

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library News

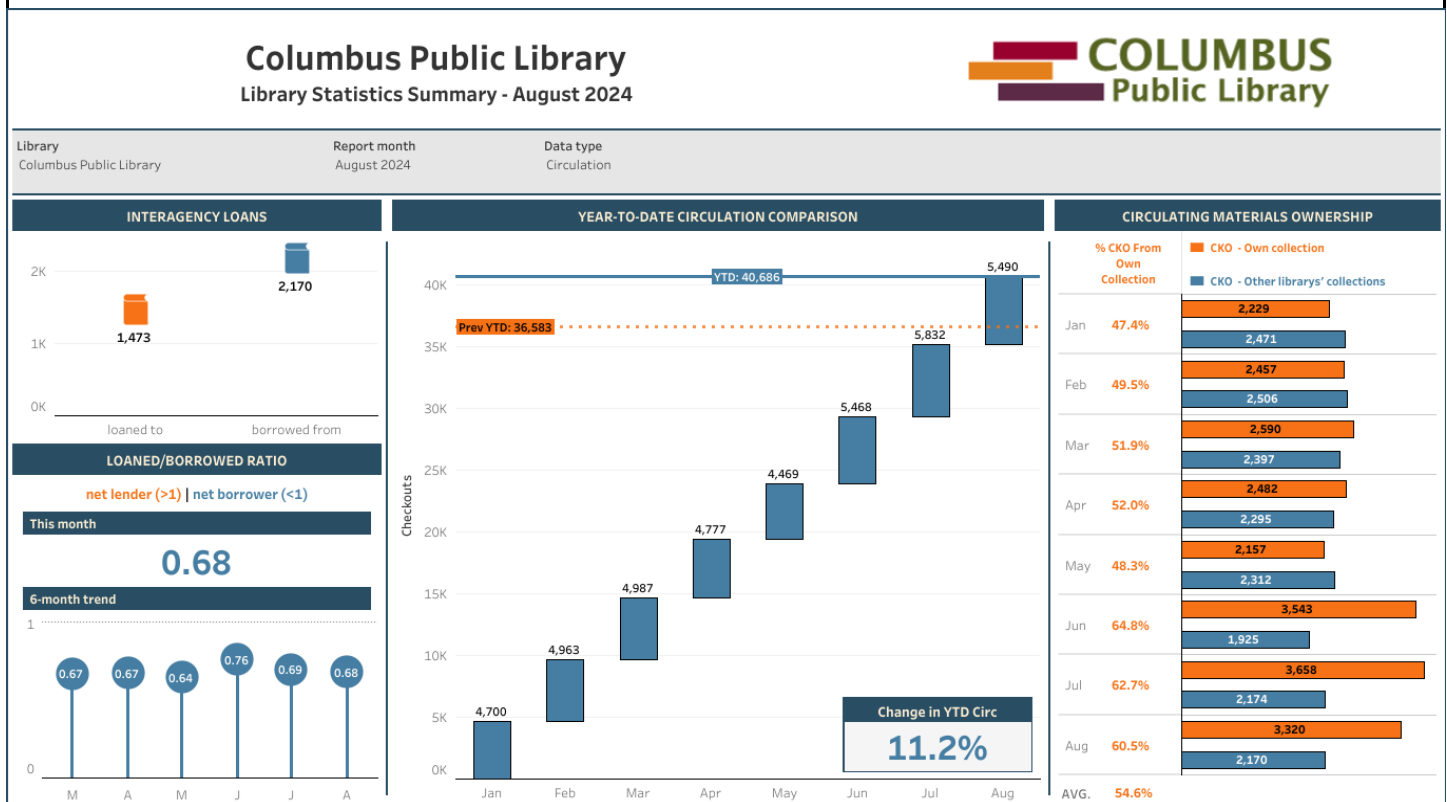
- August 28th we celebrated Sue Mathwich's 25th Anniversary with 10 dozen cupcakes and many visitors.
- August 29th authors Jenny Kalvaitis and Kristen Whitson presented about their book, We Will Always Be Here
- Also on August 29th, Amanda and Deb from the Library, and Shirley and Mary from the Friends of the Library attended Columbus Elementary School's Open House. We handed out pencils from the Friends and other various goodies from the Library. We made sure to drop off pencils at Zion and St. Jerome as well.
- Youth Services hosted Back to School Bingo to get families excited for the new school year.
- All four Book Clubs continue to be popular and well attended. We reach a variety of demographics.
- Youth programming took a break for the 2nd half of August, but with the new school year everything has started up again.
- Book Dragons Writing Lab is a new monthly writing group for tweens.
- Adult Services hosted "No Good, Very Bad Art Night" on September 13.










Upcoming Programs

- October 3– SCLS Foundation Cornerstone at the Waunakee Public Library– Sue Mathwich will be awarded for her service
- October 27 the Library will be taking part in the Fire Station Trick-or-Treat event.
- Our Winter reading program will take place in January. The theme this year is "Once Upon a Snowy Day."

Buildings

- A new cupboard has been added to the program room. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for funding it.
- Two bats made themselves comfortable in the Library. DPW came to the rescue quickly and removed them.
- On Saturday, September 7 the Library lost power during our open hours. It was discovered by Water and Light that a squirrel took out the power to all 4 downtown city buildings. They were able to restore our service, but we needed Otis to come and get our elevator back up and running.



Library Statistics		2024 Month	2024 YTD	2023 YTD	2023 Total
	Visits (# door counts)	5,425	45,486	43,208	62,944
	Items Borrowed (total)	5,490	40,686	36,055	53,981
	% Columbus residents		50%		52%
	% Fall River residents		13%		13%
	% Other Columbia County		20%		20%
	% Dodge County		10%		10%
	% Other		6%		5%
	Digital Items Borrowed (# checkouts)	1,218	10,102	9,048	13,620
	Books by Mail (# items sent)	28	170	238	351
	Public Wi-Fi (# sessions)	4,445	41,141	44,600	67,612
	Public Computer Use (# sessions)	282	2,077	1,900	2,929
	Wireless Printing & Faxing (# jobs)	89	635	736	1,013
	Community Use of Rooms (# attended)	93	770	691	1,033
	Patrons Added (# added)	32	278	242	365

Program Statistics	In-Person & Live Virtual (# programs)	In-Person & Live Virtual (# attended)	Self-Directed Activities
Future Readers	8	160	n/a
Children	4	68	n/a
Teen	1	6	5
Adult	7	50	n/a
General Interest	5	348	n/a