

Broken Bow Public Library Director's Report
to the City Council

November 9, 2015

Technology

- Public Access Computer use: In October of 2015, 574 individuals used the five public access computers for a total of 514.5 hours, indicating that **our public access computers were used nearly 47% of the time they were available**. There were also 186 individuals who brought their own laptops into the library to utilize our wireless service. Last October, 664 individuals used the computers for a total of 579 hours and we had 197 laptop users.
- According to our circulation program calculator, **Broken Bow Library patrons have saved \$327, 372 in 2015** by borrowing materials from our library. The cost per item is calculated from the purchase amount we list with each item added.

Programming

Families

- The library's annual "**Share the Joy of Reading**" **book drive** starts on Thursday, November 12th and ends on December 15th. This event is when we collect used children's books in good condition or new children's books. Donated books are then given to the Broken Bow Does for distribution to Custer County families before Christmas.
- Our special **holiday story time with Santa is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th** from 4-6:00 p.m. This event has become one of the largest every year at the library with nearly 300 attending during the two hours. Children will hear stories, enjoy treats, do crafts, write a letter to Santa, make reindeer food and welcome Santa at 5:00. There is a **big surprise planned this year**, so we encourage families not to miss out on the fun!
- We are also **planning the 2nd Annual "Adopt a Grandparent"** event for the holiday season. Once again we are partnering with Off Broadway Apartments for this special program. Over 110 parents and children were on hand at Off Broadway last year to enjoy special time with their adopted grandparents by giving them small gifts, visiting, and having snacks. Complete details on this event can be found in November's Newsletter or on our library website.

Special recognition

- We received notification on October 29th that the Nebraska Library Commission had completed the review of the application and strategic plan for accreditation. The Commission informed us that the **Broken Bow Public Library met the requirements to be accredited at Gold**, the highest level possible, through September 30, 2018. Our Library Board and the library staff are honored that our library achieved this goal and noted that we are currently the only accredited public library in Custer County.

Library building project

- The **capital campaign fundraising for the library renovation/addition** now totals over \$211,000. The capital campaign grant committee recently sent additional information to the Kiewit Foundation as requested by one of their grant officers. We will hear on that grant before the end of the calendar year. Also, grant requests were recently sent to the Kitty Perkins Foundation and the M. Eighthmy Foundation. Other grant requests that will be sent by mid-November are those to the Daugherty Foundation and the Hirschfield Family Foundation.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Birnie, Library Director