

# WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 70 years of library service to the West Point and Lee County community.

## LIBRARY BOARD

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## LIBRARY STAFF

Dara Sanders, Library Director  
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## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - 12pm-7pm  
Tuesday - 12pm-7pm  
Wednesday - 12pm-7pm  
Thursday - 12pm-7pm  
Friday - 12pm-6pm  
Saturday - 9am-3pm  
Sunday - Closed

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# 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

# FY20 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 FY20 statistics as taken from the West Point Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.

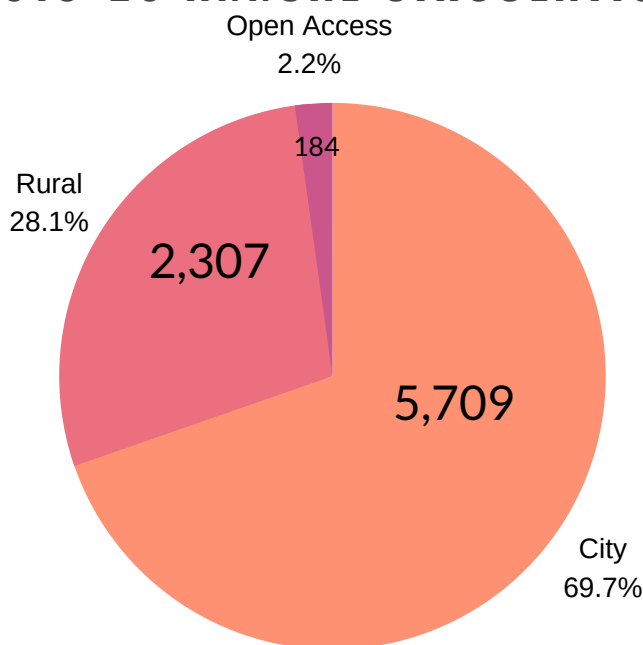
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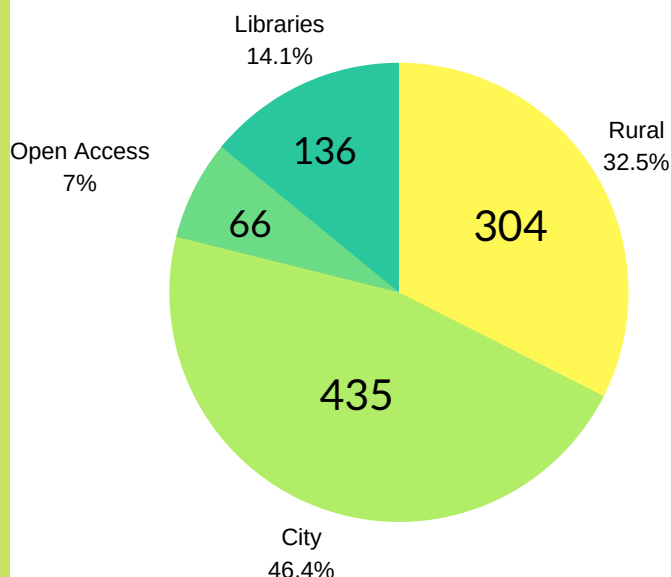
# WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 8,994 visitors to the library. Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

## 2019-20 ANNUAL CIRCULATION



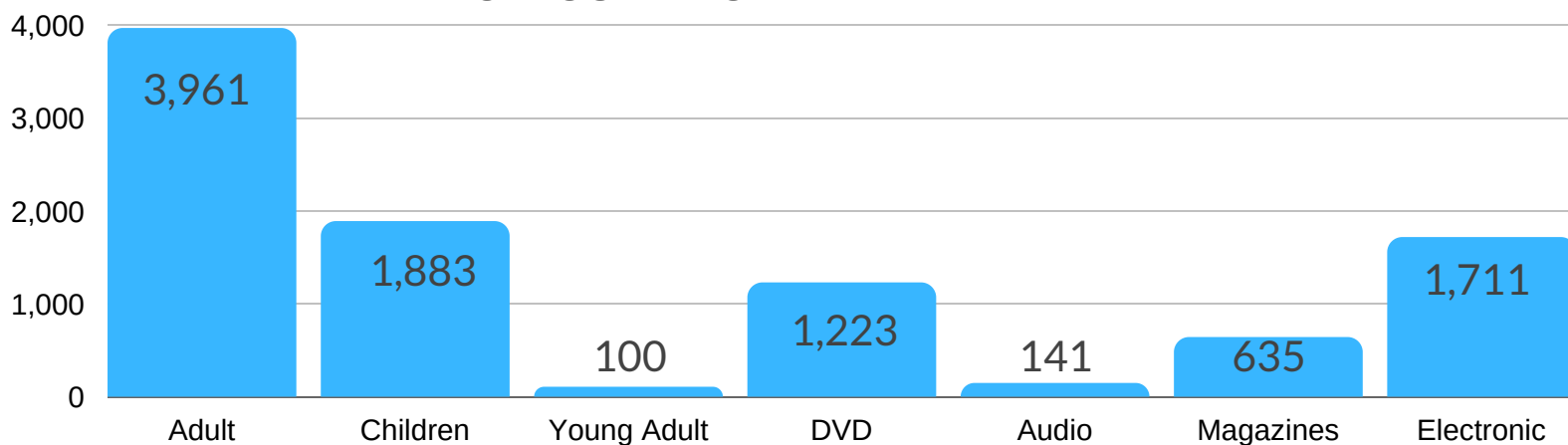
## LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



\*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



# FY19 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

Although our summer didn't go as planned, the library was able to offer a Grab N Go style Summer Reading Program. Kids were able to pick up weekly activity bags/reading logs and participate in online Zoom Story Times. In addition, we created a Story Walk around our town square and participated in the Produce Box Project.

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## LIBRARY

Summer of 2020 saw the library receive accreditation from the State Library of Iowa for meeting the required standards. Two state funded services, IA Shares, a courier service which delivers library materials throughout the state and WhoFi, wifi data analysis, was introduced.

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## FURNITURE

Furniture throughout the library was upgraded, including two custom built computer work stations, a children's computer table and two chairs, a DVD binder shelving unit, and an adult rocking chair. In addition, four new computer chairs were purchased.

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## TECHNOLOGY

New computers, including an AWE Early Learning Station, a lap top, and a all-in-one computer were purchased. In addition, Botley, a coding robot, was bought for in house use and the database, Brainfuse HelpNow, was added to our online resources. Syndicated was added to our online catalog, including reader's advisory.

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## PROGRAMS

FY 2020 saw many programs for children and adults. Early out BINGO, STEM, and LEGO Robotics were a success as well as Preschool Story Time. Adults enjoyed a variety of programs, Culinary History of Iowa and Paranormal Activity, and local authors, Linda McCann and Lyle Gibson.



# 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 FY20.

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## UPDATED WEBSITE

The State Library of Iowa has offered new website platforms to Iowa libraries and West Point will be taking part in this update. The new site will feature a user friendly layout and enable access on a wide range of mobile devices.

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## CRICUT

Thanks to a generous patron donation, we have a new Cricut Maker. Plans are to train staff, hold programs for patrons, create library materials, purchase additional supplies, and develop a policy for library use.

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## 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, Young Adult, and Easy section,

# 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.

