

Library Report for Elgin City Council

December 2018

Circulation was down 39% in December with the collection size decreasing 715 items from the previous December. The previous December had a huge increase of circulation – 52%.

Friends of the Elgin Library held Old Fashioned Christmas on December 15th with hot cocoa, wassail, sandwiches desserts, and silent auction. Brian McKinney (Gypsy Drifters) of The Owl serenaded patrons for the first session, then we had a sing-along and lastly the Elgin Middle School Choir gave a beautiful performance. (Picture below)

Evergreen Farms Christmas Trees gave a great donation to the Friends of the Elgin Library for books.

- Programs: Special children’s programs in December included a Mexican Posadas on December 1 with arts and crafts and participation in the Hot Cocoa Stroll. The Polar Express train rides and hot cocoa, crafts, Santa Claus, and Pancake supper was on December 20th. Unfortunately, we had equipment malfunction so the movie was not shown but the equipment is fixed now. Participants wore their pajamas.
- The Homeschool Gathering had good participation, especially for the Archaeology program put on by Cristin Embree on December 14.
- Qi Gong in the Park moved into the Civic Center on Mondays until better weather in March. (Pronounced Chi Gong)
- The Adult Craft Afternoon has a good turnout of returning participants each month.

Technology: The library’s server is in the process of being replaced with a slightly used server from the PD. We are able to order server software from Techsoup at a huge discount.

Volunteer hours were down slightly from the previous December. Thanks to one volunteer who came in and vacuumed the building on the last Monday of the month.



Categories	Units	Dec. '17	Dec. '18	Fiscal YTD'18	Fiscal YTD '19
Total Circulation		8,745	5,347	23,211	19,653
+ or - Same month previous year	Percent	52%+	39%-		
Additions					
Interlibrary Loans	Each	17	5	37	25
New Patrons	Each	74	49	235	172
Collection					
Items Added	Each	149	115	541	633
Items Withdrawn	Each	461	113	1,037	1,073
Total Collection	Each	37,453	36,738	37,453	36,738
General Statistics					
Gate Count		3,743	3,656	10,522	11,281
Hours Open	Each	154	143	463	462
Library Tours	Each	0	15	0	35
Program Visitors	Each	208	264	900	1,577
Public Computer Use	Hours	401	292	1,177	992
Patrons using computers	Each	594	456	1,887	1,503
Wifi Patron Usage	Each	383	758	1,123	2,657
Volunteer Hours	Each	159	120	507	489
Receipts					
		\$2,861	\$1,375	\$5,604	\$4,304
Civic Center Use					
City	Each	3	3	32	11
Library	Each	17	31	43	73
Public Rental	Each	6	4	9	10
Other - not for profit	Each	0	3	4	10
Total Civic Center Use		26	41	88	104