

Newton Public Library Annual Report to City Council 2014-2015

REVENUES

City appropriation	\$813,692	
Special library levy	\$116,439	
Revenue from County	\$55,566	
State Government funding	\$6,962	
Revenue from Contracting Cities (Lambs Grove, Reasnor)	\$5,373	
Donations & other income received	\$10,424	
Fines and/or fees received	\$23,760	
Total Operating support		\$1,032,216

EXPENDITURES

Total Staff Expenditures	\$747,221	
Total Collection Expenditures	\$83,770	
All Other Operating Expenditures (including building maintenance, heat, phone, lights, cooling, postage, data processing, equipment, and supplies)	\$200,720	
Total Operating expenditures		\$1,031,711

LIBRARY COLLECTION

Total number physical volumes held at start of year	77,614	
Total physical volumes added	5,569	
Total physical volumes withdrawn	6,266	
Total physical volumes held at end of year	76,917	
Total downloadable materials held at end of year	28,939	
Total physical and downloadable materials held at end of year		105,856

CIRCULATION of LIBRARY MATERIALS and BUILDING USAGE

Adult Books	47,485	
Young Adult Books	8,515	
Children's Books	32,803	
Video Recordings	16,371	
Audio Recordings	7,799	
Periodicals	1,707	
Virtual (downloadable) circulation	8,688	
Other items	1,130	
TOTAL CIRCULATION		124,871

ANNUAL INTERNET COMPUTER USE 12,382

Interlibrary Loan received from other libraries 630
 Interlibrary Loan provided to other libraries 1,243

Current total registered borrowers 15,431 (on June 30, 2015)
 Registration files last weeded June 29, 2015

Library visits	96,805
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Annual Meeting Room use	271
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PROGRAMMING

Total Number of Library Programs for Children	147
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Total Number of People Attending Library Programs for Children	5,588
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Total Number of Library Programs for Young Adults	3
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Total Number of People Attending Library Programs for Young Adults	92
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Total Number of Library Programs for Adults	87
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Total Number of People Attending Library Programs for Adults	1,246
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Number of Children Registered in FY2014 Summer Reading Program	584
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Number of Young Adults Registered in FY2014 Summer Reading Program	72
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Number of Adults Registered in FY2014 Summer Reading Program	61
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Director's Presentation to Newton City Council September 21, 2015

Thank you for allowing me to present this annual report on behalf of the Newton Public Library Board of Trustees.

The library building received some needed masonry maintenance and repair work this summer in order to preserve the integrity of the structure and to improve the appearance of the brick and stone façade. Last winter we experienced a roof leak in the director's office that resembled a waterfall, but a patch of caulk sealing several holes took care of it. That was the second time this particular area of the roof has leaked.

As for the numbers you have in front of you, they are comparable with the previous year's figures. I was pleased to see circulation increase by 8,627. Kudos to library staff members Phyllis Peter and Nicole Lindstrom who implemented several new strategies aimed at increasing circulation.

Using end of the year figures (June 30) after adding and withdrawing materials, the library has **105,856** items to circulate to readers. This includes downloadable audio and e-books that have been added to our catalog of circulating material. It does not include the downloadable music available through the library's subscription to Freegal. I have also included for you some additional statistics I thought you might find interesting.

The library is a WiFi hotspot, and residents increasingly bring their laptops and smaller devices to the library and work at any of the study carrels or tables located throughout the library. Reference questions are increasingly about coping with the technology changes in our readers' daily lives and about how to use various devices. Essentially, the library is the city's technology center for the public.

Programming is an essential component of the library's educational mission for all ages at the library. Continuing partnerships with DMACC, the Goodwill Career Connection Center, The Arts Connection, Centre for Arts and Artists, South Skunk Blues Society, Newton Alumni Association, Iowa Public Television, Jasper County Farm Bureau, Newton Community Schools, and the Jasper County Conservation Center have enabled us to enhance learning opportunities through library programs, beyond library walls, and with the expertise available within the community.

Ongoing monthly programs for adults including game nights and 2 book clubs continue to be popular. Also scattered throughout the year were author visits, musical programs, speaker programs about various topics, and craft learning sessions. One-on-one tech time is available daily on a call-ahead basis. Conversely, the homebound program offers readers who cannot get to the library the opportunity to checkout materials.

Weekly children's story times for preschoolers and toddlers continue to be popular, and monthly visits to preschool, Head Start, and day cares take the library to children outside of the building. Two AWE early literacy computer stations are popular with preschoolers as are the puzzles and puppets available for imaginative play in the library.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the community for all of the backing given to the library for materials, activities, and programs that promote reading and lifelong learning. Because of your generosity, all library programs are free and open to the public.

The Friends of the Library is a mainstay organization of the library. Last year the Friends provided funds for books, media bins, meeting room improvements, speakers for programs, promotional materials like Book Page, newborn books and bags, summer reading events, and transportation for 1st graders to tour the library, all totaling \$16,235. The Friends also sponsored the library in an application for a grant from the Jasper Community Foundation which was used to purchase one of the AWE stations for preschoolers and a charging station located in the teen area. In addition, many Friends of the Library volunteers gave of their time and energy to make sure library events were a success.

The Newton Public Library Foundation continues to play a vital role in funding public library extraordinary requests that reach beyond budget allowance. In 2014-2015 the Foundation provided \$16,308 of funding for library programs and reading promotion, new exterior trash cans, window coverings for the library service area, and browsing book bins for the children's library.

Numerous individuals, businesses, and organizations in the community also provided time, monetary, or merchandise donations in support of library projects and programs. On behalf of the library board and staff, I wholeheartedly thank all of those who have supported the library this past year.

This is my last annual report presentation. The library board has accepted my letter of retirement. My last day will be Saturday, January 2, 2016. It has been an honor and a privilege to work at the Newton Public Library these past 14 years, but it is time that I step down from the director's position so that new leadership can guide the library with fresh ideas through the evolving landscape of library services. The library board of trustees with whom I have worked are enthusiastically dedicated and steadfastly committed to providing Newton with library services that meet the needs of the community. I thank them for their hard work and time they have devoted to governing the library and providing strong support for the library staff and me. Along with the library board, I also thank you, Mayor Hansen, Council members, and Newton residents, for the continued trust and support you have given the library and me throughout my tenure.

The statistics and the text of this presentation can be found on the library's website - www.newton.lib.ia.us. Thank you for your time, your attention, and your continued support of the Newton Public Library's mission for Newton and Jasper County.

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