

WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 75 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
- 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
- Two Monthly Book Clubs
- No School BINGO
- Summer Reading Programs
- Conference Room meeting space
- Genealogy Room
- Notary
- Air Printing/Fax
- Lamination

FY26 STATISTICS

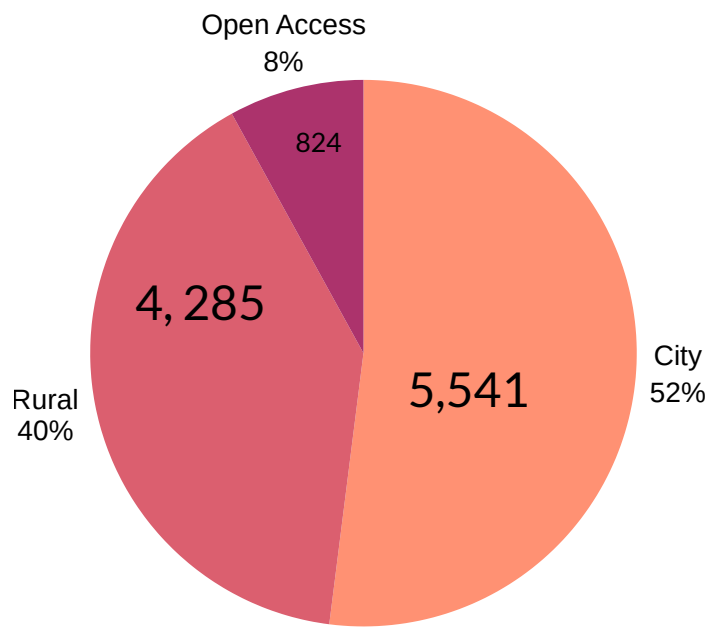
The library continues to be a vital resource for our community. From public computers and free internet, children's programs, reference services, and a variety of reading choices for all ages, we are happy to serve our patrons and community. Below are the FY26 statistics as taken from the West Point Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.



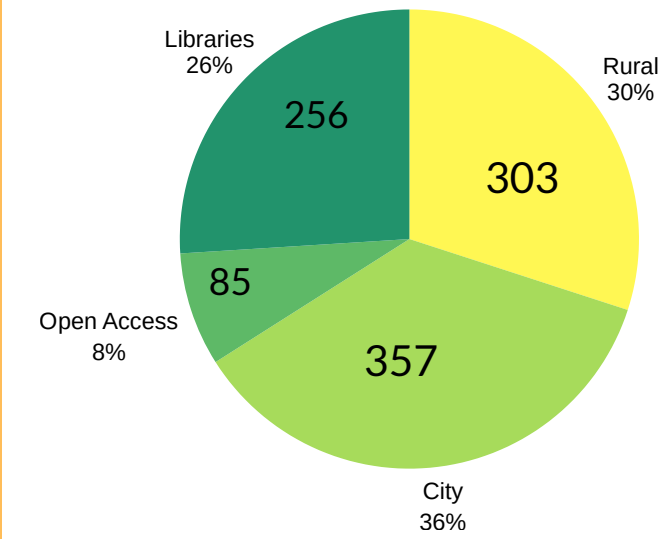
WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 15,141 visitors to the library. Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

2025-26 ANNUAL CIRCULATION

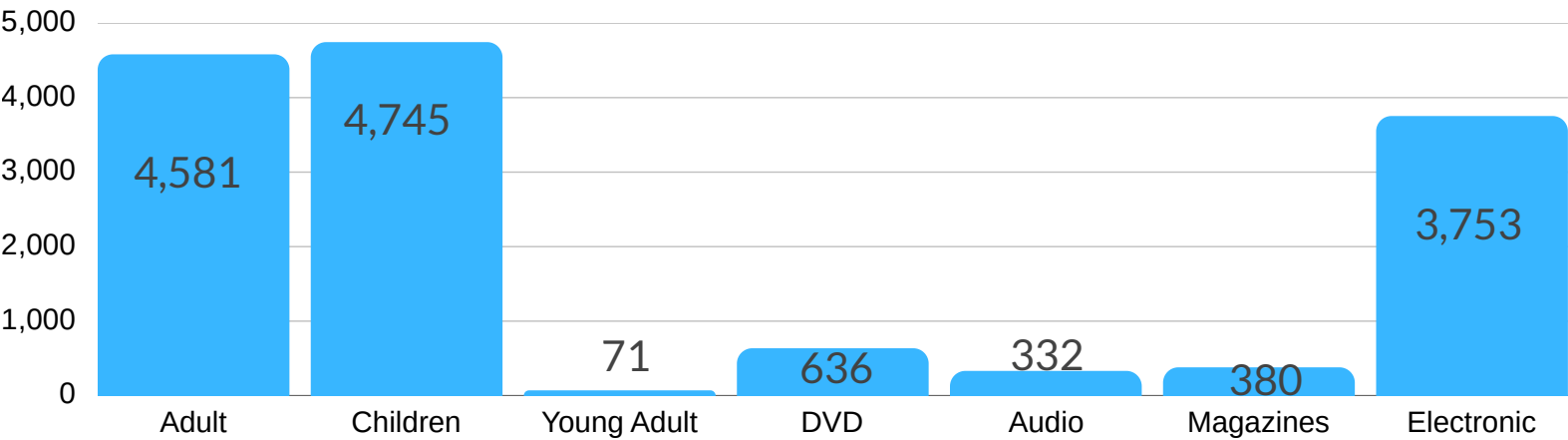


LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



*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



FY26 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.

1 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Patrons were able to "Plant a Seed, Read" this summer with a variety of fun, entertaining programs, including the Anderson Ranch Petting Zoo, Mega Foam Blaster, Bubble Stations, The Snakeman, Sheltered Reality, See A Juggler/Be A Juggler, and the Iowa Raptor Project. In addition, we continued our Story Walk around the square. Kids enjoyed the Library Scavenger Hunt, while all adults participated in Puzzle Mania and learned how to play Mahjong!

2 TECHNOLOGY

Due to ongoing issues with our phone lines, our Per Mar monitoring system, including both our burglary and fire systems, were upgraded to a cellular communicator. This has led to improved communication and less issues.

3 FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The library updated 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.

4 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 two Book Clubs. All programs are well attended!



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 FY27.

1 FURNISHING UPRADES

New custom-built cabinets, constructed by John Hunold and funded by the Hoenig Estate, have replaced deteriorating cabinets in the kitchen and staff work areas. The larger cabinets provide additional storage. Other improvements include new shelving in closet areas and a refinished conference table in the community room.

2 ACCREDITATION

The library will be completing 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. Accreditation is valid for three years.

3 WEEDING/INVENTORY

Following weeding of all sections, 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.

