

WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 73 years of library service to the West Point and Lee County community.

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - 11am-6pm
Tuesday - 11am-6pm
Wednesday - 11am-6pm
Thursday - 11am-6pm
Friday - 11am-6pm
Saturday - 9am-2pm
Sunday - Closed

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SERVICES

- Public Access Computers & Free Wi-Fi
- Hot Spots
- Reader's Advisory Services
- BRIDGES Downloadable Books
- AWE Early Literacy Computer
- Foundation Directory Online
- Ancestry Database
- Brainfuse JobNow/VetNow
- Brainfuse HelpNow
- Interlibrary Loan Services
- Preschool Story Times
- Special Guest Speakers
- GeriFit Senior Exercise Program
- Senior Programs
- Weekly Mahjong
- Monthly Book Club
- Early Out Wednesday Programs
- Summer Reading Programs
- Conference Room meeting space
- Genealogy Room
- Notary

FY23 STATISTICS

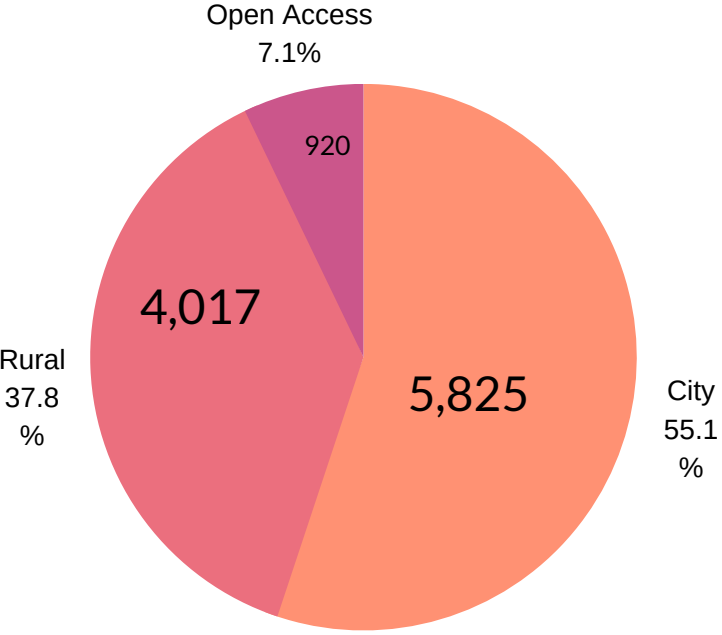
The library continues to be a vital resource for our community. From public computers and free internet, children's programs, reference services, and a variety of reading choices for all ages, we are happy to serve our patrons and community. Below are the FY23 statistics as taken from the West Point Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.



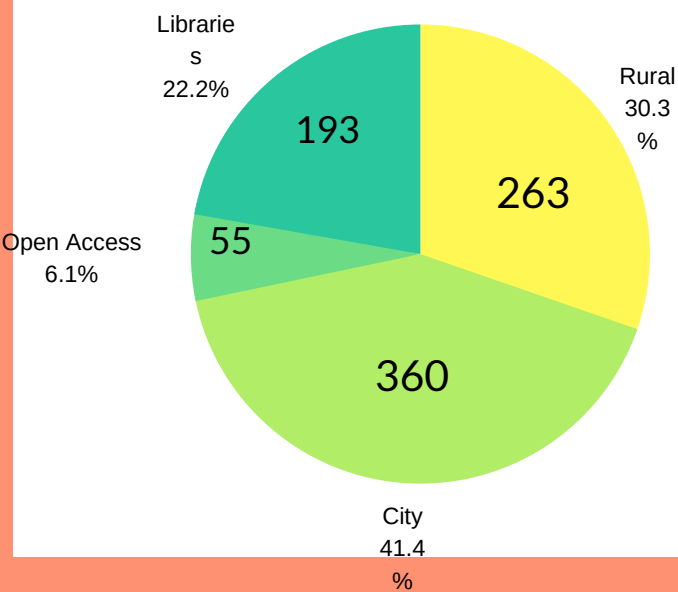
WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 14, 597 visitors to the library, an increase of 17% from the previous year! Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

2022-23 ANNUAL CIRCULATION

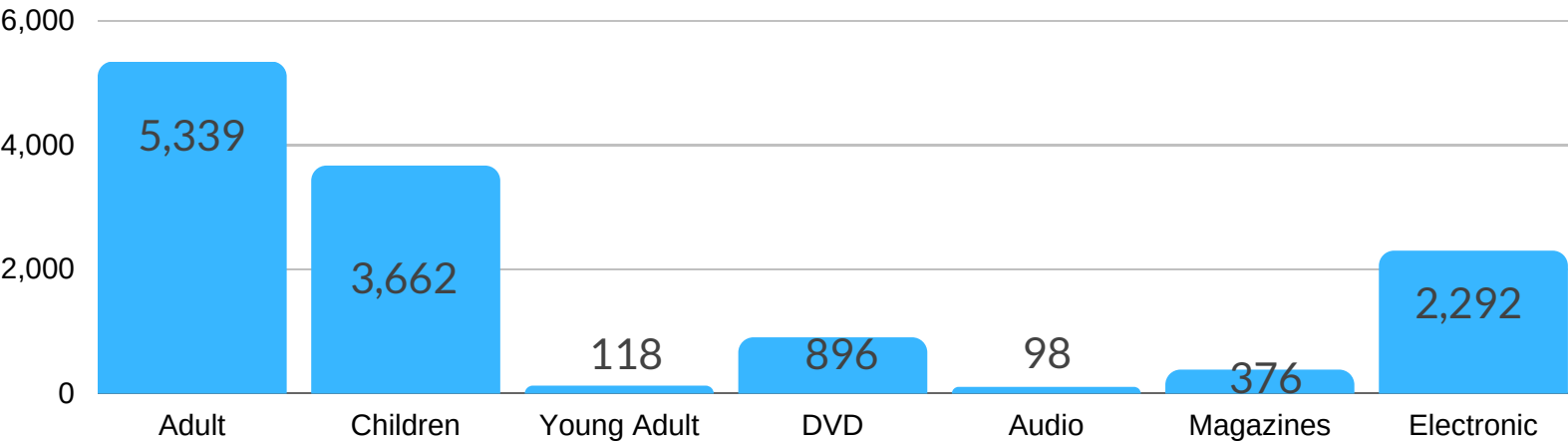


LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



*Open Access: Patrons who do not live in West Point, St. Paul, Houghton or Rural Lee County.
This includes cardholders from other towns in Lee County (Ft. Madison, Donnellson, etc.)

CIRCULATION BY ITEM TYPE



FY23 ACHIEVEMENTS

Highlighting the top five achievements of the West Point Public Library over the past year. We've been on a roll implementing new services and updating library spaces.

1

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Patrons were able to "Find Your Voice" at the library this summer with variety of fun, entertaining programs, including the Mega Foam Blaster Cannon, Sheltered Reality, and Mikyala Oz, Magician. In addition, we continued our Story Walk around the square. Kids enjoyed the Library Bingo Treasure Hunt, while adults got creative with a painting party!

2

GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES

Our three year glass negative project was completed! The negatives were scanned, a spreadsheet created, storage purchased, and pictures printed. All 320 images have been uploaded to the Iowa Heritage Digital Collection website. The link can be found on the library's website. An open house was held over the summer.

3

ACCREDITATION

The library completed the necessary paperwork to renew Tier 3 status and maintain state accreditation. The library works hard on meeting the standards as set forth by the state in all areas of operation. The library is accredited through June 30, 2026.

4

TECHNOLOGY

A new desktop computer and software was purchased for public use to replace an older model. The security camera system was updated to include a new network video recorder and two new cameras.

5

CARL J. JOHNSTON GENEALOGY ROOM

To show our appreciation of all the time Carl Johnston has dedicated to our library and museum, the West Point Library Board of Trustees, decided to honor him by naming our genealogy room after him. Brian Schmitz of Schmitz Funeral Home donated the beautiful, engraved granite plaque.



LOOKING FORWARD

Each year, the library board and staff plan for new and improved services for our community. Below are three of the our top priorities to get started on in FY23.

1

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

Our computer switch, original to when the building was built in 2004, is in need of an upgrade. Drake Hardware and Software will evaluate our current equipment and provide us with recommendations going forward.

2

TITANIC EXHIBIT

The library will be hosting a Titanic Exhibit on loan from the Burlington Public Library's Vacation Through Time Program. Patrons will Get an exclusive tour, historical facts about the destination, and enjoy interactive exhibits.

3

WEEDING PROJECT

An ongoing goal in our library is to continually weed our collection. Weeding is a vital process for an active collection as it ensures the collection stays current, relevant, and in good condition. Following weeding, an inventory of all materials is planned.

WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS!

And thank-you's! Our library would not be the wonderful community resource that it is without the support of our local governments, residents, businesses, and organizations. We thank you for your continued support of our worthwhile mission, ensuring access to resources for all.

