Library Collections

Bentonville Public Library’s collection size totals 103,000 items, valued at $2,250,611.98.

- Including BPL’s eBook titles, our collection equals more than 110,000 items.
- Donated materials cataloged for the collection totaled 17,257, valued at $44,458.75.
- More than 100 new American Art titles were purchased with grant funds, including significant sponsorship from the Friends of the Bentonville Library.

Statistics & Usage

Collection Use: 518,263
Library Visits: 277,059
Computer Usage: 46,581
Staff Assistance: 33,103
Programs Attendance: 24,722
Holds Filled: 14,932
New Library Cards: 5,915
Inter-Library Loans: 148
Proctored Exams: 44
Meeting Room Groups: 1,073
Meeting Room Attendees: 13,379

Bentonville Public Library Budget

Library Expenditures

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Bentonville Public Library partnered with the City of Bentonville to jointly purchase property across the street from the Library. At 402 South Main Street, 40 parking spaces provide overflow parking for library users. The building provides storage for the Library and the City of Bentonville.

*Note: More than $288,000 for grants, donations & in-kind contributions are not included in Library Revenue. This includes donated books, materials & products, gifts/grants through the Foundation & Friends, plus volunteerism.
Making Room for More Children

Our goal is to provide an open environment for learning. In 2010 and 2011, BPL was recording maximum capacity numbers for children’s program attendance. For the comfort of our youngest patrons, the Library remodeled the Bogle Family Children’s Department storytime and craft spaces.

By removing walls in the Read Aloud room and expanding the floor in the craft area, we can accommodate more children. Upon completion of the remodel project, we are efficiently utilizing all floor space within our existing library walls.

Benches and sound panels were repurposed, as well as other furnishings, in order to be cost effective.

These improvements allowed BPL to add approximately 400 SF, essentially doubling our dedicated space for children’s programs. The cost of the remodel equaled $32,514.40.

This project was made possible by the Bentonville Library Foundation’s grant from the Carl and Alleen McKinney Charitable Trust.

Literacy Initiatives

More than 400 new materials were offered at BPL to support Adult Basic Language Learning, English as a Second Language and Family Literacy. Sponsored by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and The American Library Association.

The Library partnered with the Literacy Council of Benton County by offering tutor support, tours and information. In April, an adult civic lecture on the United States Constitution was co-presented by BPL and the Literacy Council, in conjunction with Northwest Arkansas Community College.

The Library Director was a panel presenter at the ProLiteracy America USCAL conference, participating as an American Dream Starts @ your library representative with the American Library Association.

New Tech Programs Improve BPL Services

- Meeting Room Module: Patrons can see public meetings and reserve a meeting room online.
- Events Calendar: The web-based calendar is color-coded and provides patrons with an at-a-glance view of library programs.
- Summer Reading Online: Digital registration and logging reading hours from any internet connection.
- eNewsletters: BPL now promotes library services via email. The digital marketing tool is sponsored by Bentonville’s Convention and Visitor’s Bureau.
- In 2011, the Bentonville Library Foundation was awarded a grant from the Walton Family Foundation to improve Bentonville Public Library’s website, mobile and digital services, plus provide eReaders and other technologies for our patrons.

Each of these components allowed Bentonville Public Library to meet goals included in our strategic plan, supporting staff efficiency, innovative technologies and patron services.
From the Library Director

The Library’s 5th anniversary at Main Street, I am proud to report on another great year for Bentonville Public Library. Amazingly, our visits, program attendance and other library usages continued to increase over previous record years.

- Most notably, BPL patrons downloaded 10,718 eBooks and digital media titles from Library2Go! Our multi-library consortium’s digital collection grew to 7,750 items.
- Outstanding children’s programming attendance prompted a grant-funded redesign of our storytime and craft spaces.
- Volunteerism increased too! 383 volunteers gave 6,501 hours, valued at $138,859.44.
- Additionally, BPL’s circulation department implemented efficiency-based procedures, improving materials handling, book repairs, plus recovering fees for damaged and lost materials.

We made good strides to accomplish several goals included in BPL’s 2010-2012 Strategic Plan. Library successes in 2011 are building blocks for 2012 initiatives.

Hadi Dudley served as a delegate with the Arkansas State Library in National Library Legislative Day on Capitol Hill, visiting with federal legislators and staff about library issues. 2011 was Dudley’s second trip to Washington, DC. Additionally, Dudley serves on the Advisory Board for University of Tennessee’s School of Information Sciences.

“ What in the world would we do without our Libraries? ”

Katherine Hepburn

Adult Services

- Reference staff continue to provide value-added, high-quality learning opportunities for adults, such as customized résumé assistance and hands-on computer training.
- New laptop classes were offered for beginner computer skills, online job searching, social media and other basic technology learning.
- Programming for adults offers both educational and life-enriching programs, including regular book club discussions.
- 2011 saw the return of popular adult programs: local author and nature photographer Tim Ernst and the music of folk duo Still on the Hill.
- The Bentonville Library held its 4th annual Blues program in 2011, partnering with the Ozark Blues Society of Northwest Arkansas.
- BPL began a partnership with the Rogers Historical Museum to feature local history exhibits.

Our mission is to engage our community, encourage discovery and promote literacy by offering lifelong learning opportunities.

BPL Values—Community . Diversity . Education . Intellectual Freedom
Children’s Programs @ BPL

- 19,244 children and caregivers attended the 576 youth programs offered by BPL.
- New children’s programs added to our Library programming slate in 2011 include: Tuesday evening storytimes plus Saturday storytimes and crafts for working families, Pokémon club, Read to Cody and expanded Library Lessons for Homeschoolers.
- Homeschool participants “Skyped” with Michael League, a Middle School teacher in Antarctica, and Jason Vandergrift, a Bentonville resident working in Antarctica, who presented “Adaptations of Marine Worms in Antarctica” by PolarTrec Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating.
- New kids library cards were offered for children, featuring Ardy the Owl. The artwork for our children’s mascot was custom-designed for BPL by Ard Hoyt, local picture book illustrator.
- Bentonville Library partnered with the Children’s Museum of Northwest Arkansas to present our 4th annual “Read with Rexy” day. Approximately 400 people attended the event.
- For the second year, the children’s department partnered with Bentonville Public Schools to promote “One District, One Book.” The Doll House by Ann Martin was the book featured in 2011.
- Our One District, One Book partnership allowed the children’s librarian to join public school staff as a panel presenter to the International Reading Association and the Arkansas Reading Association.
- Children’s services at Bentonville Public Library received recognition from Walmart as a Community Partner finalist. The award celebrates “outstanding contributions to diversity and inclusion in the Northwest Arkansas community.”

Summer Reading Club

Studies show that students who read during summer months have higher reading achievement scores. Again, Friends of the Bentonville Library sponsored our SRC, joining other donations, allowing BPL to present another successful summer reading program in 2011: One World, Many Stories.

- 1,162 children & teens read 18,831 hours during June & July
- 6,902 people attended summer events at the Library
- Nearly 100,000 items checked out during our two month reading program.

Additionally, 755 people visited Dora the Explorer at BPL in August. This event was made possible by the Bentonville Library Foundation and Nickelodeon.

Teens!

ACT Prep Several free ACT preparation workshops were offered for local high school students. A huge success, more than 330 teens attended BPL’s educational sessions, provided in partnership with University of Arkansas College Access Initiative.

Teen Advisory Board [TAB] The Teen Advisory Board is a 10-member group where teen leaders are selected by an application and panel interview process. TAB members are exposed to education, positive work ethics and public service. In 2011, TAB led the following initiatives: Draw Me A Story Art Contest, Wrap & Read fundraiser and Teens Teach Tech Workshop.

Teen Volunteerism 133 Teens volunteered 4,361 hours at BPL, assisting with shelving, SRC and programs.
Community Partners

Adair Creative Group
Anderson Merchandising
American Library Association
Arkansas Arts Council
Arkansas State Library
Bentonville Breakfast Lion’s Club
Bentonville Convention & Visitor’s Bureau
Bentonville Garden Club
Bentonville Noon Rotary
Bentonville Public Schools
Bentonville's CERT Program
Carl & Alleen McKinney Charitable Trust
Central Garden & Pet
Chick-Fil-A
Children’s Museum of Northwest Arkansas
Dollar General Literacy Foundation
Gymboree Play & Music
Learning Rx

Literacy Council of Benton County
Nickelodeon
Nestle
Northwest Arkansas Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta
Northwest Arkansas Naturals
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Ozark Blues Society of Northwest Arkansas
Ozark Natural Science Center
PolarTrec Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating
Rogers Historical Museum
Shiloh Museum
ShurTech Brands
Stretch & Grow
Trike Theatre
University of Arkansas
Walmart Volunteerism Always Pays
Walton Arts Center
Walton Family Foundation

Genealogy Volunteers

Volunteers from the Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society dedicated more than 1,200 hours assisting library patrons with family history research. 2011 volunteers: Pat Artman, Joyce Ater, Cary Anderson, ZaDean Auyer, Myra Baker, John Bates, Linda Hancock, Beth Hickman, John Hickman, Marilyn Johnson, Marion Jordan, Alice McElwain, June Melton, Carol Miles, Dorothy Miller, Jan Reeves, Frances Thompson and Mary Wynne.
No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop

Library Volunteers

Pooja Agarwal
Orlanda Alonso
Laura Anderson
David Aphayuong
Joyce Ater
Myra Baker
Allie Boofan
Melinda Brown
Steve Brown
William Brown
Shad Bradley
Claude Buckley
Sandy Buckley
Bryan Cash
Annesha Chakravarty
Dan Bee Chon
Seena Cherian
"RJ" (Ramona) Cooper
Hannah Curry
Margaret Curry
Glynda Dames
Shirley Deatherage
Sue Derouin

Kalpana Devarasetty
Jennifer Doughty
Judy Edwards
Emily Falls
Barbara Farley
Krista Ford
Duane Freeman
Aaron Griffin
Mary E. Harris
Janet Hayward
Anne Hicks
James Hiett
Priyanka Jain
Malini Jayarman
Andy King
Lakshmi Kotha
Stephanie Kotouc
Lizzie Kotyanke
Gayla Lambert
Cheryl Lewis
Mark Lloyd
Lynn Moffitt
Satheesh Mohandass
Geetha Naganathan
Virginia Nissenson
Mousam Paruch
Carolyn Perry
Connie Pisani
Maria Puga
Gayathi Radhakishan
Ranjani Ramaa
Barbara Reinholtz
Sparkie Scarbrough
Pamela Scott
Annette Shiley
Gwen Shaver
William Shoffit
Yadira Sigala
Priscilla Smith
Leana Stinson
Joe Swearingen
Hetal Trivedi
Jitka Vankova
Ryan Winn
Corporate Groups from Walmart
Elders, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Junior Partners

Kyrstin Branscum
Becky Branscum
McKay Clark
Kelly Clark
Daniel Coder
Samuel Coder
Haley Cox
Suzanne Cox
Ben Hodde
Beth Hodde

Varsha Kollun
Padmaja Kollun
Jade Sawyers
Crystal Sawyers
Beau Scoggins
Wendy Scoggins
Kathryn Singleton
Cynthia Singleton
Shelby Strain
Jennifer Strain

Program Volunteers

Gordon Bradford
Leslie Evans
Tim Ernst
Binod Gupta
Angela Hofmann
Stephen Hofmann
Aaron Joyce
Emily Kaler
Fawn Kazmierczak
Nick Lai
Michael League
Sherry Lloyd
Genny Olsen
Teresa Robinson
Jody Roller
Cristina Rosas
Dr. Tiffanie Smith
Hetal Trivedi
Jason Vandergrift
42 Rexy Day Volunteers
Cody the Dog
Jesse the Dog
“Good habits formed at youth make all the difference.”

Aristotle

Teen Volunteers

Gabriel Scott Alkire  Savannah Daniels  Christian Horton  Hira Prakash
Carolina Andrade  Elisse Davis  Goshko Hristoskov  Vaish Ramini
Ashley Arnolts  Auston Delano  Shurlana Hunt  Justin Reed
Morgan Asbill  Beth Derovin  Ivy Jeong  Isaac Robson
Emily Avona  Bill Derovin  Alex Johnson  Adriana Rodriguez
Bianca Bailey  Sranita Devarasetty  Brandon Johnson  Nick Rosen
Jasmine Bailey  Vinita Deverasetty  Morgan Johnson  Gabriella Sabin
Levi Baldwin  Gianna DiFazio  Daniel Johnston  Amy Sanchez
Linell Barlow  Colin Doeg  Simran Joshi  Emerald Sawyers
Andrea Barnety  Anna Doner  Aaron Joyce  Haillie Sisco
Trevor Bartlett  Daniela DuQuesne  Indran Kamalanthan  Brittany Sleeth
Megan Beard  Emma Ellis  J. Kang  David Slutsky
Madison Bigelow  Denise Faber  Dayna Kearney  Dillon Smith
Meaghan Blanchard  Samantha Farley  Hailey Kemp  Will Smith
Gracen Boxx  Jordan Francis  Allison Klees  Marissa Spear
Rachael Boysen  Lane Gable  Hannah Knight  Mishayla Spradlin
Ali Brassart  Tanner Gable  Madeline Knight  Elizabeth Steiger
Rainy Bray  Stephanie Galen  Danielle Koerner  Austin Stewart
Shani Brewer  Rebecca Gary  Teja Makkapati  Kendra Stewart
Patrick Brophy  Andrew George  Bhavyashri Malkar  Matt Stinson
Amanda Bryson  Cailey George  Victoria Mantel  Akshith Sunkireddy
Lea Burchanan  Alex Gonzalez  Lindsey Martin  Miranda Tainter
Meagan Burns  Morgon Goodnow  Kristy McCarthy  Paige Tavernaro
Jocelyn Centeno  Remington Gould  Matt McCullough  Abby Terlouw
Samantha Chase  Courtney Griggs  Shaun McPherson  Collin Thomas
Lily Chiang  Fletcher Groseclos  Daniela Moya  Shelby Thompson
Eun Sol Chon  Samriti Gupta  Catalina Moya  Cheznie Treat
Shabab Choudhury  Hannah Hall  Paulina Moya  Emily Tsai
Kamree Clark-Jenkins  Kaitlyn Hatcher  Sarah Newton  Hannah Vitiello
Lantzman Countryman  Samantha Heltman  Xanan Bess Nissenson  Maria Vogel
Mattie Couch  Nathan Hicks  John Oakley  Melissa Wadley
Haley Cox  Kate Hill  Sarah Oakley  Gillian Wall
Delilah Belle Cudmore  Lauren Hodde  Christopher Olsen  Allison Wiley
Taylor Cunningham  Grady Hogan  Casey Parker  Kelly Xia
Leslie Dagen  McKayla Holmes  Abby Parkerson  Zoey Yi
Kyle Daniels