

WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

LIBRARY BOARD

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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
- Hoopla
- 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/Bridge
- Monthly Book Club
- Early Out Wednesday Programs
- Summer Reading Programs
- Conference Room meeting space
- Genealogy Room
- Notary

FY24 STATISTICS

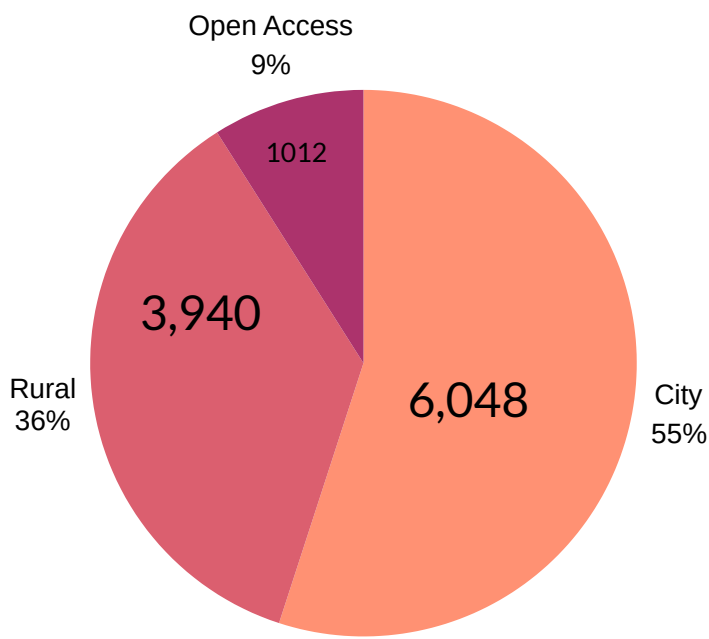
The library continues to be a vital resource for our community. From public computers and free internet, children's programs, reference services, and a variety of reading choices for all ages, we are happy to serve our patrons and community. Below are the FY24 statistics as taken from the West Point Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.



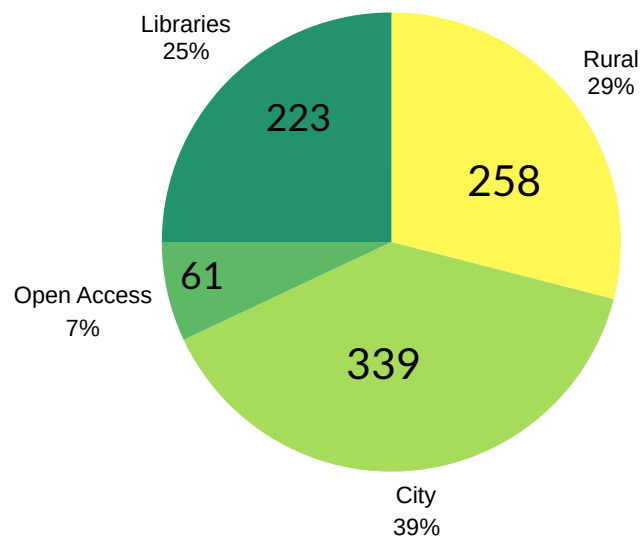
WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 15, 056 visitors to the library, an increase of 3% from the previous year! Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

2023-24 ANNUAL CIRCULATION

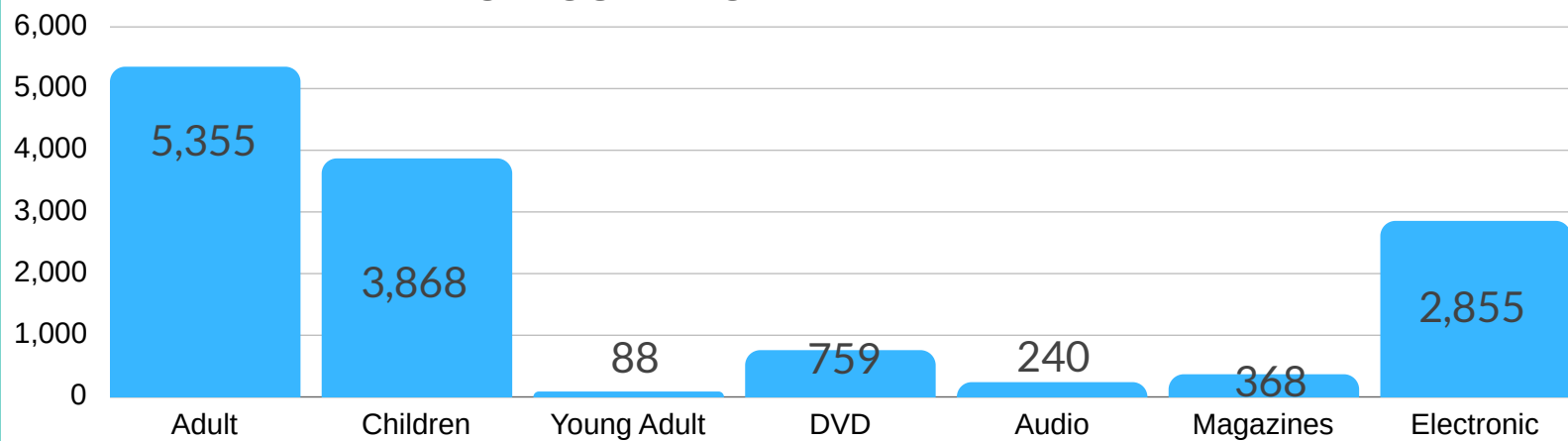


LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



*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



FY24 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 "Read, Renew, Repeat" at the library this summer with a variety of fun, entertaining programs, including the Mega Foam Blaster, Bubble Stations, Cockatoo Encounter, Dinosaur Dimensions, and the ISU Insect Zoo. In addition, we continued our Story Walk around the square. Kids enjoyed the Library Scavenger Hunt, while all ages participated in the Capture Iowa photo contest.

2

HOOPLA

The West Point Public Library Foundation, with money received from the Dale Wilson Estate, has provided funding for Hoopla. Hoopla is a popular on-demand streaming service which provides access to audio-books, eBooks, comics and manga, music, movies, TV, and more!

3

TITANIC EXHIBIT

The library hosted a Titanic Exhibit on loan from the Burlington Public Library's Vacation Through Time Program. Patrons were able to receive an exclusive tour, historical facts about the destination, and enjoy interactive exhibits. Field trips were taken by HTC teachers and students. A total of 168 people visited the exhibit.

4

TECHNOLOGY

Our computer switch was upgraded to a 48 port switch as well as improvements to our battery backup, router/firewall, and cloud key all with funds from the Hoenig Estate. A security camera was replaced and a new copier leased from Access Solutions.

5

ROTATING MEDIUMS CLASS

Sponsored by the Ralph and Patricia Hoenig Estate, the West Point Public Library began offering a free Rotating Mediums Class with local artist and instructor Jeri Sparks, on the first Tuesday of the month.



LOOKING FORWARD

Each year, the library board and staff plan for new and improved services for our community. Below are three of our top priorities to get started on in FY25.

1

EMAIL UPDATE

The State sponsored library email will be ending in May 2025. Drake Hardware and Software will be providing us with recommendations and support in setting up a new email system.

2

BROWNSTONE BOOK FUND

Our library was selected as a recipient of the Brownstone Book Fund gift. As part of being chosen our library will receive 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. Books are expected to ship after January 2025.

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.

