

Discover Connect Learn

2014 Annual Report



Drake Community Library
930 Park Street
Grinnell, Iowa 50112
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Mission

Drake Community Library will be a community resource center striving to inform and empower every person in the community through responsive services, collections and programs. DCL will be a place where people have open access to the power of information and the joy of reading, a crossroads for social interactions and the exchange of ideas and cultural enrichment.

The new library building (2009) has proven its value to the community in so many ways. Groups and individuals are welcomed from across the state and locally to enjoy Grinnell and utilize the library's meeting spaces. Some users go completely electronic, accessing ebooks and online learning tools from their home or business. Physical collections remain popular, facilitating literacy, learning, and enjoyment for all ages. The library's growing local history archive is highly valued by researchers, authors and the general public who are looking for that nugget of information from the past.

Service Priorities

Know Your Community & Your World

Connect to the Online World

Engage Readers & Learners

**Empower Job Seekers, Entrepreneurs,
& Non-profits**

2014 Highlights

Programming

BOOKIN' IT, a bimonthly book discussion group, has been added to the library's adult programming calendar. Along with the popular SE*ED and Bucket courses offered by Grinnell Regional Medical Center and the Community Education Council, these programs provide an opportunity for community building through the sharing of ideas and opinions.

PHPP

The Poweshiek History Preservation Project, a collaboration between DCL and Grinnell College libraries, has become a rich resource of local history. Photographs of rural school and Grange activities from the 1950s, submitted by a person who now lives in Kentucky, are just one example of PHPP content. The digital archive is available at www.grinnell.lib.ia.us/poweshiekhhistory.

Childrens and Youth Services

Our youth continue to choose DCL as an afterschool destination. Programming includes Storytimes each week and monthly on Saturdays. Afterschool programs include community presenters and a LEGO Club.

The largest program attendance occurred during the annual Summer Library Program, with 170 patrons learning about animals with the Blank Park Zoo.

Registered SLP participants read a total of 3,668 hours and turned in 613 reading logs/cards!

2014 Highlights, cont'd

Facility Improvement

Work began in April 2014 on the library's humidity control and energy recovery ventilation systems. Delays in procuring a crucial electronic component of the system stalled the project and work is expected to be completed in October 2014.

Gifts and grants were received from the Community Education Council, GRMC, and a Grinnell College mini-grant allowing for the installation of a hearing loop system in the Caulkins Community Room and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for the library. Library staff receive annual training in first aid, CPR, and AED use.

Converging Landscapes: A Capital Campaign for the Library's Urban Prairie was launched in June, 2014. In keeping with Grinnell's image as the "Jewel of the Prairie," the Library will be a gateway to the prairie by creating an attractive landscape of more traditional design on the streetscape while enhancing access to the prairie grassland on the south side of the building. Sustainable practices include permeable paving and a bioswale. Work will continue in the southeast portion of the site in spring 2015.

Population Served

Grinnell Residents	9,202
Poweshiek County Rural	5913 (by contract)
Kellogg.....	599 (by contract)
Malcom.....	286 (by contract)
Oakland Acres	156 (by contract)
Searsboro.....	148 (by contract)

Usage Statistics

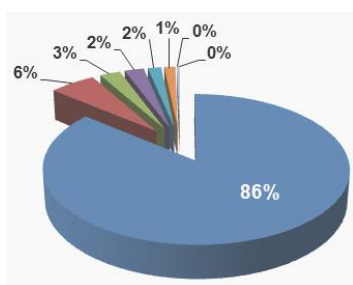
Statistics can only go so far in presenting the picture - you are invited to stop in anytime for answers to your questions and to share your suggestions for improvements to *your* library services!

	FY2014	FY2013
Total Circulation	109,849	111,930
Books, Magazines	95,311	98,916
Audio, Video	9,435	8,655
eResource Downloads	5,103	4,359
Total Collection	101,835	90,981
Physical items added	3,673	3,272
Downloadable items added (consortium-based)	10,435	3,434
Computer Use		
Computer Sessions	29,329	31,699
<i>Average 512 distinct users monthly + 81 guest users monthly.</i>		
Meeting Room Use		
Total Events	850	955
Total Attendance	15,094	15,977
<i>Adult Senior Education provided by GRMC and the CEC is highly valued by the community.</i>		
Programming		
Library Events Offered	375	442
Library Program Attendance	7,412	8,043

Volunteers

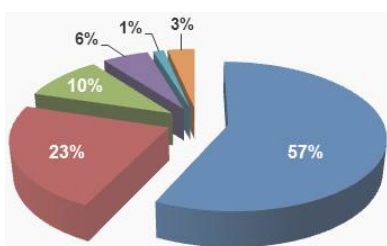
An average of 26 generous individuals provide an average of 195 hours of volunteer service every month.

Library Income



City of Grinnell	- \$492,524
Donations	- \$32,711
County	- \$14,459
Fines, misc	- \$13,704
Grants	- \$9,390
State	- \$7,787
Contracting Cities	- \$1,558
Interest	- \$214

Library Expenditures



Salaries and Training	- \$318,645
Collections and Databases	- \$55,337
Building	- \$127,304
Computer	- \$31,590
Programming	- \$7,292
Other	- \$18,621