Annual Report of the
Donnellson Public Library

July 1, 2020– June 30, 2021

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:	**2018-2019**	**2019-2020**	**2020-2021**
Total circulations for all Materials:	26,215	25,947	22,264
Adult non-fiction books	1,346	1,220	1,147
Adult fiction books	4,261	3,487	3,159
Large Print books	1,569	1,243	3,477
Easy & Beginning Kids' books	3,062	2,514	1,890
Juvenile non-fiction books	477	474	486
Juvenile fiction books	1,859	1,792	2,056
Young Adult Fiction	910	1,033	759
Magazines and periodicals	1,060	645	579
Reference	2	4	1
Audio Books	1,812	1,055	2,734
Videos & DVD's	9,209	8,483	3,551
Music CD's	176	19	34
Temporary items (includes not cataloged)	672	553	562
Other Items	3	22	176
E-books circulated	1,580	1,521	2,118
Patron Services:			
People entering the library	13,945	9,468	5,568
New Patrons registered	162	132	55
Interlibrary loans borrowed	467	309	336
Loans to other libraries	348	407	433
Reference questions asked	1,102	632	697
Reference questions answered	1,100	630	696
Telephone calls answered	1,927	1,402	1,565
Photocopies	8,004	5,229	2,521
Children's programs	63	56	10
Children in attendance	1,304	570	119
Programs for adults	31	77	16
Adults in attendance	405	315	106
Visitors to Genealogy	530	227	89

People using the Internet	3,052	1,992	1,084
Activity Room Use	2,694	1,436	1,805
Volunteer hours worked	1,248	1,026	906

Materials:	**Books**	**Video & DVD**	**Audio Books**
Withdrawn	1,316	94	(these purchased by Lee Co. Libs.)
Added	1,380	31	

Total Items in our library collection: 24,561
(There are also 25,840 downloadable Audio books from Bridges, and 79,306 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 118-180 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 through much of the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the limited space for social distancing in our Activity Room. We also hosted a class of Central Lee 5th graders in the Activity Room from late August to late October. We resumed outdoor kids' activities in June of 2021, with modest attendance, for our Summer Reading Program. This summer, we are again handing out activity bags for kids to do at home. We tried to re-launch teen programs this summer, but had little success.

We usually offer several programs for adults at the library, the Donnellson Book Core (a book club,) and the Writer's Bloc. 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.

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, producing two DVD's about Richard's life in Primrose and Lee County, and two Facebook pages.

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