

OUR MISSION:

- To provide multiple resources for recreation and lifelong learning
- To foster a learning environment for children, teens, and adults
- To provide access to technology for residents of Knoxville and rural Marion County.

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Hours of Operation:

Monday—Thursday	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday	2—4 p.m. (Sept—May)

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KNOXVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Connecting people, places, and ideas



McKenna Haase and fans



Lego creations



Kids at play



Classic cop car



Very pretty!



Vintage race car



MS Band



Spin Art fun



I ain't scared of no bug!



It'll wash off!



All smiles!



The Ussery boys ham it up.



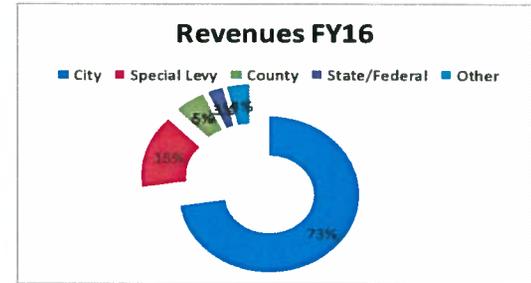
Display from the Egg Council



Claire can whistle!

Funding Sources: The Knoxville Public Library is funded primarily by the city of Knoxville, with additional funding from the county, state/federal aid, donations, and the sale of copies and collection of fines or fees.

City	250,850
Special Levy	52,164
County	19,250
State/Federal	9,129
Other	13,752
Total	345,145

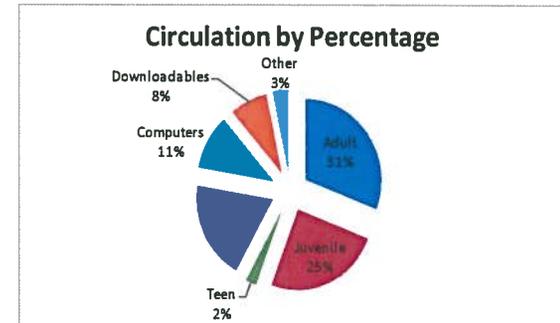


Circulation and Collections:

Total circulation was 78,506 including downloadable music and books on Bridges and Freegal. Computer usage was 8,598. Wireless usage was 7,159. Two AWE Early Literacy computers were added to the children's area and have been very popular. In-house usage was 9,144 items.

The library had 57,473 visits last year. We offered 179 programs for all ages with a total attendance of 3,310. The meeting room was used 325 times by all kinds of groups.

Adult	24,223
Juvenile	19,474
Teen	1,814
A/V	15,497
Computers	8,598
Downloadables	6,348
Other	2,552
Total Circ.	78,506



- Our collection size of physical materials is 33,634 items. The average "E" size library has 47,836 items. We are on the low end in collection size due to lack of space.
- The average "E" size library is 14,522 sq. ft. Our library measures 7,680 sq. ft.
- We added 3,709 items (11 %) and withdrew 4,210 items (12.5%).
- Total number of registered users is 8,618. We added 526 new patrons last year. Library cards expire every two years and are updated regularly.
- Approximately 67% of our patrons live in the city, while rural Marion County residents make up 22% and borrowers from surrounding areas comprise 11%.
- Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a popular service we offer where we can borrow materials from other libraries statewide. Last year, we borrowed 455 items and sent out 458 items.

People may go to the library looking mainly for information, but they find each other there.

Robert D. Putnam, *Better Together: Restoring the American Community*

Making a Difference

This week marks the tenth anniversary of my tenure at the Knoxville Public Library, seven years as the Director. As I reflect on those years and go back twenty, fifty, even a hundred years, admiration and gratitude surface for the residents and city leaders in the past who built a legacy for future generations.

Last November, grandchildren and great grandchildren of those past residents, as well as new generations, voted "Yes" to a ballot making it possible to expand the Knoxville Public Library. The campaign to raise the additional \$1.75M may take a little while yet, but it shows the promise of many more tomorrows. Generous grants and donations from Pella Foundation, Kuyper Foundation, Knoxville Heritage Foundation, Marion County Community Foundation, numerous organizations, and individuals reflect their trust in our dream.

The library stands solid as "the hub" of this community. It offers services for everyone, regardless of age, race, creed, social or economic status. The library is the great equalizer, where everyone is treated with fairness and courtesy. We serve the public.

We love watching the faces of the little ones light up as they first learn to read and eventually discover words and worlds at Story Time. Gradually, the kids go off to school but find that reading is still fun, especially during the summer, as they participate in the Summer Reading Program. Here, they are entertained as they learn.

Teens and young adults find themselves pulled in many different directions, but the library is here for them. Sometimes, it is the only place for solitude and reflection, a place where imagination can take flight. It's also a place to "hang out" with friends, do homework, or access the Internet wirelessly.

Our electronic resources are available 24/7: thousands of E-books and audiobooks on Bridges; free music on Freegal; Learning Express for practice tests and learning materials, career and academic; EBSCOHost for research and reference materials. We are the connection to local, state, and federal authorities. What we don't know, we find out.

As librarians, we are trained to help you find what you need to succeed. Every day, we help people on the public computers connecting to friends or family, researching jobs, working on resumes, doing what needs to be done.

We also make a difference when we deliver to Homebound patrons, keeping them engaged in reading. We are not bound within four walls and make visits to the schools, Headstart, and Assisted Living facilities.

In support of our mission to foster lifelong learning opportunities, we have a wide range of adult programming, whether it is to offer meeting room space or hosting them in the form of author visits, entertainment, book discussions, and lectures.

Through it all, we keep changing and adapting to meet the needs of the community. I am confident that a hundred years from now, the Knoxville Public Library will still be here, still making a difference.

Roslin Thompson
Library Director

Quick Facts:

- * There are 544 public libraries in Iowa; 76% serve populations of less than 2,500.
- * Almost 69% of all Iowans have a public library card (the most important card of all!)
- * The Knoxville Public Library has **12** public access computers, used **8,298** times last year. Our wireless was accessed **7,176** times. More people are bringing in laptops and mobile devices to access the Internet. The library has broadband capabilities and is upgrading.
- * The Knoxville Public Library is a size "E" library, serving a population ranging from 5,000 to 9,999. There are 41 such libraries in Iowa.
- * Last year, the library offered **179** programs for children, teens, and adults with an attendance of **3,310**. 466 people registered for the SRP and had a 60% completion rate.
- * There were **57,473** visits to the library, almost 4,800 visitors each month. The meeting room was used **325** times by all kinds of groups.
- * Our physical collection totals **33,634** items and **28,919** downloadable items (e-books and audio-books) = 62,553 items. We added 3,709 items (11%) and withdrew 4,210 items (12.5%).
- * We offer FREE e-books and audio-books through **Bridges**, a statewide consortium at low cost (5 cents per capita). There were 6,348 E-materials downloaded last year. This number keeps growing.
- * Freegal is a database to download free and legal music (5 each week). Last year, **2,091** songs were downloaded which saved the consumer \$2,698.
- * If we don't have it, we can get it! Interlibrary Loan remains a popular service where we can borrow books or movies from other libraries for you. Last year, we borrowed 455 items from other libraries, and sent out 458 items.
- * We offer free on-line educational resources 24/7: Learning Express 3.0 is funded through state and federal grants and contains practice tests for school, adult learners, and career opportunities. EBSCOHost provides thousands of scholarly, peer-reviewed journals, magazines and research materials to our users. This is all accessible for free through our website: www.knoxville.lib.ia.us.

**Libraries change lives.
Libraries mean business.
Libraries build community.
Libraries are a smart investment.**

Information is a basic human right and the fundamental foundation for the formation of democratic institutions.

Nelson Mandela