

# WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 74 years of library service to the West Point and Lee County community.

## LIBRARY BOARD

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Dara Sanders, Library Director  
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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
- Cricut
- Reader's Advisory Services
- Libby Downloadable eBooks/audio books
- Hoopla
- AWE Early Literacy Computer
- Ancestry Library Edition
- Mometrix eLibrary
- Interlibrary Loan Services
- Preschool Story Times
- Special Guest Speakers
- GeriFit Senior Exercise Program
- Senior Programs
- Weekly Mahjong/Bridge
- Monthly Book Club
- No School BINGO
- Summer Reading Programs
- Conference Room meeting space
- Genealogy Room
- Notary
- Air Printing/Fax
- Lamination

# FY25 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 FY25 statistics as taken from the West Point Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.

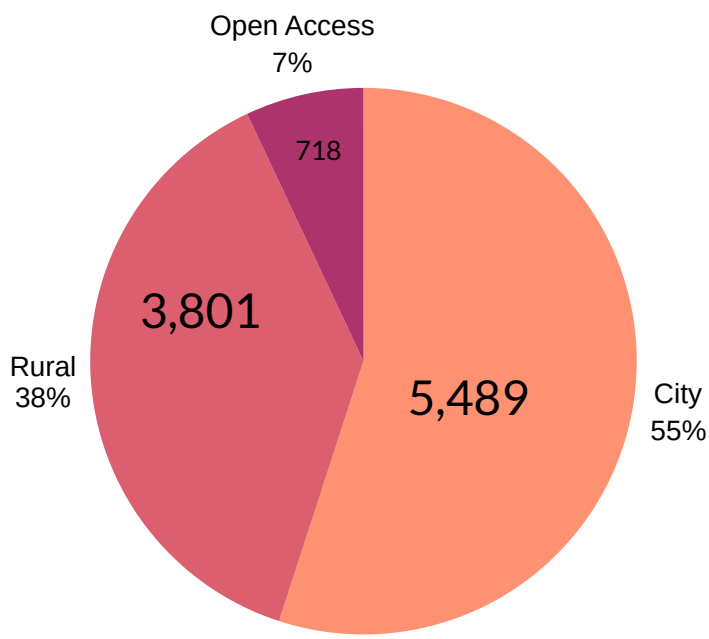
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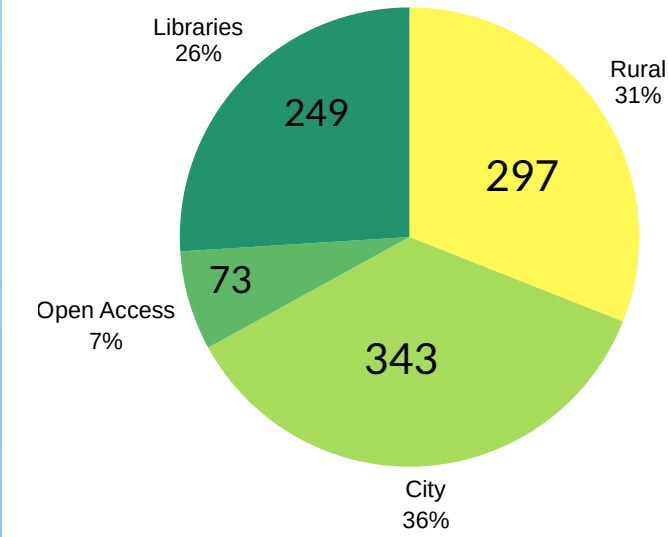
# WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 14, 946 visitors to the library. Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

## 2024-25 ANNUAL CIRCULATION

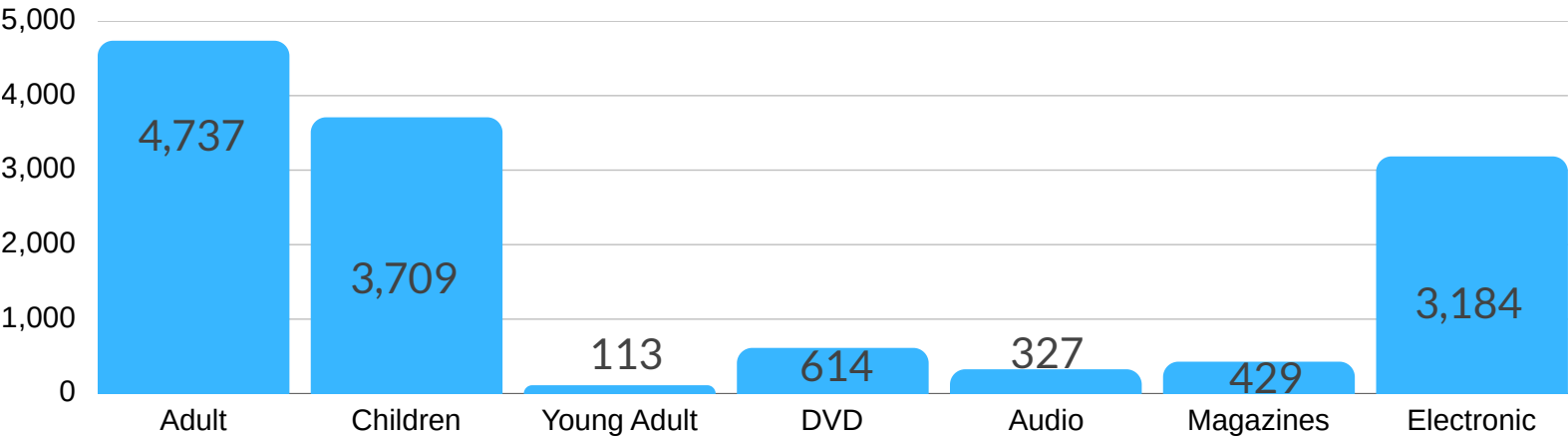


## LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



\*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



# FY25 ACHIEVEMENTS

Highlighting the top five achievements of the West Point Public Library over the past year. We've been on a roll implementing new programs, updating technology, and improving our library collection.

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## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Patrons were able to “Level Up at Your Library” this summer with a variety of fun, entertaining programs, including the Mega Foam Blaster, Bubble Stations, The Snakeman, Mikayla Oz magician, Sheltered Reality, and the Dealt Hand. In addition, we continued our Story Walk around the square. Kids enjoyed the Library Scavenger Hunt, while all adults participated in Puzzle Mania, a group puzzle competition.

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## EMAIL UPGRADE

The State sponsored library email ended in May of 2024. With the help of Drake Hardware and Software, the library moved to 360 Microsoft Outlook email for all staff. This email is easier to use, consistent across platforms, and more reliable.

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## BROWNSTONE BOOK FUND

Our library was selected as a recipient of the Brownstone Book Fund gift. As part of being chosen our library received 100 free children's books to encourage a love of books and literacy. These books are a mix of picture books, board books, easy readers, and children's non fiction titles.

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## SENIOR PROGRAMS

Our library offers numerous programs targeting older adults in our community. These programs include Geri-Fit, Senior Crafternoon, 3 on 3 BINGO in conjunction with St. Mary's, Mahjong, and Book Club. All programs are well attended!

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## WEEDING

Over the past year our adult fiction/non fiction, young adult, juvenile fiction/nonfiction, and children's sections were weeded. Weeding is a vital process for an active collection as it ensures the collection stays current, relevant, and in good condition.



# 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 FY26.

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## TECHNOLOGY

Due to ongoing issues with our phone lines, our Per Mar monitoring system of both our burglary and fire systems will be upgraded to a cellular communicator.

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## FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The library will be updating our Five Year Strategic Plan. This is a document that helps guide the library in making decisions that are in the best interests of the community and the most effective use of library resources now and in the future. The plan is also a requirement to maintain our accreditation that occurs every three years.

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## INVENTORY

An inventory of all materials is planned. This ensures an accurate collection record, improves catalog integrity and patron experience, helps identify and manage materials, and provides opportunities for shelf management and collection analysis.



# 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.

