

ANNUAL REPORT

Solon Public Library

320 W Main Street, Solon, Iowa 52333



Fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022) was a time of transition from pandemic restrictions to safely resuming in-person library visits and programming. We were thrilled to see old friends return and to welcome new members of the community. We take great pride in being one of the first places new residents visit and providing exceptional service to each person who enters our Library.

Our staff attended the Iowa Libraries Online Conference in January and were inspired by the idea of community partnerships. We collaborated with Solon Senior Support to create our weekly Coffee & Conversations and Chair Yoga programs. We worked with the Solon Volunteer Fire Department to provide an up close look at a fire truck, local Master Gardeners to create a library garden, and the Iowa City Bird Club to lead a bird watching expedition. We partnered with Solon Recreation to host Family Fun Nights with games and a movie every second Saturday and participated in their annual Trunk or Treat event. We coordinated our summer storywalks and co-hosted the Local Libraries LIT virtual author events with our fellow Johnson County Libraries. We encouraged your creativity by hosting a community mural on our patio and a pumpkin decorating contest.

We are proud to be leading by example with the installation of our 100 roof-mounted solar panels. Since their installation in July 2021, we have realized significant energy savings and contributed to the health of our environment. Each month of the year we provided learning opportunities with engaging programming for all ages and enjoyed sharing new experiences with our patrons.

We are so grateful for each of our amazing volunteers who serve our Library Community from weekly library projects to serving on one of our three supporting boards. We are delighted to be a place of learning and inspiration for our Community.


Liz King, Library Director

New Things!

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Telescope, ukulele, microscope, ring light, speaker, garden tools, USB memory card reader, household tools, page magnifiers, LEGO Kits, cake pans, puzzles

EQUIPMENT

DVD Player, Blu-Ray Player, CD Players, & Laptops for checkout

CHAIR YOGA

Twice a week program for seniors to practice wellness of body & mind.

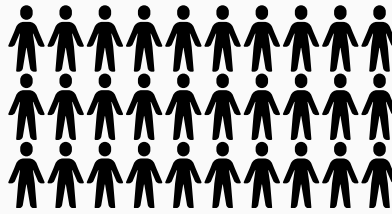
FUN FOR ALL NIGHT

Monthly night out with games and a movie on the 2nd Saturday. Formerly called Family Fun Night.



5,408 Cardholders

Number of patrons in Solon, rural Johnson County, and surrounding areas.



79,071 Check-Outs

Number of Library materials, physical and downloadable, that were checked out by patrons.

Free WiFi Around the Clock

Community members utilized our free Wi-Fi 6,426 times over the 12-month period.



Digital Access



Community members logged onto our Patron Computers 2,579 times. You visited our website 23,027 times for Digital Storytime, our online catalog, eBooks, and other resources.

Library Programs

We held 148 in-person Library programs with 3,420 attendees.



2022 Summer Reading

May-August 2022

We had 572 youth, and 146 adults join our summer reading program.

Reading Totals

167 Littles (0-K) read 13,376 Books
287 Kids (1st-4th) read 497,122 minutes
118 Teens (5th-12th) read 269,000 minutes
146 Adults read 974 books



"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

-SIDNEY SHELDON



Program Views

You enjoyed Digital Storytime, In the Kitchen, DIY Night, and other recorded programs with 3,871 views.



Take & Make Kits

From Storytime Take & Makes to BAM POW Grab & Go kits, our community enjoyed 2,857 take home activities for all ages!