

Waverly Public Library

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Dear Mayor Infelt and Council Members,

As the 2016-17 fiscal year came to a close, we look back on a very productive year and a very exciting summer! The road project on Bremer Avenue in front of the Library did not dampen the 2017 summer reading program attendance. In fact, during the months of June, July, and August, the Library saw 1700 more people than during that same time period in 2016. People found their way to the Library!

In August we made an important move with our computer network & our servers. The SirsiDynix ILS (integrated library system) that houses all of the data for each item in the collection as well as our patron data, was moved to a SirsiDynix server farm, so we now have remote access to our server which is under the care of professionals who will handle all the upgrades. This will save us the capital costs of replacing the server every 6-8 years and will also free our technology staff up to work on the many demands of providing public internet access and digital resources.

A shift in staffing took place in 2016-17 which helps the library run more efficiently. Instead of filling an open position for a part-time librarian, we were able to find a budget-neutral way of hiring four circulation clerks to help at the circulation desk, freeing up the other librarians to step away from the desk to help patrons. This has turned out to be a very positive move. One of our part-time librarians is now in her first semester of library school, which will add to the three librarians currently on staff who hold the Masters of Library & Information Science degree. We feel fortunate to have this level of expertise on staff. The energy of the entire staff has helped to grow some wonderful programs for adults and children at the Library.

Two new library board members filled vacancies in 2016-17, Erin Jones and Andrew Kahler. Both have great insight to contribute to our board. In the name of continuous improvement our library board recently conducted a self-evaluation of the board and is now pursuing a board goal of learning more about innovative libraries and how the future of public libraries is taking shape.

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With special attention to the Every Child Ready to Read initiative, we made efforts to extend our outreach and to get the word out through advertising at the Waverly Palace Theater, with Direct State Aid funding. Our message to parents and caregivers is to talk to your pre-schooler constantly – sing to them, read to them, play with them. It is so important to their success in kindergarten, when they have a “bucketful” of words and experiences to take with them as they learn to read. The Library’s involvement with the Bremer County Community Partners has offered us new opportunities to be involved with different groups of children in the community, perhaps children who don’t often visit the library.

The Waverly Public Library Foundation and private donors made it possible to rebuild the water feature in the Library gardens at the end of the summer in 2016. Since then a memorial bench has been added by another private donor, and this space continues to grow as place of solace and learning for the whole community.

The highlight of the summer of 2017 may have been the solar eclipse in August. Over two hundred people showed up at the Library to watch the eclipse unfold. It was a once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity, and a great end to a monumental year!

Sincerely,

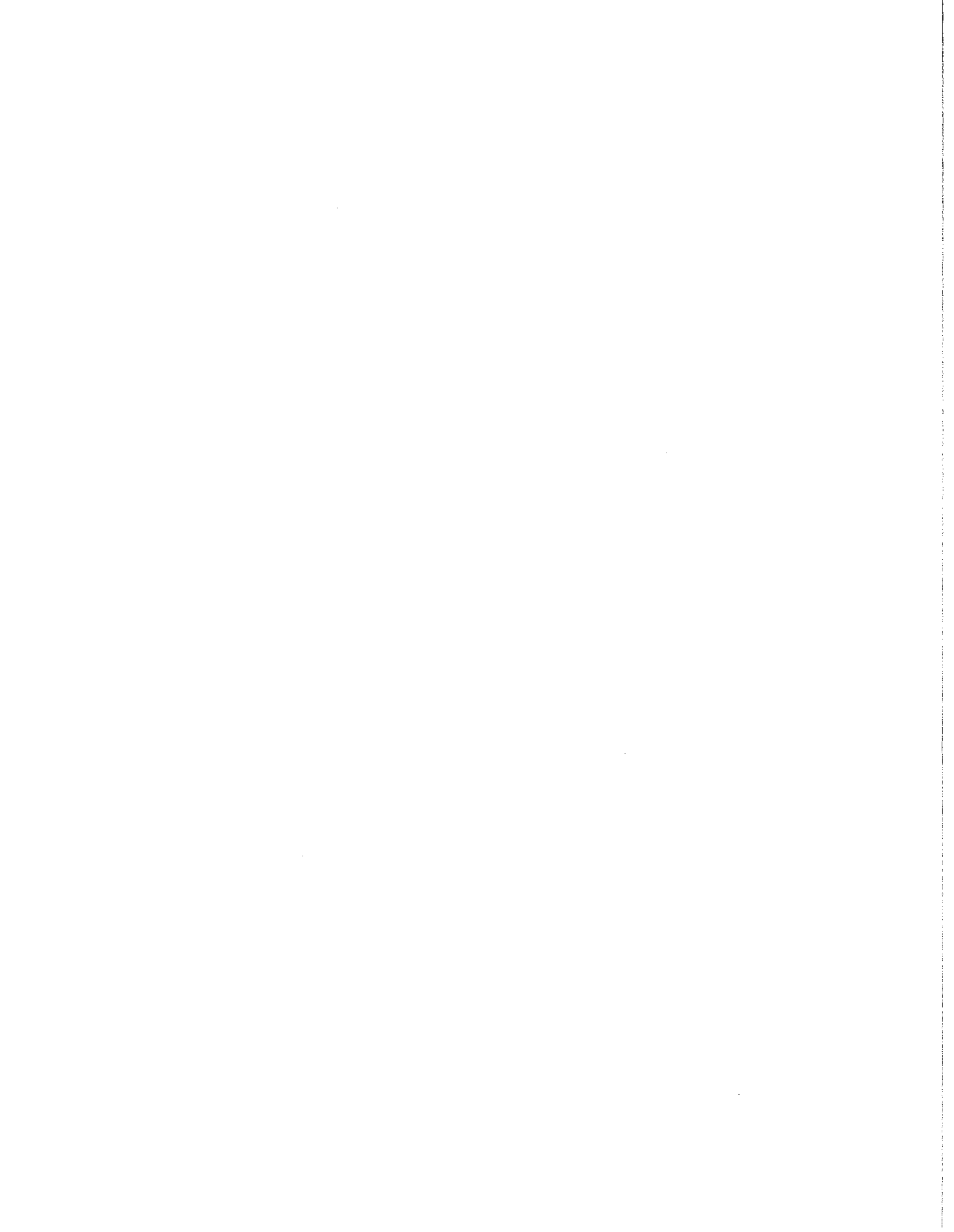
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2016 Iowa Public Library General Information Survey -- submitted to The State Library of Iowa (excerpt)												
WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
current total borrower registration						15,472	15,830	17,197	16,987	17,814	18,804	19,814
# library visits annually	115,621	131,974	141,889	156,188	153,641	155,661	156,883	160,849	137,209	126,115	137,445	142,380
annual meeting room use	884	1,313	1,664	1,796	1,569	1,620	2,066	2,103	1,514	1,862	2,392	2,259
# of wireless internet users							11,899	14,093	15,520	18,632	24,056	25,748
total # library programs for children	521	549	500	503	594	565	576	633	609	661	690	769
total # people att prog for children	15,483	15,917	15,802	17,578	19,549	19,440	21,760	24,621	24,604	26,256	27,726	29,858
total # people att prog for young adults	535	729	594	1,334	822	905	830	1,079	1,061	938	1,693	1,918
Circulation of virtual collection (downloadables)							3,160	3,646	4,619	6,030	9,058	7,033
Total electronic materials use											11,693	17,794
Circulation of adult books	59,590	67,560	65,846	65,759	70,145	58,761	64,345	50,562	43,248	53,967	54,826	51,762
Circulation of young adult books					7,523	8,022	5,412	9,481	9,805	9,662	10,767	9,276
Circulation of children's books	45,667	47,686	49,233	50,968	49,394	51,673	56,362	52,137	55,602	57,000	56,468	59,070
Circulation of video recordings	38,850	43,505	35,776	33,735	34,970	38,595	38,257	36,526	37,983	37,131	35,271	35,914
Circulation of audio recordings	6,669	6,025	5,600	4,770	4,209	4,121	4,460	3,981	4,113	3,696	4,173	4,676
Circulation of serials/magazines											2,918	2,897
Total circulation of physical items											164,766	163,975
Circulation to Waverly residents											114,290	113,652
Circulation to rural Bremer County											23,968	24,487
Paid Librarians FTE											7.28	6.75
FTE Librarians masters of library science											2.7	2.65
# Paid Librarians certified by State Library of Iowa											6	6
All other paid staff FTE											2.86	4.3
Total Paid Employees FTE											10.14	11.05





WPL Children's Summer Reading Program

2017 Recap

4th -
6th
Lunch
Book
Club



A big thank you to all the businesses and organizations that sponsored parts of the program and especially to the Friends of Waverly Public Library!



Retrieving Freedom!



Attendance for Events:

- Wednesday Programs = **1204**
- Read And Feed = **496**
- Story Times = **480**
- Toddler Times = **282**
- Retrieving Freedom = **117**
- Family Fun Nights = **542**
- Preschool Visits = **1266**
- Summer Feeding = **201**
- Book Club = **48**
- Full STEAM Ahead! = **297**

- **Total Attendance = 4,933**

Total Children Registered: 584



Big Equipment Bash!



Full STEAM Ahead!

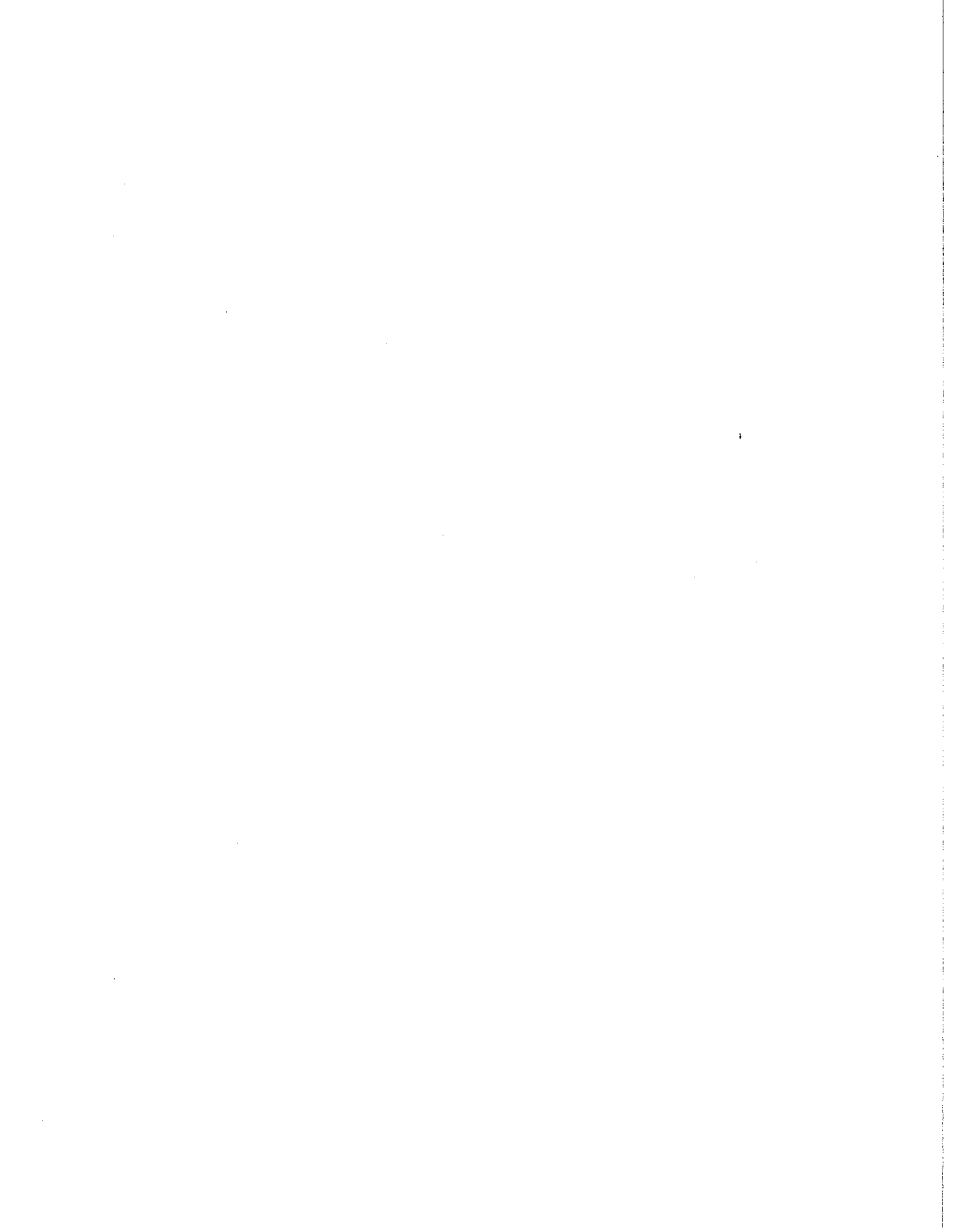
Grand Prize Winners:

- Kyrah Yanda (Birth -2)
- Kamille Thompson (Pre-K)
- Riley Duncan (K-4th)

BIKES

(Provided by Nancy Greenlee Memorial)





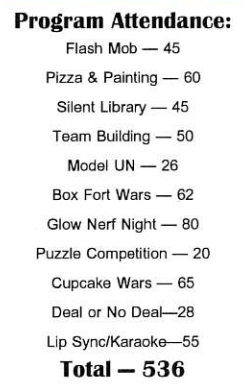


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Teen Summer Reading Program 2017

190 teens registered for the reading program!
(Up from 175 last year)



Network Nirvana (New Minecraft Program)

- 4-week series
- Average attendance = 30 teens/week
- Underwater City
- All on same server
- Team challenges



The teens read
868
BOOKS
this summer!



Grand Prize Winners:

- Ellie Neuendorf
- Andrew Cummer
- Tanner Nuss
- Nick Barber
- Isaiah Myrmo
- Kaitlyn Myrmo
- Mason Ellerbroek
- Will Potler
- Kiara Djourmessi
- Bella Feldhake



Program Attendance:

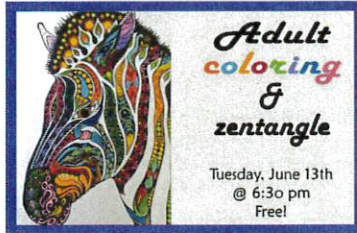
- Flash Mob — 45
- Pizza & Painting — 60
- Silent Library — 45
- Team Building — 50
- Model UN — 26
- Box Fort Wars — 62
- Glow Nerf Night — 80
- Puzzle Competition — 20
- Cupcake Wars — 65
- Deal or No Deal—28
- Lip Sync/Karaoke—55
- Total — 536**

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that help support the
Teen Summer Reading Program!



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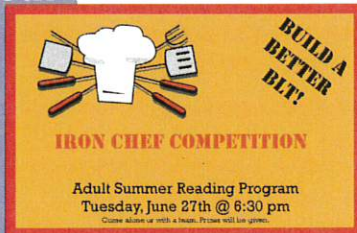
Adult Summer Reading Program 2017



112
adults registered for
the reading program
(Almost 2x as many as 2016!)

105
adults attended one of our
5 special programs

- Coloring & Zentangle — 10
- Trivia Night — 20
- Build a Better BLT — 13
- Puzzle Competition — 31
- BINGO! — 31



Grand Prize included:

- Library card due date scarf
- Portable USB charger
- Stainless steel travel mug
- Free night stay at Cobblestone Inn in Waverly
- Two tickets to a show at the Gallagher Bluedorn
- \$10.00 gift certificate to Renewed Purpose
- \$10.00 gift certificate to Wild Carrot
- \$25.00 MasterCard gift card from State Bank
- Two guest passes to the W
- Canvas tote bag



Grand Prize Winner:
Sigrid Brus

A BIG THANK YOU

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We could not do it without you!

