

Cascade Public Library Annual Report

Oct. 1, 2021 - Sep. 30, 2022

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Cascade Public Library is to provide infinite possibilities to educate, inspire, inform and entertain patrons of all ages.

Library Team:

Librarians - Marilyn Griggs, Janey Chappell and Tristan Talbott

Instructors - Vicki Fryar, Brandy Michalec and Veronica Hooker

Director - Maria Guest

Board Members - Rich Butterfield, Rosemary Reinhardt, Taci Davis, Carole Mitchell and Joni Stevenson

Statistics:	(open 5 mons) 2022	2021	2020	2019
Library visitors.....	2,014.....	3,450.....	5,356.....	6,927
Library website visitors.....	4,452.....	9,511.....	7,567.....	8,748
Physical items circulated.....	2,481.....	4,468.....	6,487.....	7,575
Virtual items circulated.....	1,038.....	638.....	537.....	1,406
Library memberships.....	433.....	2,125.....	619.....	535
Patron computer usage.....	252.....	610.....	1,435.....	2,530
Program Sessions.....	80.....	2.....	50.....	2
Program attendees.....	317.....	16.....	423.....	129
Volunteer hours.....	132.....	13.....	30.....	880
Hours open to the public.....	736.....	1,768.....	1,890.....	2,080

Accomplishments:

- Completely remodeled the building in 5 months with a new library sign and stayed on budget after being closed from Feb. 8th - Sep. 8th due to flood and smoke damage from a nearby fire.
- Had a well received ribbon cutting grand reopening ceremony on Oct 28th with Mayor Judy Nissula. We had food, drinks and grab bags for children that included books and educational games/toys.
- Increased seating areas and patron computers in the library.
- Offered a meeting room with smartboard/projector and computer for patrons to use individually for telehealth or as a group for meetings.
- Offered a variety of different programs including: kindergarten readiness, K-8th tutoring, Math and English classes for homeschoolers, teen book club and mental health program, immediately after opening our doors on Sep. 9th, 2022.
- We were able to use all existing grants to purchase all furnishings and provide educational programs.
- Have weeded out damaged/old/unpopular books and replenished them with new and popular books using grant money and the new books are flying off the shelves.
- Built strong relationships with City Hall, Friends of the Library, Cultural Art Center, Cascade School District, Cascade After School Program, Chamber of Commerce, University of Idaho Extension, Idaho Commission for Libraries, McCall Library and Donnelly Library.

Goals for 2023:

- Offer electronic devices for checkout including: tablets, laptops and wifi mobile hotspots.
- Increase program enrollments by having more exposure in town by coordinating with the Cultural Art Center, Cascade School District, Senior Community Center, American Legions, Chamber of Commerce and local business owners.
- Show movies to increase foot traffic in the building.
- Create adult programs such as computer/media, arts, craft, etc.
- Continue After school, Homeschool tutoring and Mental Health programs.
- Have a dynamic Summer Reading Program.