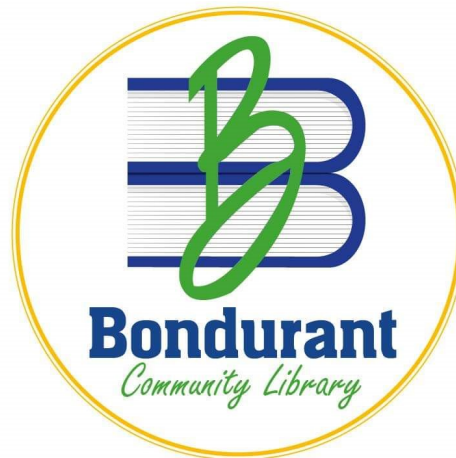


BONDURANT COMMUNITY LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021



The Bondurant Community Library currently has 5,288 registered users. This has increased from last year at 5,011.

3,264 are residents of Bondurant, 840 are rural Polk County residents, 577 are student digital access library cards, and 606 are residents of other Iowa communities.

The Bondurant Community Library holds 25,524 physical copies of books, DVD's, audios, and magazines for all ages—a 6.6% increase from the previous year. Library patrons also have access to 89,611 downloadable audio and e-books, which makes a total of 115,135 items available for patrons to use. While the physical collection rose slightly, the digital collection grew by 2.07%.

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TOTAL CIRCULATION OF
ALL PHYSICAL
MATERIALS FOR THE
YEAR 2020-2021 WAS
33,615— A 5%
DECREASE FROM
PREVIOUS YEAR. THIS
PAST YEAR THE
LIBRARY STILL WAS
FEELING THE EFFECTS
OF COVID AND
CONSTRUCTION OF
THE BUILDING.



EXPANDED AND
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BONDURANT
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

COMPLETION FALL

2021



THE CIRCULATION STORY

Library Staff checked out 11,518 physical items to children, 9,042 items to young adults and 6,000 items to adults. 3,436 DVD's were checked out, as well as 709 audio books. 506 magazines were circulated. .

Miss Margaret did many outdoor Story Times this Summer at City Park. Everyone enjoyed the programs.

VISTORS TO THE LIBRARY

The Bondurant Community Library had 15,929 visitors. The amount of visitors to the Library was still feeling the effects of COVID restrictions and the accessibility of the Library. Staff made considerable efforts to remain open during construction, the plain hard truth was it was just more difficult to get to the building during this time period.

Total number of in-person library programs for children 29 with 891 attending, for young adults 5 with 5 attending, for adults, families 0. Total number of virtual programs offered during COVID for children 218 with 1036 viewing, for young adults 10 with 47 viewing, for adults and families 72 with 301 viewings. Recordings of program content offered for children 139 with 197 viewings, for young adult 8 with 117 viewings, for adults and families 9 with 240 viewings. While in person programming was still kept to a minimum, programming that was offered virtually had good participation.

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 provide a combination of in-person programming that was held at City Park. This was done to be aware of COVID restrictions and due to the construction that was underway at the Library.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2021

The Library offered a combination virtual and in-person summer program this year. 409 children, young adults and adults registered. Of those participating 36,162 minutes were recorded as read throughout the summer. 34 programs were offered to all ages, as well as 12 different grab & go kits for families to take home.

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, Reiman Gardens, Brenton Skating Plaza, Des Moines Children's Museum. 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 88,482 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. 5,946 items were downloaded to devices this year, an increase of 5.4%.

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 2,316 checkouts with this service in the past year, a 34% increase this past year.

Gale/Credo & Transparent Languages - These databases that are provided with support from the State Library had 162 searches.

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 Digital (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

1,550 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. 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 4,915 wireless users connected. 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, appointments 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 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 1,175 times this past year, an increase of 30% 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.

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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, Generation Next, 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. Unfortunately these outreaches had to be suspended this past year. Library staff looks forward to reinstating this outreach in FY 2022. 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.

Total Programming Attendance, for all ages, included 2,280 patrons. Library staff planned and executed programming throughout the year that included book discussions, story times, early out after school programs, Wii for teens, crafting programs for adults & children, Coloring at the Rails(to go kits), Snap Circuits, virtual reality program, adult low impact exercise classes (Geri Fit) are just a few.

COVID Response— March 17, 2020 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. Many of the COVID practices implemented in early 2020 are still in practice. Hotspots and Tablets continue to be vital to students and families alike. July 6th the Library building opened completely for normal services. Summer Reading Program 2021 began the process of reinstating in-person programming. These programs were held at City Park and were very well attended.