DIRECTOR’S NOTE

Greetings Everyone,
Since I started, I have been asked what my vision is for our library system. Simply put: Carver County Libraries are integrated into the fabric of each community in the County and into the lives of our community members.

Over the past year our library staff has exerted herculean efforts to push Carver County Libraries toward that vision, as you’ll note by this report. As a result of their efforts, the people of Carver County have benefited from innovative programming, stellar collections in all formats and a staff that continues to place the public first with customer service second to none.

So, picture this:
You...at your local Carver County Library

Heidi Hoks, Director of Carver County Libraries

The newest building in our library system opened on March 7 in Victoria. The Grand Opening Celebration was a huge success with over a thousand people attending. Located adjacent to county parks and trails, it’s the first entirely new CCL building in over 30 years and is shared by Victoria City Hall. Patrons visiting this library can check out new adult titles, a new comprehensive children’s collection, DVDs, audiobooks, magazines and more.

The Victoria Library is also a technology hub for the system. Patrons can take free classes on software, popular websites, tablets, eReaders and library and other technologies plus a Technology Library Assistant is available to help with anything technical during all of their open hours. iPads can be checked out for in-library use and are also integrated into select children’s storytimes. The Victoria Library serves as a model and has garnered interest across the state as other libraries look to increase their technical resources.

FUNDING ‘KODAK’ MOMENTS: LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF CARVER COUNTY

Last year our foundation introduced fundraising targeted to a specific collection— they chose to enhance our eAudiobooks (including fiction and non-fiction titles) with their “Non-Event Event.” They also provided generous support for both our youth Summer Reading and adult Winter Reading Programming.

TRAVEL PRINTS: CARVER EXPRESS LIBRARY

Our patrons now have another option for materials delivery with the January opening of the Carver Express Library in the Carver South West Transit Station. Hours are 5:00 am to 9:00 pm, Monday-Saturday.

A PHOTOS FINISH: VICTORIA LIBRARY

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2015 SNAPSHOT

PATRONS

535,107 visitors in 14,994 hours open
Including 5,156 new library card holders

AGE GROUP DISTRIBUTION
- Adult (19-64): 49%
- Child (Birth-12): 13%
- Senior (64+): 23%
- Teen (13-18): 15%
- 2%

PROGRAMS

44,756 patrons attended 1,689 library programs
16,998 patrons attended 552 Storytimes

Other programs included live music, gardening, technology, history, author visits, art and literature, crafts, magic, hobbies, etc.

CIRCULATION

1,064,503 items were checked out including
65,805 e-items
404,628 adult items,
546,264 children's items,
41,176 teen items and
6,650 interlibrary loan and other

CIRCULATION BY COLLECTION
- Adult: 6%
- Teen: 38%
- Child: 51%
- ILL & Other: 1%
- E-circ: 4%

Our 116 public computers were used 73,387 times.
We fielded 24,305 technology questions system wide
and conducted 491 consultations
at our new Technology Help Desk in Victoria.
Our website had 285,964 visits.

TECHNOLOGY

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers came in to work for a total of 13,116 hours.