

WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 71 years of library service to the West Point and Lee County community.

LIBRARY BOARD

Carl Johnston, President
Mary Link, Vice President
Pat Krogmeier, Secretary
Suzanne Menke, Trustee
Melinda Robey, Trustee
Vicky Lundebry, Trustee
Bob Winnike, Trustee

LIBRARY STAFF

Dara Sanders, Library Director
Becky Sanders, Library Assistant
Ronda O'Keefe, Library Assistant

LIBRARY HOURS

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

FIND US

In Person:
317 5th Street
West Point, IA 52656

Online:
www.westpoint.lib.ia.us

CONTACT US

Phone: 319-837-6315
Fax: 319-837-6250
Email: dsanders@westpoint.lib.ia.us

SERVICES

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



FY21 STATISTICS

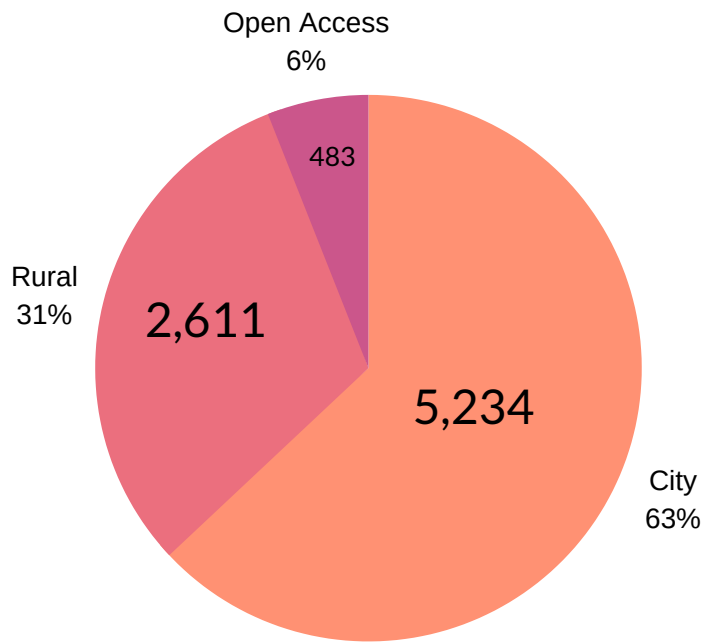
The library continues to be a vital resource for our community. From public computers and free internet, children's programs, reference services, and a variety of reading choices for all ages, we are happy to serve our patrons and community. Below are the FY21 statistics as taken from the West Point Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.



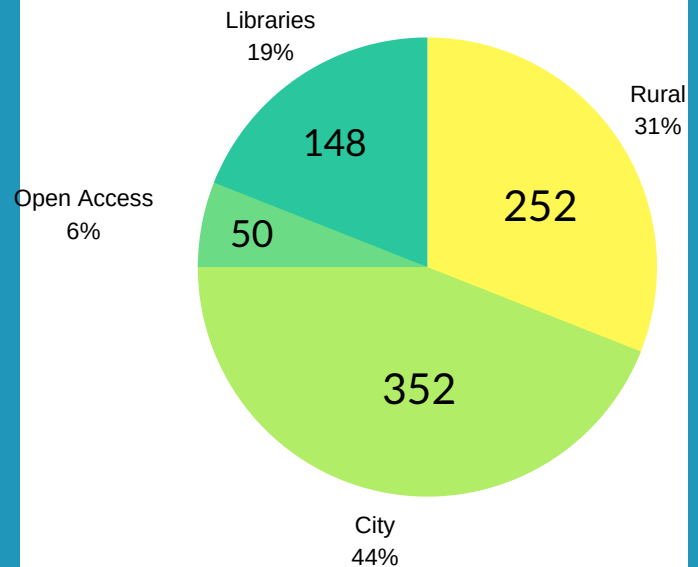
WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 8,537 visitors to the library. Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

2020-21 ANNUAL CIRCULATION



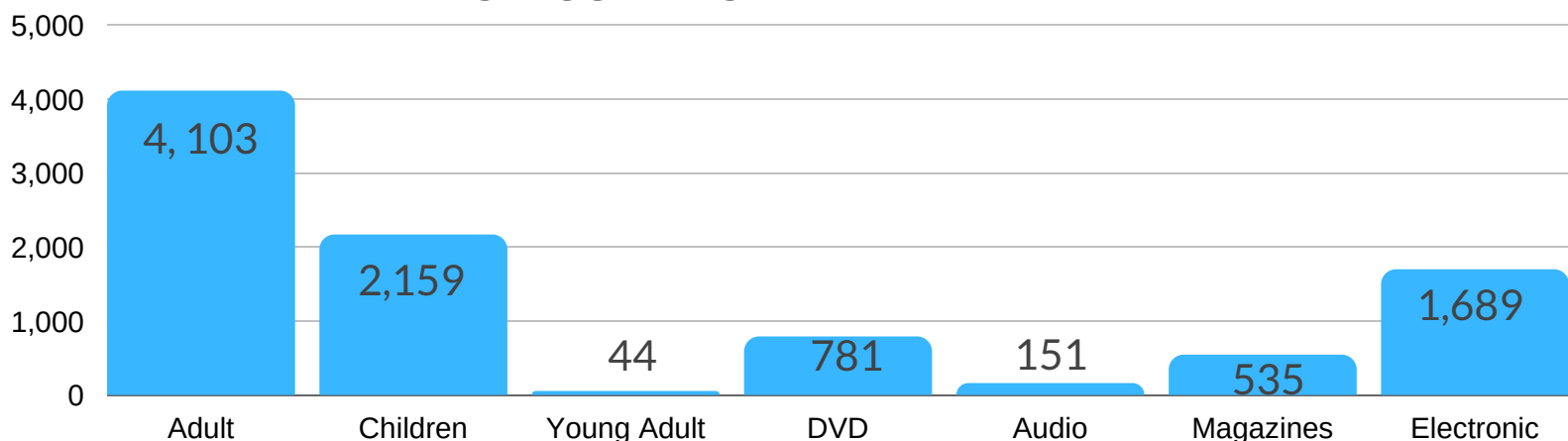
LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



*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



FY21 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

Our SRP was held outside this year with a variety of fun, entertaining programs, including Bubble Stations and the ISU Insect Zoo! In addition, we continued our Story Walk around the square with two new stories. Kids enjoyed the Color Scavenger Hunt and Chalk the Walk while adults got creative with a painting party.

2

SECURITY UPDATES

New LED lights were installed along the south and east side of the library. A new security camera was also installed on the south side of the building and one on the east side was replaced. New parking stops were purchased to replace damaged ones in the parking area behind the library.

3

UPDATED WEBSITE

Thanks to the State Library of Iowa, our library website has been replaced with a new platform. The new site features a user friendly layout and enables access on a wide range of mobile devices. It's also easier for staff to program and keep updated.

4

TECHNOLOGY

New computers and software, including a lap top and a desk top computer were purchased. The new desktop computer replaces an older model in our Genealogy room. The lap top replaced the director's previous one, which is now available for public use.

5

LIBRARY HOURS

The library hours were permanently changed to 11-6 M-F and 9-2 on Saturday. This was based on data as staff was seeing a significant decrease in patrons using the library the last hour it was open. The hour change has been well received by patrons.

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 FY22.

1

DIGITAL ACCESS

Due to qualifying for an ARPA grant, the library will be increasing digital services to children. For the next year the library will provide free access to TumbleBook Library, an online collection of e-books for children. In addition, interactive nonfiction books from Junior Library Guild will also be purchased and promoted.

2

FINE FREE

A recent trend in libraries is to go fine free to alleviate inequity by getting rid of library fines. The ALA recently passed a resolution on monetary fines as a form of social inequity and encouraged libraries to remove barriers to library access.

3

WEEDING

An ongoing goal in our library is to continually weed our collection. Weeding is a vital process for an active collection because it ensures the collection stays current, relevant, and in good condition. Plans are to continue in the Juvenile Nonfiction, Western/SciFi, and DVD sections,

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.

