Annual Report of the
Donnellson Public Library

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The Donnellson Public Library is open 45.5 hours per week, except during the COVID-19 pandemic, when we were closed to visitors March 18-June2. We have a total of 1,857 patrons registered. Of these, 758 are municipal residents, and 803 are from rural areas in Lee County.27 are from Franklin, which supports the library through a tax option. We serve 94 patrons from Fort Madison, Keokuk, Montrose, and West Point through our open access agreement. The rest of the registered patrons are from Van Buren County, or outside of Lee County.

Circulation Statistics:	**2017-2018**	**2018-2019**	**2019-2020**
Total circulations for all Materials:	22,888	26,215	25,947
Adult non-fiction books	1,447	1,346	1,220
Adult fiction books	5,451	4,261	3,487
Large Print books	1,638	1,569	1,243
Easy & Beginning Kids' books	2,953	3,062	2,514
Juvenile non-fiction books	506	477	474
Juvenile fiction books	1,931	1,859	1,792
Young Adult Fiction	859	910	1,033
Magazines and periodicals	1,212	1,060	645
Reference	5	2	4
Audio Books	1,707	1,812	1,055
Videos & DVD's	5,035	9,209	8,483
Music CD's	17	176	19
Temporary items (includes not cataloged)	488	672	553
Other Items	4	3	22
E-books circulated	842	1,580	1,521
Patron Services:			
People entering the library	21,618	13,945	9,468
New Patrons registered	204	162	132
Interlibrary loans borrowed	311	467	309
Loans to other libraries	450	348	407
Reference questions asked	1,014	1,102	632
Reference questions answered	1,013	1,100	630
Telephone calls answered	2,140	1,927	1,402
Photocopies	7,483	8,004	5,229
Children's programs	112	63	56
Children in attendance	1,494	1,304	570
Programs for adults	36	31	77
Adults in attendance	491	405	315
Visitors to Genealogy	231	530	227

People using the Internet	2,433	3,052	1,992
Activity Room Use	3,038	2,694	1,436
Volunteer hours worked	2,156	1,248	1,026

Materials:	**Books**	**Video & DVD**	**Audio Books**	**Music CD's**	**Mags**
Withdrawn					
Added					

Total Items in our library collection: 24,622
(There are also 27,759 downloadable Audio books from Bridges, and 93,454 e-books in the shared collection.)

In June of 2012, the Donnellson Library joined the WILBOR consortium so that our patrons could download electronic books, or audio books to their various portable devices. The consortium owns downloadable audio books, and e-books. We have had about 85-125 circulations per month among our patrons for this service. The service is now called BRIDGES.

The Donnellson Library offers free programs for children throughout the year. However, all programs were suspended in Mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We currently offer preschool Story Hour each Wednesday at 10:00. In the summer, we usually offer a 6-week reading program geared toward school-aged kids, 6-12. This summer, we are handing out activity bags for kids to do at home. We began a teen book club during the summer of 2019.

We usually offer several programs for adults at the library, the Donnellson Book Core (a book club,) the Writer's Bloc, Senior Crafternoon sponsored by The Kensington, and The History Round Table. These programs meet once each month, but were suspended during the COVID-19 crisis. The Writer's Bloc is facilitated entirely by volunteers, and is a group for aspiring authors and illustrators. The Donnellson Book Core has a volunteer secretary, and the library orders the books for the group. This year, we also offered senior art or craft classes, or lectures sponsored by the Kensington.

The Donnellson Library has a lively group of regular volunteers who help in the Local and Family History Department, and with book covering, kids' programs, etc. We have also had extra volunteer hours this year, consisting of those people working on the Proenneke Museum, and designing and maintaining a website for Richard Proenneke, mailing out books purchased by Proenneke fans, and two Facebook pages.

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