

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2018



## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

- Scheppers International Trucking began a \$2,500 sponsorship of the Bookmobile.
- The Library started using Zimmer Radio to advertise Library programs.
- MRRL Friends attended the Jefferson City Public Schools Open Houses to provide library card sign-up for families.
- The Library partnered with our local PBS station (KMOS) on the Great American Read program and co-hosted two events.

**MRRL partnered with American Red Cross to offer quarterly Blood Drives.**



## FACILITIES

- The Library moved out of the Annex on 209 Adams due to facility issues. Many staff moved back into the main building, and the Administrative Offices moved to 308 East High, Suite 205.

**MRRL Library Board voted to pursue the purchase of the Deutches Heim building in Linn for the relocation of the Osage County Branch, which will double the Branch's square footage.**



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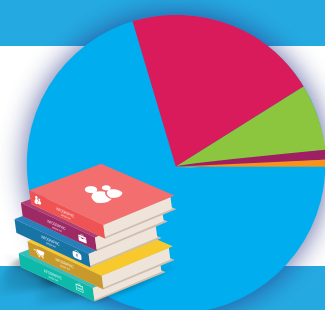


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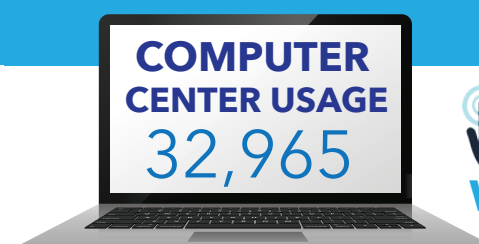
was a year of change for the Library. We signed a contract for the purchase of a new building in Osage County (to be completed in 2019) while moving out of our long-time administrative building on 209 Adams. The majority of the staff moved into the Main Library. The administrative team relocated to 308 East High, Suite 205. All of the Library's policies and procedures for the staff and the public were updated. In addition to the annual MRRL/ABLE book sale, we added two additional smaller book sales at the Main Library in January and October. The Library's Foundation surpassed their previous fundraising efforts by raising over \$15,000 for the Library in 2018.



**TOTAL ITEMS CHECKED OUT: 482,801**



339,084 Books  
100,521 Video  
35,402 Audio  
4,134 Periodicals  
3,660 Other



154,693  
**WEBSITE HITS**

92,151  
**SOCIAL MEDIA HITS**



67,851

**E-RESOURCES CHECKED OUT**



55,180  
**CARD HOLDERS**

1,038  
**PROGRAMS OFFERED**



31,507  
**PEOPLE ATTENDED PROGRAMS**



257,098  
**LIBRARY VISITORS**

171  
**VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS**



19,121  
**MATERIALS ADDED**

3,369  
**NEW CARDS ISSUED**



## NEW SERVICES

- Google Chromebooks available for checkout inside the Library.
- Children's Picture Books are newly arranged by category and displayed in book bins.
- MRRL/ABLE Pop-Up Book Sales held for first time in January and October 2018 raised approximately \$10,000 to be divided by both organizations.

## NEW PROGRAMS

- Virtual Reality Programming offered to Teen and Millennial groups.
- The LGBTQ Teen group SAGA begins meeting.
- 1000 Books before Kindergarten program was launched in October.