program, and contracted library service from the towns of St. Olaf, Garber, and Elkport made up the remaining 3% of the library budget.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Faxing; Photocopying; Digitized Clayton County Newspapers Online, Tax Forms; Local Information; Reference service; Readers Advisory

CARDHOLDERS

There were 1,589 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]

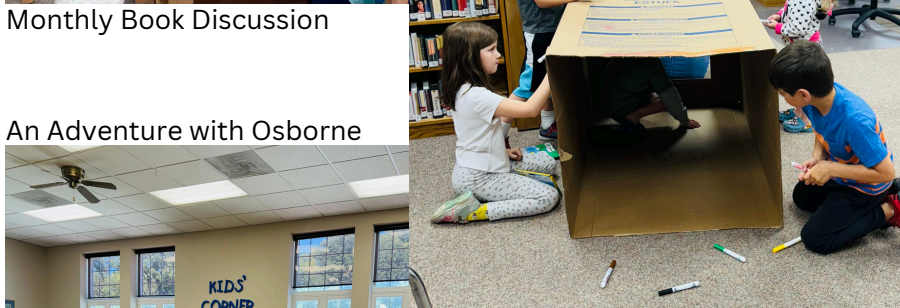
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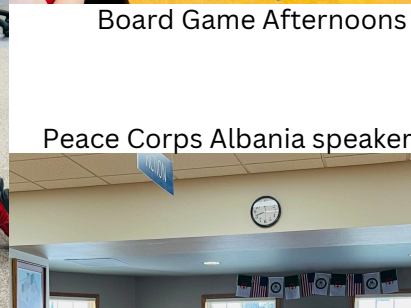
Monthly Book Discussion



Board Game Afternoons



An Adventure with Osborne



Peace Corps Albania speaker

