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Library Director's Report
November 2024

Halloween at the Public Library of Enid and Garfield County is a wonderful time!

LTSP Priority 1: Expanded Programming

Objective 1: Provide early education for pre-school children

Preschool children and those not in brick-and-mortar school buildings enjoy a special Halloween Storytime every year during the last week of October. Children dress in costume, trick or treat, and go through the library following the ABC path marked on the floor. They also enjoy crafts and other activities before parading to the Garfield County Courthouse for round two of trick or treat.

During this fun-filled activity, children practice many skills necessary for classroom and reading readiness, including following directions, fine and gross motor skills, peer group interactions, learning and following routines, and focusing on a task or activity.

New Youth Services Model for Programming

LTSP Priority 1: Expanded Programming

Goal 1: The library will provide supplemental education to school aged children.

Stated Value: Responsive: To the needs of the community.

Youth programming at the library now focuses on youth who have yet to start high school, ages 0-14. Interested high school students will be included in youth programs, but the programs will primarily be designed for younger youth. Instead of delineating children and teens with an individual programmer responsible for the different age groups, we have built a four-person Youth Services Team. The team consists of a full-time Programmer, a part-time programmer, a full-time library specialist, and a part-time library specialist, all working together in our Youth Services Department.

In addition to expanded youth programming and a redesigned youth collection, we have added circulation services in the youth services department. Youth and their families can check out and return books at the youth services desk. They can get any forms or information related to youth services in the youth department. There will be dedicated youth services staff in the youth department in the evenings and on Saturdays.

The current younger children's program will remain essentially the same. With the additional staff, we can offer Storytime and STEM programs on Saturdays.
Baby & Me Storytime for 0-18mo
Storytime for preschool
Toddler Time for toddlers
Lego Club
Cardboard Build
Elementary Book Club

Middle School Programming is currently in the design phase. There is a lot of excitement around this new programming at the library. Middle School programming will be designed to serve youth in 6th-8th grade but will be accessible to any interested youth. A caregiver must supervise youth under 12. Youths 12 and over must have a signed parent permission card to participate in youth programs without a parent present.

The Middle School book club will start in December. Middle School crafts will begin in November.

Other ideas for possible Middle School programs include:
Media Literacy
Debate Club
Writers Club
Coding and other STEM programs
Drama Club

Our Youth Services team is actively working to collaborate with our homeschool community and seeking input from teens and their families about how the library can better provide activities to enrich the lives of area teens.

We will also begin developing additional educational opportunities for older teens. Some of these programs, such as a proposed Adulting 101, will likely include youth ages through new adults. These programs could include meal planning and prep information, working with a budget, how to change a tire, and other similar topics. We are also interested in STEM, debate, writing workshops, and similar programs for older teens.

Excel Online High School through the Garfield County Public Library

LTSP Priority 1: Expanded Programming

Goal 3: Lifelong Learning and Programming

Congratulations Graduates!

As of November 2024, three area adults have completed their high school education through the accredited Gale Presents: Excel Online High School program.

In March 2023, the library launched the Gale Presents: Excel Online High School program. This program allows adults, at least 24 years of age and older, to work through an online High School program and complete a high school diploma. Gale Presents: Excel Online High School is available at our library through a grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Oklahoma Works, and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

The library applied for and received grant funds to cover tuition and supply five students with laptop computers and wireless hotspots. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries made two additional scholarships available, and donations provided an eighth scholarship. Four students are enrolled in classes, and one additional scholarship will be granted. Eight students who have completed the prerequisites are waiting to be able to start working on their high school diplomas.

We will apply for future grants through the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. The library is also looking for ways to secure additional funding for scholarships.

U.S. Citizenship Test Prep

Two of our U.S. Citizenship Test Prep successfully passed their U.S. Citizenship tests, one in October and one in November.

The Friends of the Enid Public Library helps supply the workbooks and other study materials for this valuable program.

3rd Annual Micronesian Cultural Celebration

LTSP Priority 3: Partnership and Outreach

Goal 3: Partner with other local organizations to provide relevant and high quality services.

On October 26, the library, in partnership with the Oklahoma Micronesian Coalition and the Enid Iakwe Yuk Club, hosted the 3rd Annual Micronesian Cultural Celebration on the library lawn. Seven different Micronesian Island communities are represented in Garfield County. This year, the celebration focused on Marshallese culture. One hundred ninety-seven community members joined the celebration and learned more about Marshallese culture.

The Friends of the Library also helped make this event possible by volunteering to help before during and after the event.

PLEGC By the Numbers

By borrowing materials from the library,
community members have saved

September
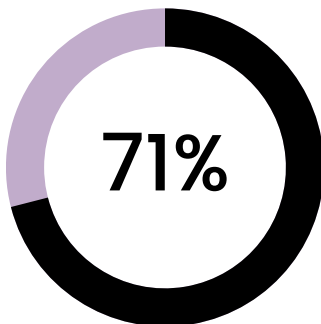### $113,342.41

October
$115.421.54

So Far in 2024
$1,307,505.90

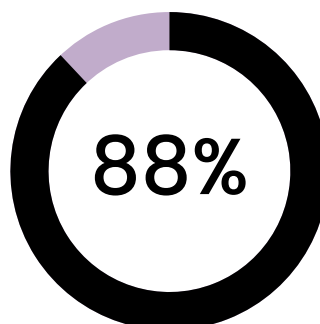This is money community members are able to spend in other ways.

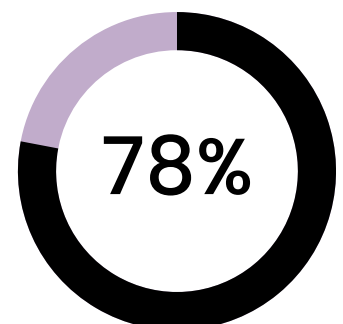# Your Library Staff

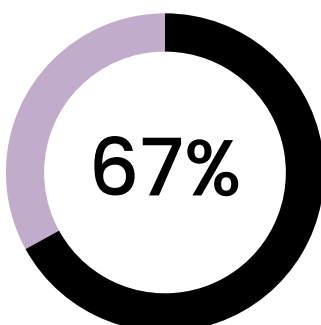## 65 Years of Combined Library Experience

**ODL Certified
Public Librarian**

71%

**Attended
College**

88%

**Run-Hide-Fight
Certified**

78%
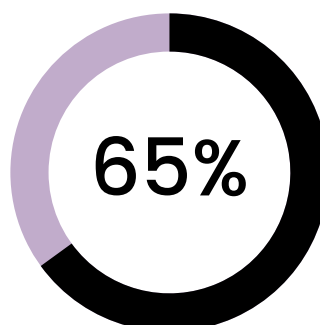
**CPR/AED
Certified**

67%

**College
Graduate**

65%

**Stop the Bleed
Certified**

78%