

FY22 Annual Report



The Council Bluffs Public Library
enriches, informs and empowers our
community.

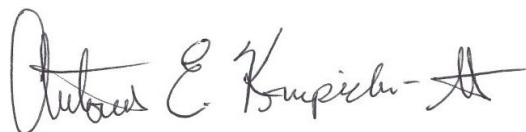
Letter from the Director

The past year has been highlighted by the return of regular services, programming, and resources to the community. We brought back in person programming, completed the remodel of the youth area, re-introduced resources like meeting spaces, and rolled back many of the modifications that had been introduced because of the pandemic. We also introduced new programs and resources including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, One Community Reads, new research databases, sewing machines and an embroidery machine, and wireless Oculus VR sets.

As was the case last year, partnerships are key in serving the community and responding to the needs that our community has. Some new partnerships of note this year include working with Pottawattamie County Conservation on education efforts and the Bee City USA designation, ISU Extension Office to provide access to programming at the library location, AIM Institute to provide technology work readiness classes, and hosting many cultural and health organizations for Dia de los Muertos and a health fair in the Spring.

All of this was made possible due to the continued support from our community through visits to the library, attendance at programs, and utilization of our resources. I want to "thank you" for the past year and I encourage you to reach out to let us know what you need. We are here for you!

Thank you also to the Council Bluffs City Council, Mayor Walsh, the Friends of the Council Bluffs Public Library, and the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation for all of your support to the library and the community!



—Antonia Krupicka-Smith, Library Director



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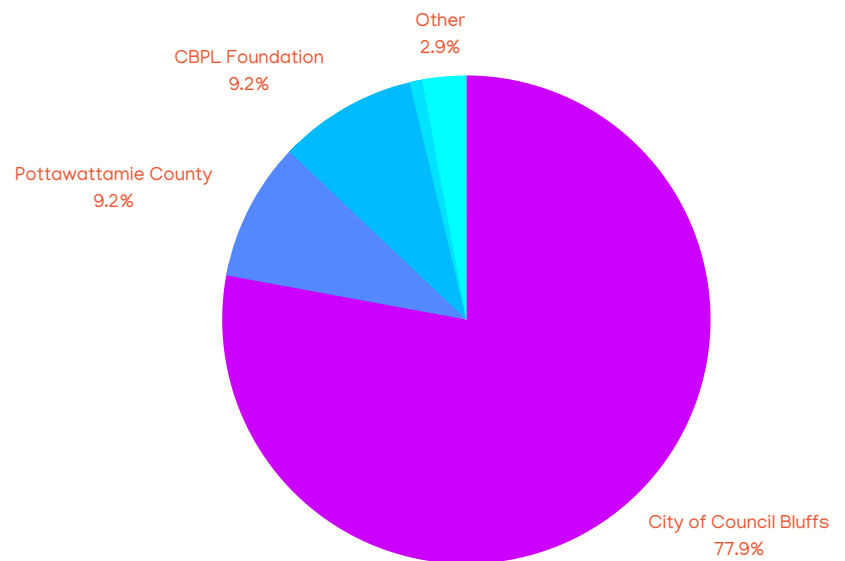
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Year by the Numbers

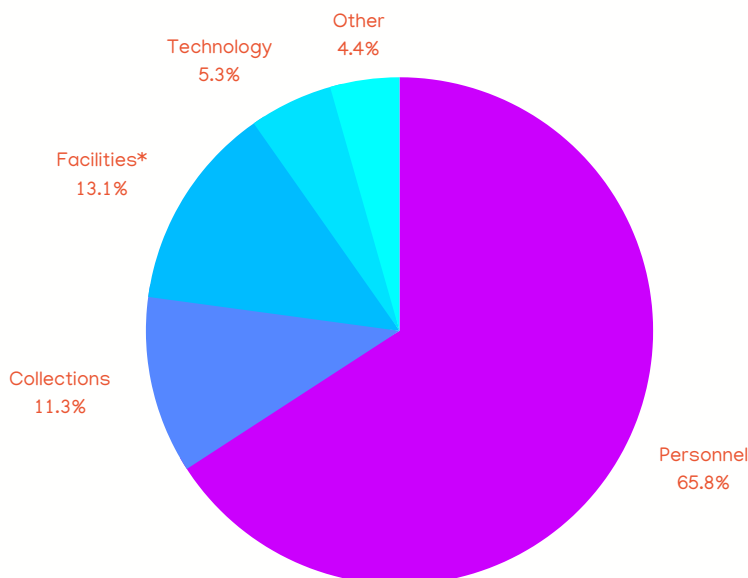
Collection Size	142,108
Items added to the collection	14,882
Items Borrowed	252,706
Downloaded Items	90,439
Homebound Items Delivered	3,932
Interlibrary Loan Items	3,924

Total Card Holders	42,117
New Card Registration	2,788
Visits	147,122
Meetings by the Public	1,515

Revenue



Expenditures



Program Attendance	24,899
Reference Questions	18,985
Summer Reading Program Participants	695

*Many costs associated with the upkeep and repair of the Library property are reflected in the Building and Maintenance and Parks & Recreation budgets. This is not a full representation of the facilities expenditures.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

- Over 1,400 children enrolled
- 6,415 books delivered to children in the community via mail
- Funded exclusively by the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation with 8 community partner organizations that work to educate and enroll new youth in the community
- The program was launched with support from Downtown Kiwanis and Noon Rotary Club of Council Bluffs



New and Expanded Collections

- Board Game collection
- Wonderbook talking books
- Seeds
- Sewing machines
- 712 Initiative Backyard Movie Kits
- Discovery Passes
 - Children's Museum
 - Pottawattamie County Parks
 - Scatter Joy Acres
 - El Museo Latino
 - Opera Omaha tickets in April
- Pocket collections to assisted living facilities and the Senior Center

One Community Reads program

- "Your Own Backyard" focused on pollinators and native prairies
- Book selection included:
 - [Bicycling with Butterflies: my 10,201-mile journey following the monarch migration](#) by Sara Dykman
 - [The Way of the Hive: a honey bee's story](#) by Jay Hosler
 - [Senorita Mariposa](#) by Ben Gundersheimer
- Prairie Rose Seed Library was launched
- Council Bluffs designated as a Bee City, USA



Highlights

Friends of the Council Bluffs Public Library

"I am honored to serve as this year's president of the Friends of the Council Bluffs Public Library board. The last couple years have been challenging for everyone but through it all, the library continued to deliver services and programs that enrich and inform our wonderful community. The Friends board was proud to support the library with Winterfest, the Summer Reading program, Discovery Passes, Oculus VR technology, and staff training and development. In addition, we reopened the book store and have scheduled a return to our ever popular Book Sale in the fall. I'm so excited for the future of our amazing library!"

– Dave Wise, Friends of the Council Bluffs Public Library Board President

There are several ways to support the Friends of the Council Bluffs Public Library. To learn more about volunteering and becoming a member visit councilbluffslibrary.org/friends/

Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation

The library foundation was able to support a substantial number of library projects this year. Notably:

- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
- Youth Area Remodel
- Library Programming including Community-Wide programs such as Dia de los Muertos Celebration, Movies in the Park, One Community Reads: Your Own Backyard, and Pollinator Palooza.
- The Oral History Project
- Sewing machine lab and embroidery machine addition to Makerspace
- Restoration of George Simmons' Journal
- Carl Hiaasen Author Visit

"The foundation's support is only possible because of the generosity of our donors that have made The Council Bluffs Library Foundation the largest in the state. Much of our library's ability to do innovative programs and keep facilities in top shape requires private funding which goes beyond the critical support provided by the city."

– John P. Nelson, Library Foundation Board Past-President

There are several ways to support the Council Bluffs Public Library Foundation. To learn more about giving back to your library through the Foundation visit councilbluffslibrary.org/support-my-library

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The Council Bluffs Public Library is recognized as a primary community resource for educational support, self-directed learning, cultural development, advancing literacies, and building public prosperity and well-being.

- The Council Bluffs Public Library:
- *Offers superior customer experiences
 - *Encourages learning and discovery
 - *Is inclusive and provides access to all
 - *Cultivates collaboration and innovation
 - *Believes in the freedom to know
 - *Fosters a positive work environment
 - *Provides wise stewardship of public resources



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