

Discover Connect Learn

2017 Annual Report



Drake Community Library
930 Park Street
Grinnell, Iowa 50112
www.grinnell.lib.ia.us

Mission

Empowering the community through responsive services and programs, Drake Community Library will help all patrons access information, exchange ideas, and engage in lifelong learning and cultural enrichment.

~approved by the Board of Trustees, December 2017

Overview

Library services across the nation are evolving and adapting to the needs of their communities, and Drake Community Library is keeping pace as well. This year we reviewed and updated our strategic plan, placing more emphasis on Bridging the Digital Divide and Celebrating Diversity, while ensuring safe and comfortable spaces for our library visitors. Additionally, the 2018-2023 Plan continues to prioritize Engaging Readers and Learners of All Ages, and places high value on preserving physical and digital access to our Local History resources.

2017 Highlights

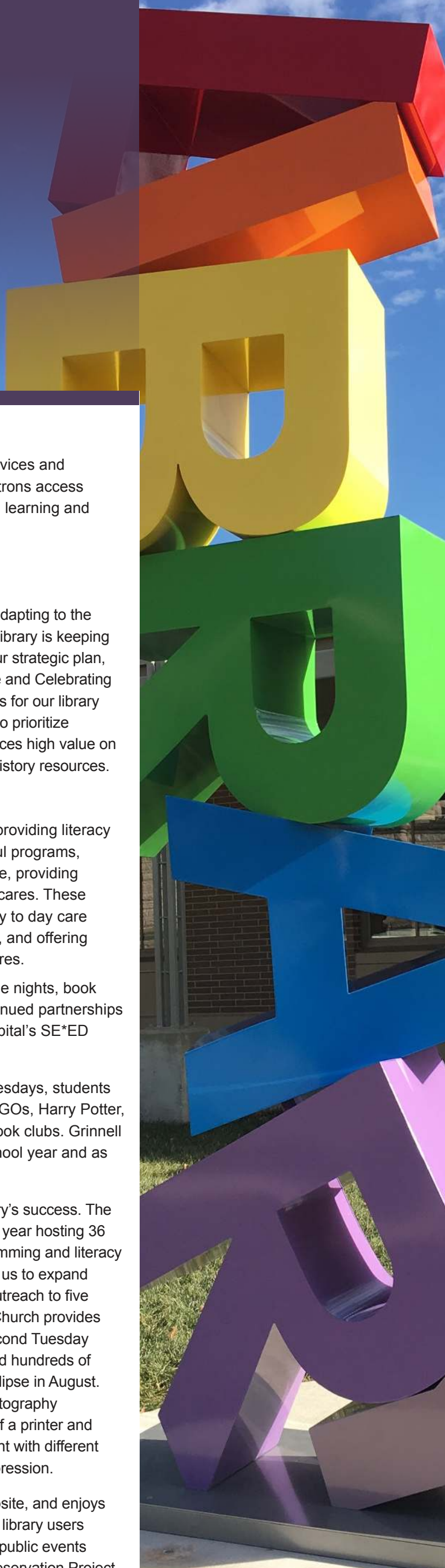
DCL continues to be a dynamic community space, providing literacy opportunities that include our collections, meaningful programs, meeting spaces, and family fun. The library is mobile, providing access to various neighborhoods and in-home day cares. These services include delivering baskets of books monthly to day care providers, providing story times for area preschools, and offering Summer Learning Is Cool for Kids (SLICK) Adventures.

Special services for adults come in the form of movie nights, book discussion events, and educational forums via continued partnerships with the Community Education Council and the hospital's SE*ED program.

After school is a busy time at the library! On Wednesdays, students are able to attend various programs that include LEGOs, Harry Potter, the Hunger Games and Star Wars and traditional book clubs. Grinnell College students facilitate Code Club during the school year and as part of the summer reading program.

Community collaborations are a vital part of the library's success. The Grinnell AmeriCorps Partnership had a great second year hosting 36 summer AmeriCorps members who provided programming and literacy activities to our community. These members allowed us to expand In Your Neighborhood into SLICK Adventures with outreach to five different sites each week. The Immanuel Lutheran Church provides free snacks for students in the Story Room every second Tuesday during the school year. A grant from Star Net provided hundreds of safe, free viewing glasses for the Great American Eclipse in August. Grinnell College provided a mini-grant for a teen photography program, "Into Focus", which allowed the purchase of a printer and other photography items. Teens learned to experiment with different photo techniques using photography as a way of expression.

DCL maintains a weekly e-newsletter and active website, and enjoys a strong Facebook following. These venues engage library users with electronic resources, on-site programming, and public events happening at the library. The Poweshiek History Preservation Project is a great example of the online community's sharing and researching its history through connections facilitated by Grinnell's library community. See www.grinnell.lib.ia.us to Discover, Connect, & Learn.



2017 Highlights, continued

Technology

2017 brought an upgrade to the library wireless network. The new hardware provides faster connection speeds and improved security. An integrated controller provides simplified management as well as usage statistics. 1000+ logins occur every month, indicating that the number of people accessing their own devices via the library wireless is nearly equal to the number of people accessing the Internet via the library's public computer workstations.

Another highlight of the year was the acquisition of four laptops for use in programming through a Grinnell College mini-grant. They are used regularly for after-school Code Club and are available for other programming uses as well.

Facility Improvement

2017 brought exciting changes to the Library neighborhood. The establishment of Hotel Grinnell has expanded the library's visibility and created opportunity for showcasing our services to Grinnell visitors. The completion of street renovations has improved accessibility and presentation of the library facility. The symbolic "Seed of Knowledge" sculpture by Stephanie Sailer was moved to the South Prairie to enhance the view from the terrace and entice library users into the prairie environment. A colorful LIBRARY sculpture, designed by local artist Ryan McGuire and manufactured by ASI Signs, was installed to further identify the LIBRARY as the place to be in Grinnell.

Population Served

Grinnell Residents	9,218
Poweshiek County Rural	5338 (by contract)
Kellogg.....	599 (by contract)
Malcom.....	286 (by contract)
Oakland Acres	156 (by contract)
Searsboro.....	148 (by contract)

How We Stack Up

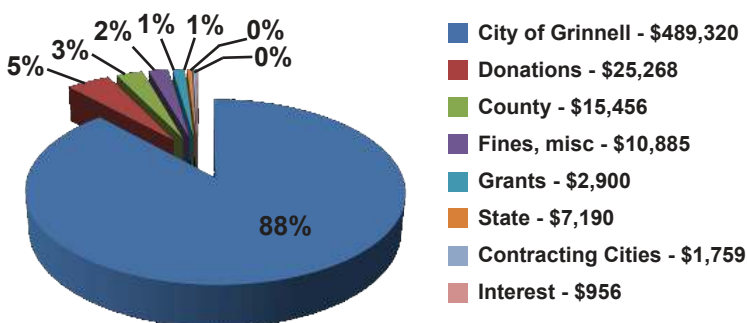
12,300 individuals hold library cards at DCL resulting in an average of 7,658 library visits per month. What do all those people **do** while at the library?? The numbers below give you a statistical glimpse of our library users in FY2017, but you really need to experience it for yourself!

	FY2017	FY2016	FY2015
Total Circulation	99,916	108,226	105,629
Books, Magazines	81,917	88,530	88,813
Audio, Video	8,741	9,202	8,697
eResource Downloads	9,258	10,494	8,119
Computer Use			
Computer Sessions	18,183	22,239	26,346
<i>Average 394 distinct users monthly + 119 guest users monthly.</i>			
Meeting Room Use			
Total Events	961	928	1024
Total Attendance	17,487	17,231	18,427
<i>Adult Senior Education provided by GRMC and the CEC is highly valued by the community.</i>			
Programming			
Library Events Offered	279	292	286
Library Program Attendance	6,772	6,050	7,643

Volunteers

An average of 22 generous individuals provide an average of 144 hours of volunteer service every month.

Library Income



Library Expenditures

