

# Northern Plains Public Library Director's Report

November 2023

	Nov-23	Oct-23	% Change	YTD 2023	YTD2019	% Change
Checkouts	4251	3566	19.21%	42553	52960	-19.65%
Overdrive Checkouts	343	293	17.06%	3277	3035	7.97%
1st Time Check outs	3635	3016	20.52%	33320	42509	-21.62%
Patron Visits	4792	3741	28.09%	31032		#DIV/0!
Computer Usage	129	145	-11.03%	1693	1462	15.80%
Adult Fiction	578	649	-10.94%	7156	8558	-16.38%
Adult Non-Fiction	310	320	-3.13%	4023	7460	-46.07%
Easy Fiction	1293	1194	8.29%	12613	14438	-12.64%
Easy Non-Fiction	133	123	8.13%	1459	1770	-17.57%
Children's Fiction	681	522	30.46%	8678	6025	44.03%
Children's Non-Fic.	177	179	-1.12%	2133	2489	-14.30%
Young Adult Fiction	115	112	2.68%	1929	2188	-11.84%
Young Adult Non-Fic	17	12	41.67%	231	362	-36.19%
Inspirational	134	133	0.75%	1602	1896	-15.51%
Audio Books	7	27	-74.07%	231	1283	-82.00%
Videos	945	913	3.50%	10030	10060	-0.30%
	17540	14945	17.36%			

During November, the library hosted a Library Open House. We received great feedback on future programs and book requests. The Winter Reading Challenge and the Lego Tower Challenge continues, and we have seen enthusiastic participation.

December brings holiday celebrations! Santa letters can now be dropped off at our magical mailbox by the front entry, and the librarians will ensure that they make it to the North Pole in time for Christmas. On the 5<sup>th</sup>, the library hosted a Magic Show for our Storytime crowd, performed by Ann Lincoln. The library is continuing its Introduction to Herbalism series on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. There has been patron interest to expand the series to include other home crafts, such as sourdough baking and yogurt making, which we will explore in the new year. Adult Crafty Corner and the Graphic Novel class will start again in January.

The library has again partnered with Ault's Lutheran Church as an Angel Tree drop off location. All wrapped gifts are due by December 16<sup>th</sup>. The library will also host a Gingerbread Contest, where patrons can bring in their gingerbread creations for consideration starting the 11<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced on the 19<sup>th</sup>. HSEP's final project for the year is Christmas Around the World. Students will present their projects on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, and their posters will be displayed around the library for patrons to enjoy. Santa will be coming to town for our Santa Storytime! The event is on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, and patrons will have the opportunity to listen to a story read by Santa himself and take pictures with the jolly old elf. A hot cocoa bar and candy canes will be provided. A Holiday Craft will

be supplied on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. Adults will make a holiday inspired sugar scrub and children will make Christmas crackers, and Christmas cookies and cocoa will be provided.

Casse completed her probationary period with flying colors. Rose's training continues to progress well. The staff Christmas Party will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> after hours. The library will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.