



Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Hours Open per Week: 62

Total Expenditures: \$508,711 Grants Received: \$5,348 Donations: \$3,360
 Local Tax Appropriations: \$417,802 Estimated Value of Circulated Materials: \$1,363,953

Total Number of Items/DVDs/Audio 50,902

Number of Items Added 3,904

Number of Items Deleted 2,348



Summer Reading with Wildlife Encounters

Events and Services

Participating Children	3,429
Participating Adults	1,577
School Outreach Participants	1,635
Computer Users	14,902
Early Literacy Stations	2,366
Meeting Room Users	5,760

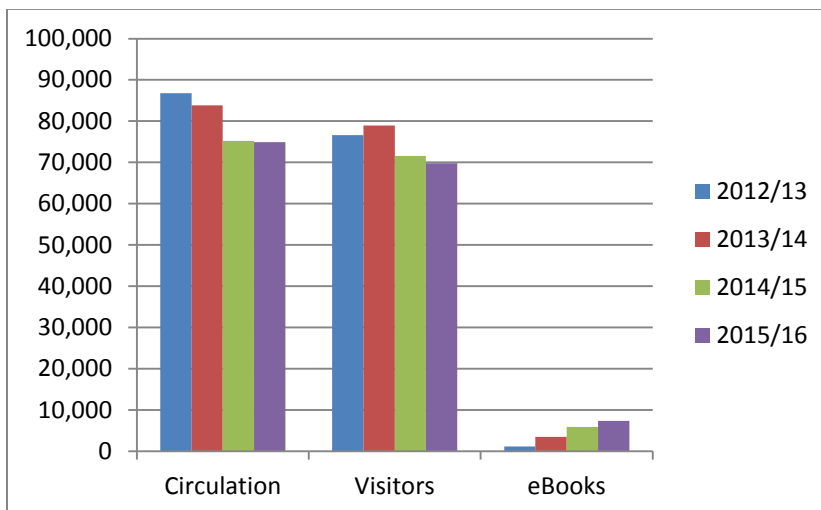
Check-outs (Circulation):

Children's	24,320
Adult	31,076
Teen	2,079
Computers	6,975
eBooks	<u>7,337</u>

Total Circulation 71,787

Library Visitors

Library Visitors	69,777 (would fill the Ralston Arena 19 times)
Website Visitors	75,063
Cardholders	6,094



EBook and all eResource downloads increased in 2016.

2016 Programs, Events, and Services – The Community’s Experiences



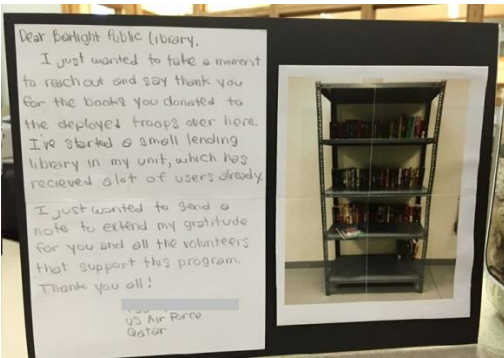
Morgan, the service dog, heard over 100 children read to her.



Gardening Tips at Seed Share



Ralston High School Students after a day of job shadowing.



Over 700 donated books comprised 61 shipments for Operation Paperback. Ralston travelled to the troops.



Words on the Winter Wind were heard despite the truck rolling into the north wall.



Arbor Day was celebrated with Story Time at the Park.



Building with Legos enhances brain function for reading. Lego Club meets weekly.

Food Bank for the Heartland served lunches for eight weeks in the summer near the front steps.



Levitation with Magician Keith West and other illusions reinforced children's abilities to look closely and to think critically.



With the continual support from the City and with the work of the Library Board of Trustees and staff, the Library achieved the highest rating of accreditation from the Nebraska Library Commission. The Library is reviewed every three years. This is the fourth time the Library has achieved the top ranking.

