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Annual Report

2014-2015

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Our Year in Review

NKCPL 75th Anniversary Celebrations continue through 2014

The end of the year brings our final 75th Anniversary Celebration events. In January 2014 North Kansas City Public Library began celebrating its 75th year of serving the community. A year-long celebration began with an Anniversary Reception where Mayor Stielow proclaimed January 18th to be *North Kansas City Public Library Day*. Special activities and programs were held during 2014 to thank the community for their support and to mark this milestone. Below are special events held at the end of our celebration in 2014.

❖ October 2014

Remembering the Library – long-time patrons visit and share their stories about NKC and the Library.

❖ October 2014

Tween Art Showing – Tweens were available to discuss their works of art which were created in an art workshop for Tweens. These painting were displayed in the Tween Area of the Library.

❖ November 2014

Veterans Day Celebration with local Boy Scout Troup #501 and special speaker Major John Smith, retired. The event was held at Memorial Park and continued with refreshments in the main lobby of the Library.

New Electronic Resources

Several Electronic Resources were added to North Kansas City Public Library's collection this fiscal year. Newly acquired subscriptions included:

❖ TumbleBooks

An online collection of animated talking picture books which children can read or have read to them, videos, Tumble TV, puzzles and games. Available 24 hours daily, seven days a week through the Library website @ nkcpl.org.

❖ Printer-On

A wireless patron printing service available for use remotely or in the Library. Print virtually any document or web page from your internet connected PC or mobile device – including laptops, tablets and smartphones -- to one of our Library printers. Printing options include black and white or color. Send print requests from home or inside the Library to print out within 72 hours. Access through the Library website @ nkcpl.org.

❖ Universal Class

Over 500 online non-credit Continuing Education Courses are available 24/7 via the Internet, in the Library or remotely. Attend these personal enrichment courses and complete assignments on your schedule. Each course has a real instructor you may communicate with using email. Access through the Library website @ nkcpl.org.

❖ Kansas City Star Image Edition

Access to a full-color digital version of the daily paper online through the Library website @ nkcpl.org. The Image Edition is keyword searchable, optimized for printing, and has zoom or text enlargement options. The KC Star Image Edition is available remotely or in the Library 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Tweens & Teens in the Library

Tween Art Show



~ An Art Show featuring paintings by our tweens was held in the Tween Room in October 2014.

~ Tween artists were in attendance and available to discuss their works of art during the Art Show.

~ These painting were created at one of the Tween Workshops held at the Library.

~ Tweens were inspired and created their individuals pieces based on one of their favorite books.

Tween & Teen Programming

NKCPL Summer Reading 2015 included special workshops just for our tweens (ages 8-14). These workshops included Mod Podge Letter; Super Hero Masks; Balloon Twisting; Super Hero Magnets; and Super Hero Trivia.



New for Summer Reading 2015 was special programming for teens. Workshops just for teens (ages 13-18) included Mod Podge Letter; Stage Combat Workshop; and Superhero Trivia.



Updated Furniture

New computer chairs were installed at the patron access computer area in the main level of the Library. These chairs were selected to coordinate with the computer tables installed last year.

Lounge chairs for the lower level area of the Library were reupholstered. Fresh colors were used to blend in with the existing furnishings, walls and floor coverings.

Four Star Library

North Kansas City Public Library received the
Library Journal Star Library Award
for the fifth year in a row.



- NKCPL received a Star Library Award for the fifth year in a row
- NKCPL ranked 11th out of 1,446 in the \$400,000-\$999,999 expenditure range
- Rankings based on 2013 data for -
 - circulation (186,637)
 - library visits (196,065)
 - program attendance (4,861)
 - public internet usage (33,699)
- Seven Libraries in Missouri received a Three or Four star ranking
- Total of 7,663 Libraries reviewed

Summer Reading Program

May 30 through August 8, 2015

“Every Hero has a Story”

Total Children Participants = 497

Total Hours of Reading = 5,034

- Ages 12 weeks-14 years
- 1,678 reading logs
- 65% completion rate (from log 1 to log 5)

“Escape the Ordinary”

Total Adult Participants = 91

- 163,552 pages read
- Averaged 1,797 pages per participant

Award Party – Macken Park

- 129 children attended
- 91 adults attended



Library Collection & Statistics

(as of 9-30-2015)

Collection Size = 95,296 items

Print Materials = 61,312

Audio Visual Materials = 9,312

Electronic Books = 24,597

Electronic Periodicals = 75

Collection Expenditures = \$127,358

Print Materials = \$80,820

Audio Visual Materials = \$17,680

Electronic Books / Databases = \$25,475

Periodical Subscriptions = \$3,383

Annual Total Circulation = 171,811

Registered Active Borrowers = 15,585

Registered E-Book Borrowers = 1,435

Annual Public Computer Sessions = 38,534

Total Programs = 281

Program Attendance = 8,567

Annual number of Visits = 193,187

