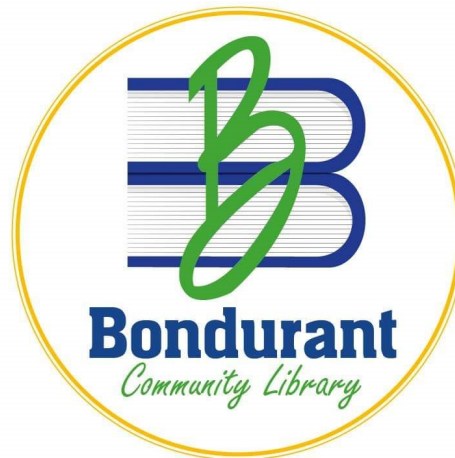


BONDURANT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020



The Bondurant Community Library currently has 5,011 registered users. This has increased from last year at 4,125.

3,055 are residents of Bondurant, 807 are rural Polk County residents, 577 are student digital access library cards, and 576 are residents of other Iowa communities.

The Bondurant Community Library holds 23,845 physical copies of books, DVD's, audios, and magazines for all ages. A 10.7% increase from the previous year. Library patrons also have access to 87,757 downloadable audio and e-books, which makes a total of 111,602 items available for patrons to use. While the physical collection rose slightly, the digital collection grew by 17%.

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TOTAL CIRCULATION OF
ALL PHYSICAL
MATERIALS FOR THE
YEAR 2019-2020 WAS
43,281. A 3%
DECREASE FROM
PREVIOUS YEAR. DUE TO
COVID THE LIBRARY
OPERATED UNDER
REDUCE CAPACITY
FOR FOUR MONTHS .



A transportation
Story Time featured a
tour of a DART bus.

THE CIRCULATION STORY

Library Staff checked out 13,648 physical items to children, 8,016 items to young adults and 6,000 items to adults. 5,549 DVD's were checked out, as well as 841 audio books. 538 magazines were circulated. .

The majority of the 2019/2020 year in-person Story Times were held. This Story Time featured monsters.

VISTORS TO THE LIBRARY

The Bondurant Community Library had 25,581 visitors—a 39% decrease from the previous year and an average of 3,198 people per month for the 8 months the Library was completely open. The amount of visitors to the Library was trending to be a 7% increase if the Pandemic had not occurred.

Total number of in-person library programs for children 281 with 6,151 attending, for young adults 2 with 25 attending, for adults, families 100 with 790 attending. Total number of virtual programs offered during COVID for children 52 with 347 viewings, for young adults 0, for adults and families 13 with 122 viewings. Recordings of program content offered for children 12 with 56 viewings, for young adult 0, for adults and families 13 with 1,154 viewings.

GRANT AND DONATIONS

The Library and The Library Foundation received grants & donations from various organizations and businesses this past year to help defray costs for the Summer Reading Program. Those funds were used to move the program from an in-person program to on-line. Performers already contracted provided virtual options for families to view from the safety of their homes.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2020

The Library offered a virtual program this summer. 168 children, young adults and adults registered. Of those participating 99,979 minutes were recorded as read throughout the summer. Only one program was held in person and that was a Nerf Gun War that was held at City Park on July 25th.

ADVENTURE PASS PROGRAM

The Bondurant Community Library continues to have strong participation in the Adventure Pass Program. This program allows Bondurant patrons to checkout a pass for two adults and two children to local area venues every 365 days. Those venues include The Science Center of Iowa, Blank Park Zoo, and Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden. All free of charge. This program is a collaborative effort of Iowa Libraries across the State.



ON-LINE USAGE @ THE LIBRARY

e-Books, Downloadable audio books, eMagazines, Databases, Downloadable music, On-line Children's Books, and streaming video/movies.

The Bondurant Community Library participates in a downloadable audio and eBook consortium called Bridges. This eBook and audio book buying consortium for Iowa public libraries is a very affordable way for libraries to provide a much demanded service to our patrons. The consortium allows patrons of the Bondurant Library access to over 72,000 titles. Bridges is a resource that is easy to use and has consistently added more titles each year for our patrons. It is available 24/7 and is compatible with all devices. 7,336 items were downloaded to devices this year, an Increase of 29%.

Other databases the Library offers Bondurant patrons include:

Hoopla-downloadable music. Hoopla has more to offer with no waiting. In addition to music Hoopla also offers eBooks, downloadable audio, eComics, and streaming movies and TV programs. No reserves needed with Hoopla. The Library had 1,536 checkouts with this service in the past year, a 56% increase this past year.

Gale/Credo & Transparent Languages - These new databases have replaced the EBSCO databases for research based information that life long learners and students will find valuable.

Brain Fuse— Brainfuse is the online resource provider for career services, test prep, software tutorials, and Veteran resources for Iowa public and academic libraries.

RB Dital (Zinio)—The world's largest newsstand, on--line magazines, Provided through a metro area library consortium.

Tumble Books— Animated, talking picture books with fiction, non-fiction and foreign language titles, and read-along.

Computer Usage

3,118 people used the library computer system for web searching, word processing, printing and much more. Many library patrons comment that they are glad to be able to print documents at the library rather than maintain a printer at home. This is a 6% increase from the previous year. New this year is the option for our patrons to utilize Mobile Printing. This lets them email items for printing or utilize the library's printing portal on the website. There were also 8,118 wireless users connected from July 2019 to February 2020. Many who come to the library to use the computers do not have internet connectivity at home and need a place to print and take care of their on-line needs. Many times this includes submitting job applications, as many employers only accept on-line job applications. During COVID the Library has been sensitive to patrons computer usage needs. Except for a very short timeframe even if the Library building was closed appointment have been made with patron for individual computer usage, then disinfecting of the area once the patron leaves the building.

HOTSPOTS AND TABLET USAGE— The Library currently has 155 hotspots available for checkout. The Library has increased the number of hotspots offered by 76% this past year. The hotspots have been instrumental for new residents that are having to wait many weeks for Internet connectivity to be installed at home, for students that now have Chrome Books through the school but no Internet at home, and for our rural residents where there is no or limited Internet service available. Library patrons used the hotspots 902 times this past year, an increase of 50% from the previous year.

The Library currently has 18 tablets for patron usage. 6 were purchased with a Polk County Betterment Grant that was applied for at the beginning of COVID. The balance were purchased with Direct State Aid monies that are received annually from the State of Iowa. Circulation on these tablets has been important to students that are in grades K-3rd as these grades are not issued Chrome Books from the school.

Bondurant Community Library

Mission Statement

The Bondurant Community Library seeks to be an Integral part of its community by providing the residents of the community and surrounding area with a wide variety of popular and educational materials, programs, resources, and services that facilitate their day-to-day lives and extend their personal and intellectual development. The library supports lifelong learning, early literacy development, cultural recreational activities, and the technology and information needs of the people it serves. The Bondurant Community Library seeks to build knowledge, understanding, appreciation, and wisdom in a welcoming environment.

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REACHING THE COMMUNITY

Over the years the Bondurant Community Library has developed strong and important ties with local organizations and our youth.

The Library currently provides early literacy programs to local daycare providers such as Bloom, Bird's Nest, and in-home daycare providers year round, with a concentrated effort during the summer months when the Summer Reading Program is at it's height. Outreach during the school year to local preschool facilities include: Bondurant Christian Preschool, Bluejay Beginnings, and Developmental Kindergarten classes that include monthly activities with an early literacy base. From July 2019 till March 2020 librarians reached 1,812 children. Getting children excited about reading is what our librarians love to do. Librarians increased virtual connections with our outreach partners at the onslaught of COVID, providing virtual story times, book discussions and other activities.

The Library also continues to provide services to Courtyard Estates. Adult Services Librarian Michell takes materials and programming to the residents once a month. And, in addition, Librarian Margaret provides outreach to the Memory Care residents, with musical programming twice a month. These stories and songs have been very successful, and enjoyed by the residents.

Total Programming Attendance, for all ages, included 7,435 patrons. Library staff planned and executed programming throughout the year that included SHIP Iowa (senior health insurance), book discussions, story times, early out after school programs, Wii for teens, crafting programs for adults & children, Coloring at the Rails, Snap Circuits, virtual reality program, adult low impact exercise classes (Geri Fit) are just a few.

COVID Response— March 17 Library staff closed the building upon recommendations from the State. Curbside and home delivery were implemented, as well as sanitizing practices. All Library programming was moved to virtual and some staff began working from home. The City applied for a Polk Co. Community Development grant and received 38 hotspots and 6 tablets to loan to families without devices or Internet capabilities. Library staff began collaborating with school staff to distribute school hotspots to students without Internet capabilities. April 7 through April 23 Library building was completely closed. Although the building was closed Director Sanders worked a limited schedule to answer patrons phone questions, while the balance of the staff worked from home. April 23 staff began taking appointments for patrons to enter the building on a limited basis. At this time Mobile Printing and on-line library card applications were implemented. July 6th the Library building opened completely for normal services. Disinfecting procedures, social distancing of computers and seating was implemented as well as sneeze guards installed.