

WEST POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 72 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
- Reader's Advisory Services
- BRIDGES Downloadable Books
- TumbleBooks
- 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
- Monthly Book Club
- Early Out Wednesday Programs
- Summer Reading Programs
- Conference Room meeting space
- Genealogy Room

FY22 STATISTICS

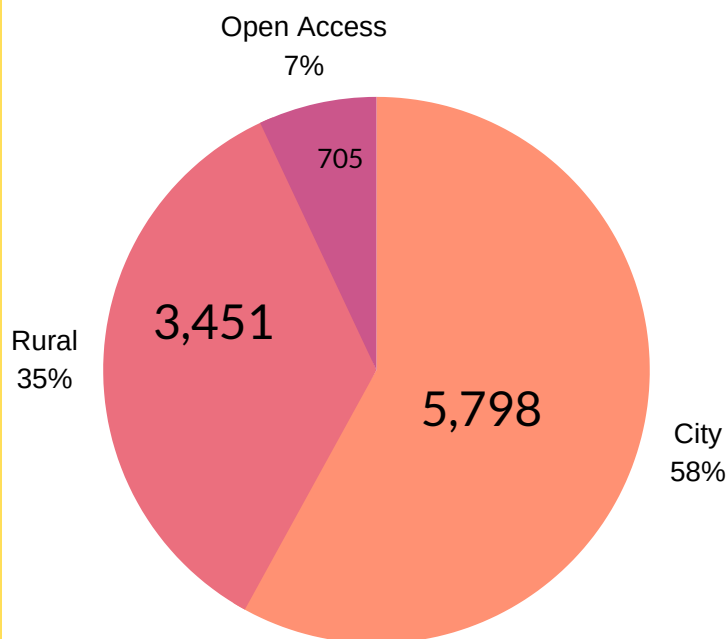
The library continues to be a vital resource for our community. From public computers and free internet, children's programs, reference services, and a variety of reading choices for all ages, we are happy to serve our patrons and community. Below are the FY22 statistics as taken from the West Point Library's Annual Report to the State Library of Iowa.



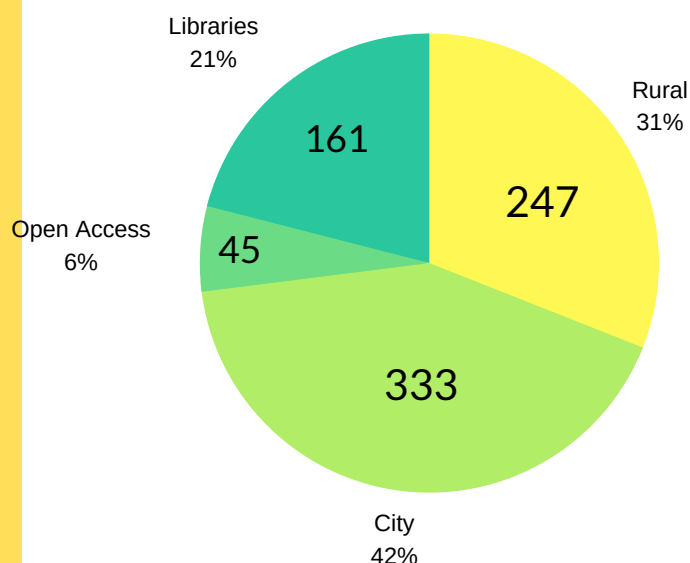
WHO USES THE LIBRARY?

Over the past year we have seen 12,519 visitors to the library, an increase of 47% from the previous year! Visitors use the library for many reasons, even when they cannot visit their home library, they are visiting our library!

2021-22 ANNUAL CIRCULATION



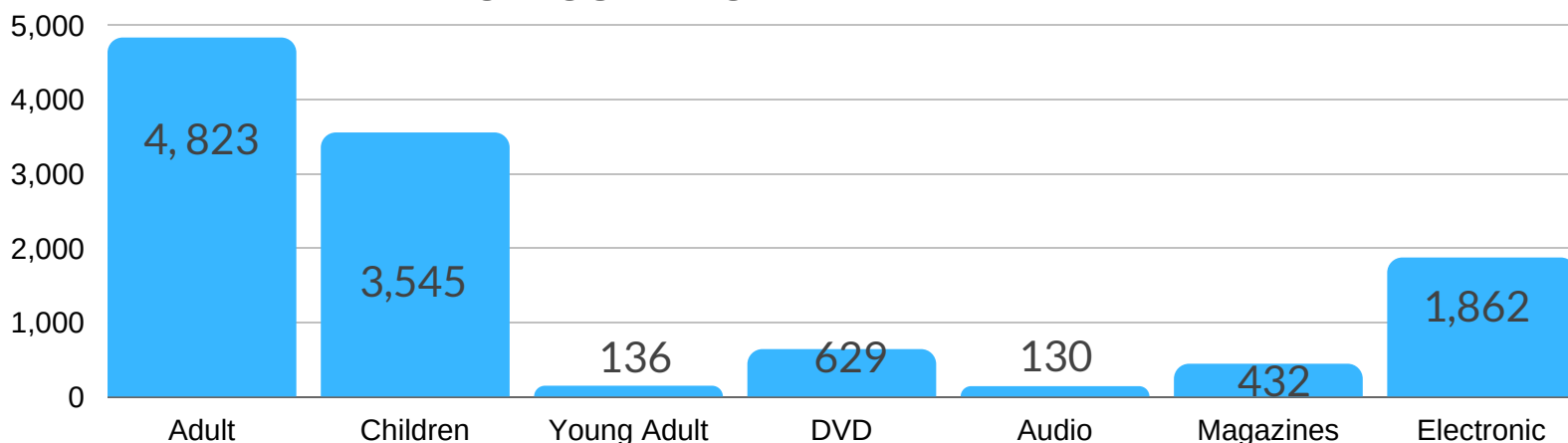
LIBRARY CARDHOLDERS



*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



FY22 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 again with a variety of fun, entertaining programs, including Butterfly Tents, Bubble Stations and the ISU Insect Zoo! In addition, we continued our Story Walk around the square. Kids enjoyed the Animal Print Scavenger Hunt, while adults got creative with a painting party!

2

ARPA GRANT

The library received a \$2,700 ARPA Grant. Money was spent on increasing digital services to children, including purchase of a year's subscription to TumbleBooks, an online collection of e-books for children as well as interactive nonfiction books from the Junior Library Guild and four Lego Robotic Kits.

3

FINE FREE

In May of 2022, the library went fine free. This alleviates 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.

4

TECHNOLOGY

A new desktop computer and software was purchased for public use to replace an older model. WhoFi, a state funded resource, introduced additional tools to help the library manage community space, including wifi usage rates, program, attendance, and program reservations.

5

MULTI PANEL DISPLAY

Thank to generous donations and memorials, an additional multi panel swinging display was purchased to allow for the better preservation and access to historical St. Mary's school pictures of classes and sports teams.

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

GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES

Our two year glass negative project is coming to a close. The negatives have been scanned, a spreadsheet created, and storage purchased. Currently, the 320 images are being uploaded to the Iowa Heritage Digital Collection website. An open house will be held upon completion.

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

CRICUT

Funds were donated to the library to purchase a Cricut, a computer controlled cutting machine. Over the next year, staff will be trained, a policy developed for patron use, and hopefully, classes offered to the community.

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.

