

# 2015 Annual Report

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## Library Statistics

### 3,656 Cardholders

New cards issued 308  
Membership fee cards 92  
households (242 people)

### Inventory

Print/Media Collection 19,715  
New items 1,732  
Weeded items 1,255  
Missouri Libraries 2 Go 19,555

### Circulation 28,842

Adult fiction 6,567  
Adult non-fiction 1,839  
Young adult 1,374  
Juvenile 2,656  
Easies 6,533  
Periodicals 660  
Audio books 686  
Videos 5,237  
eBooks 2,859  
Interlibrary loan 431

### Technology 13,925

Library computers 10,064  
Early literacy computers 2,489  
Wi-Fi 1,372

### Programs 420

Adult 214; 2,804 attendees  
Children 206; 3,318 attendees

### Public Rooms

Heyssel Hall 255 uses  
Bolinger Room 100 uses  
Early Literacy Center 83 uses  
by 387 people

Listen to Librarian Connie Walker at 3:45 Friday on KRLL radio, 1420 AM, for a library activity update. Also available under "News" on the library website.

## Summer Reading Program: Reading Shapes Heros

The library kicked into high gear with the 2015 nine-week *Summer Reading Program* conducted from May 25 to July 30. All ages of children participated with 232 enrolled and 170 programs provided. Total attendance for all programs was 1,924 children.

Materials checked out in the period included 3,179 children's books, 1,502 juvenile books, and 466 young adult books. The library issued 41 free library cards to Moniteau County children living outside the library taxing districts (see page 4).

Performances of *Susie Saves the Day*, a puppet show performed by Peter Allen of Parasol Puppets, had 193 attendees. Children used the four Early Literacy Computers 185 times during the nine weeks.



The Missouri State Library grant provided funds for learning toys, in addition to books, employees, and a puppet show.

To conduct this popular program, the library received a \$5,669 grant from the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State, which is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. The funds paid for supplies, temporary employees, the puppet shows, and 46 new children's books that supported the theme of *Reading Shapes Heros*.



Children practiced being a "hero" through acts of kindness after reading the "Kindness Quilt." They built a cardboard quilt with pieces representing their act of kindness.

Programs	No.	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Pre-school programs at seven day care centers & the library	1,190	AM	AM	AM
Weekly camp groups	255	PM	PM	
Tween readers	93	PM		
Family & independent readers	386			PM

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Summer employees, Emily Ziehmer (left) and Linda Cable (right) aided the librarian in creating and conducting the Summer Reading Program.

## Children's Services



### Early Literacy Center

This popular children's room, located upstairs above the main library, was used 83 times by 387 children in 2015. It is here where the *Summer Reading Program* and *Storytime* take place. The Center was created in 2014 by a partnership of the library, Head Start, and the E.M. Burger Foundation.

Spring and fall sessions of *Storytime*, held every Wednesday morning, had 515 preschoolers attend in 2015. The *Building Block Books* were featured and children voted on their favorite book. The program also featured activities and crafts.



### Early Literacy Stations

Computer use increased 52% over 2014 to 2,489 users in the children's computer area of the main library. The computers have educational games appropriate for pre- and beginning readers. One station is bilingual with Spanish and English.

New Facebook page has 154 "Likes"

### LEGOs® at the Library

In 2015, a total of 176 young children played with the new LEGOs® at the Library to enhance their logical mathematical thinking, scientific reasoning, and problem solving. Out of 165 libraries in Missouri, the Moniteau County Library was one of 15 to receive a LEGO® toolkit, which includes 10,000 bricks and a *Junior Making* activity guide.

The play program, initiated during the 2014 winter holidays, contributes to increasing attention span, memory, creativity, and language/vocabulary skills in young children.

The donation came from a partnership between LEGO® Systems and the Association for Library Service to Children. The E.M. Burger Foundation provided additional supplies needed for the program.

## Adult Activities

### Senior Book Delivery

A new program initiated by a library volunteer in April serves seniors at the California Care Center and Moniteau Care Center. Every other week, he delivers requested books, periodicals, and videos to the centers as well as bringing an assortment of materials for residents to make selections. The staff at the centers manage the check-outs. The program had 817 check-outs in 2015. In the library survey (see page 4), homebound delivery was a high priority for respondents.

### Wood Place Book Club

Every second Wednesday of the month, the 10-person book club meets for a lively discussion about a book ordered from *Book Talk* at the Mid-Continent Library System, which provides kits containing 10 copies. Some books enjoyed in 2015 were *The Litigators* by John Grisham, *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult, and *Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog* by Lisa Scottoline. The club is open to any interested person.



eBook checkout increased 19% in 2015

### Winter Reading Rewards

There were 102 library patrons who participated in the 2015 adult *Winter Reading Rewards*. Though many libraries merge their adult programming with the summer children's program, we prefer to conduct ours when everyone is "hibernating" inside and has more time to read.

The program began on January 2, with print, eBooks, and audio books qualifying as entries in the contest. At the end of the eight-week period, 15 entries were drawn as lucky winners of \$20 California Chamber of Commerce gift certificates.

### Quilters

Every Tuesday, the *Wood Place Bookworms and Quilters Sewing Group* bring their sewing machines and materials to Heyssel Hall above the library for the fun of working together on their projects.

Each year, the group donates a quilt to help the library raise funds. The Friends of the Library sold tickets at the *Ham and Turkey Festival* and local grocery stores for the quilt drawing held on November 20. A total contribution of \$636 went into the carpet fund (see page 3).



# Finances

## Foundation Support

The founders of two local foundations recognize that a thriving library provides education and enlightenment to a community and helps families, entrepreneurs, job seekers, children, educators, and retirees. The Elia Wood Paegelow Foundation and E.M. Burger Foundation have provided funds for improvements to the library over many years.

In 2015, the Burger Foundation provided funds for supplies associated with "LEGOs in the Library."

The Paegelow Foundation provided \$15,000 for books, periodicals, audio books on CDs, and DVDs. They also provided \$9,484 for technology support that covered the eBook subscription to Missouri Libraries 2 Go, the contract with MORENet for Internet service, Follett's Destiny Library Manager, and Quickbooks for managing the library finances.

The Moniteau County Library Board requested funds from the Paegelow Foundation for library materials and technology services to help close the gap in the library's operating budget.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends Committee raises funds for the library. In 2015, their goal was completion of the *Heyssel Hall Project* to replace the 17-year old carpet and paint the walls in this large meeting room located above the library and used often by the community.

The Friends hosted two fundraising events to raise the needed money. The first was in June with a *Family Feud* game featuring these adventuresome Moniteau County families: Burger, Garnett, Jungmeyer, McGill, McKey, Staton, Schnieders/Scott, and Williams. The event raised \$2,826.

In October, they hosted the 2nd annual *Smartypants Trivia Night* with nine teams participating. The winning team was, for the second year, *Out of Our Minds*. The event raised \$2,198.

They combined these new funds with a donation from Central Bank, the quilt drawing, and carryover funds to complete the project in early 2016 for a total cost of \$7,271.80.

## Central Bank

Central Bank provided a generous gift of \$1,000 towards the carpet fund.

## Latham Family Books

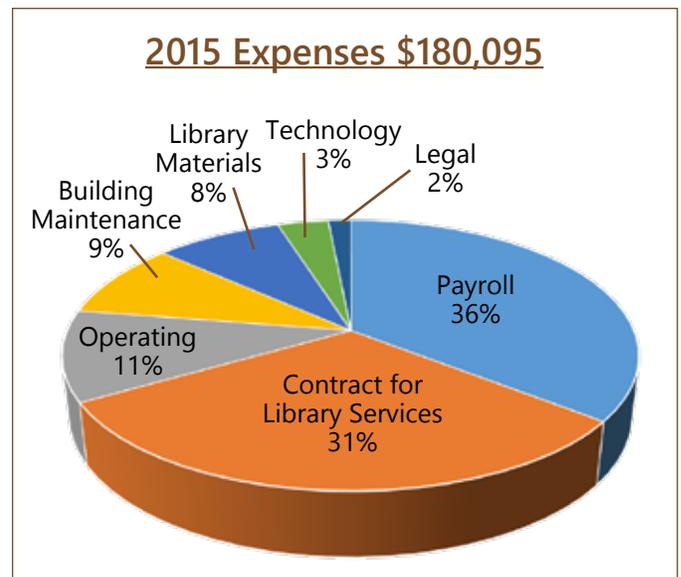
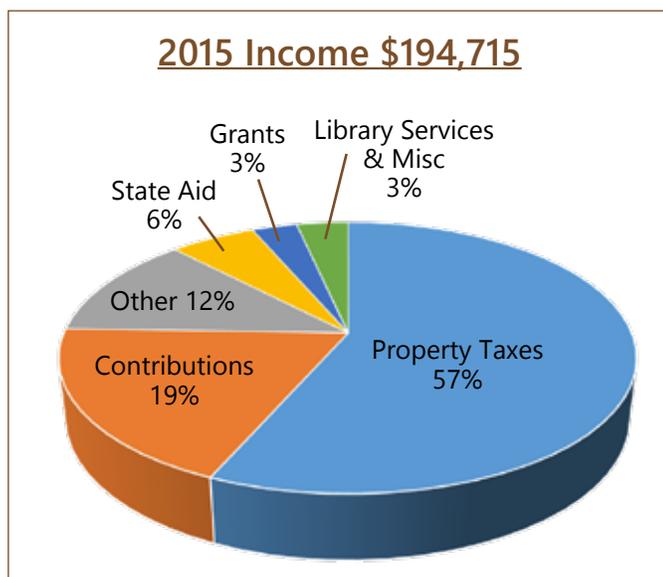
In 2015, the library purchased 14 new titles for the Latham Family Book Collection (see *New Arrivals* on library webpage). The Collection resides in a special oak bookcase to highlight the books made possible by this Moniteau County family.

Ken Latham created the legacy to honor his parents, Norma and Dr. Kenyon Latham, longtime residents associated with the Latham Hospital, which operated from 1926 to 1970.

The legacy contains funds that carry over, and are added to as needed. The library purchases only prize winning books with these funds – Pulitzer, National Book Award, Aventis, Newbery, Caldecott, and James Beard Cookbook – in all categories of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, children's books, science, and cookbooks.

## Toner Cartridge Recycling

Library patrons contributed 240 used printer toner cartridges to the library, which resulted in earning \$480 from Staples to use for office supplies. Thank you!



Board of Trustees' President Marian Gish provided 20 book reviews to the *California Democrat* in 2015.

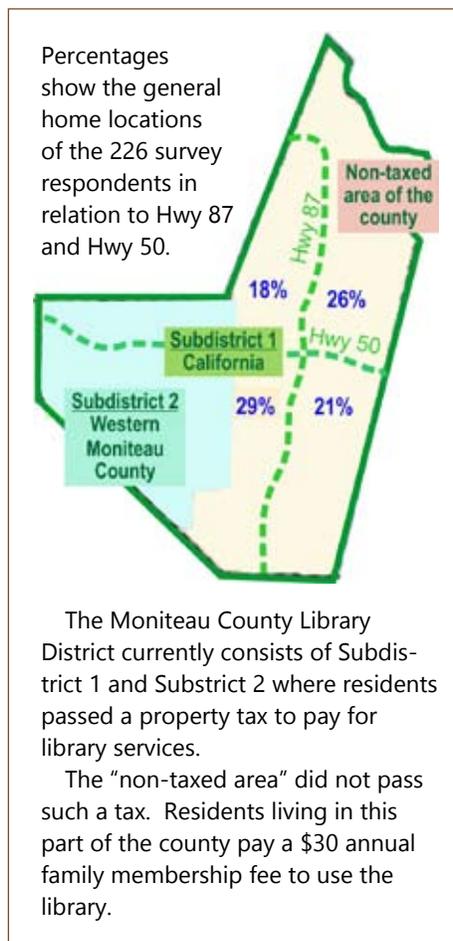
# Library Survey Helps Plan for the Future

Thanks to the randomly selected 226 people in the Moniteau County Library District who answered a community survey in 2015, the library has a better idea of how to plan for library services.

Over 97% of respondents believe the Moniteau County Library is a good investment for the community. However, many were unaware of the varied services provided by the library, especially electronic resources, such as eBooks and free access to the Internet.

**Respondents:** Of the 226 people, 82% reported living in the area for 10 or more years (see map), the majority was over 40 years old, 75% were female, and 25% male.

**Library Use:** Of respondents, 43% use the library and 57% are non-users. Of the users, 25% are frequent users, 50% are occasional users, and 25% are infrequently users. Reasons given by the 57% for not using the library include having to pay for the service, living and working outside of town, and buying books on the Internet.



**Community/Outreach:** Children's services at the library ranked very important for the future, including partnerships with child care providers and daycare centers for Early Literacy programming, expansion of the children's department at the library, and teaming with elementary and middle school STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs through *LEGOs® at the Library*.

On the other end of the age spectrum, home-bound delivery service ranked as a priority for future expansion of library services.

**Benefit of county-wide levy:** Over 75% of respondents were unaware that with a county-wide tax levy, all residents would receive free access to the Moniteau County Library in addition to both Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia and the Missouri River Library System in Jefferson City.

For additional information about the survey, contact librarian Connie Walker at 573-796-2642.

## Library Governance, Staff, and Volunteers

The Moniteau County Library (MCL) is governed by the Moniteau County Library District Board of Trustees. County commissioners appoint five members who serve unlimited four year terms. The board makes all MCL policy and budget decisions for the January to December fiscal year.

The board contracts with Price James Memorial Library in Tipton, MO for library services in portions of western Moniteau County. Funding for the MCL is provided through property tax income, state aid, grants, the Elia Wood Paegelow Foundation bequests and donations, copier/fax service, and membership fees for county residents not residing within MCL taxing districts.

**Board of Trustees:** Marian Gish, President; Peggy Basinger, Vice-president; Lee Longan, Treasurer; Ashli Wood, Secretary; Elaine Proctor, Member

**Library Staff:** Connie Walker, Director; Nancy Lewis, Assistant Director; Erin Ogg, Clerk. Erin Ogg came to the library as a full-time library Clerk on July 28. Erin has an Associate's Degree in accounting and formerly served in the Army National Guard as a Medic. She immediately became a great asset to the library managing the Circulation Desk and library materials.



**Library Volunteers:** Linda Cable, Marian Gish, Raven Kirk, Gloria Longan, and Kathy Shoemaker.

**Friends of the Library:** Elaine Proctor, Chair; Terry Brown, Secretary; Carole Barbour, Susan Borts, Joyce Cook, Beth Fennewald, Larry Hall, Vanda Harlan, Beth Jungmeyer, Vickie Schroeder, Ann Tettlebaum

**Practicum Student:** In the fall, the library received 90 hours of help from University of Missouri student Nathan Elwood, who is completing his Master's Degree in Library Science. Nathan's goal was to practice making communication materials that promote public libraries. He created the digital signage for the Circulation Desk, the Facebook page, and a slide video about library services. He also compiled the community survey (above). Nathan was a great help!

