

Discover Connect Learn

2015 Annual Report



Drake Community Library
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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.

2015 has been another great year for DCL. We appreciate and enjoy collaborating with each of our community partners and individual library users to bring forth the best possible set of services we can provide. We listen and respond to community needs to achieve the best possible value from this wonderful facility.

2015 Highlights

Adult Programming

DCL recognizes Grinnell's curiosity and interest in local and regional history. "Iowa's Own Monuments Man: George Stout," sponsored and hosted by Friends of DCL drew a strong audience in February.

Tech Tuesdays, a series of basic computer classes, was started in June and continued throughout the summer, providing 24 people with new online skills.

Bookin' It at the Drake, a bimonthly book discussion group for adults is well into its second year of participation.

The **Poweshiek History Preservation Project** continues to generate great content for the digital archive maintained by DCL and Grinnell College Libraries. Connections through PHPP led to an incredible on-site interview with Edith Renfrow Smith, the first African American female graduate of Grinnell College. At 101 years of age, Edith amazed a packed audience.

The weekly **SE*ED** and **Bucket Courses** offered by Grinnell Regional Medical Center and the Community Education Council continue to be popular.

Children and Youth Services

DCL provides a safe, welcoming space for families and kids. The Youth Services staff members are committed to providing programs that engage kids at every developmental level. Weekly story and Saturday storytimes continue to be well attended. After-school programs in 2015 have included a book club, Lego club, and several interactive learning & multicultural programs presented by Grinnell College students. We were pleased to have Grinnell College Prize recipient Deborah Ahenkorah who presented a program about children's literature in Ghana. Our Teen Advisory Board meets regularly to plan and present programs for teens such as a collage art workshop led by local artist Mollie Osgood.

The **Summer Library Program** serves the needs of hundreds of area families with story times, book club, outreach to neighborhoods, peer mentoring, cooking class, and reading incentives. In 2015, kids enjoyed visits from Blank Park Zoo, juggler Jason Kollum, and a high-energy musical astronomy lesson from educator Dino O'Dell.

2015 Highlights, continued

Technology

A new online catalog interface brings greater searching capacity and creates better opportunities for our users to connect to the informational and recreational reading they seek. Integration of our e-book and e-audiobook collections is also incorporated into the new catalog, providing a convenient one-click download of materials.

Two new databases are now available to cardholders, courtesy of Friends of DCL: the Gale Virtual Reference Library and the Chilton Auto Repair Library.

Facility Improvement

Grants and private funding allowed for the installation of Compact Shelving in the archive as well as the completion of *Converging Landscapes*. The Prairie Jewel Dixieland Band played and root beer floats were served on the South Terrace to celebrate. Shelving was installed in the basement for storage purposes.

FY15 maintenance items included the replacement of a window in the Community Room and completion of the Humidity Control Project.

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)

By the Numbers

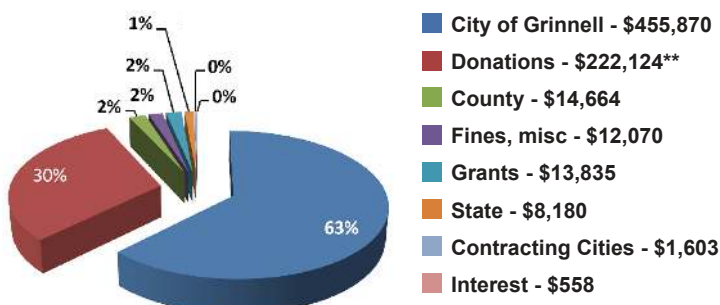
Statistics can only go so far in presenting the picture - you are invited to stop in anytime for answers to your questions and to share your suggestions for improvements to *your* library services!

	FY2015	FY2014	FY2013
Total Circulation	105,629	109,849	111,930
Books, Magazines	88,813	95,311	98,916
Audio, Video	8697	9,435	8,655
eResource Downloads	8119	5,103	4,359
Total Collection	108,012	101,835	90,981
Physical items added	4438	3,673	3,272
Downloadable items added (consortium-based)	72,890	10,435	3,434
Computer Use			
Computer Sessions	26,346	29,329	31,699
<i>Average 492 distinct users monthly + 114 guest users monthly.</i>			
Meeting Room Use			
Total Events	1024	850	955
Total Attendance	18,427	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	286	375	442
Library Program Attendance	7643	7,412	8,043

Volunteers

An average of 22 generous individuals provide an average of 194 hours of volunteer service every month.

Library Income



** Don Puls generously bequeathed \$169,000 to DCL in FY2015.

Library Expenditures

