



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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New Sculpture

I am guessing everyone has seen our new squirrel sculpture north of the library and the Lee Mansion. Clint Henik of Carve R Way carved an impressive new art piece using the existing oak trunk. The sculpture was completely paid for with donations.

The squirrel has captured the attention of the community. People are currently voting on a name for the squirrel on Facebook and at the library. As of the time of writing this on Wed, Oct 30th, there are over 300 online votes!

IPL provides culture to our community with this and many other art pieces of local/regional interest inside and outside of the library.



IPL Annual Report

The library has submitted our lengthy statistical report to the state library. We have created a more user-friendly version using infographics to share statistics. Here are a few highlights:

Visitors:

51,442 Visitors to the library (Avg - 17 visits per hour)
577 New Library Cards Issued

Checkouts:

88,720 Checkouts
65,605 Physical Checkouts (books, DVDs, audiobooks, etc)
22,198 Downloadable Checkouts (ebooks, audiobooks, magazines)
917 Library of Things Checkouts (puzzles, hotspots, games, etc)

Programs:

237 Programs Offered
6,356 Attendance at Programs

Online Presence:
867,859 Facebook Reach
35,402 Website Usage

Prior to Nov. 5, the infographic annual report will be posted to the library's website. Scan the QR Code or go to this webpage to take a look:

<https://qrco.de/iplplan>



Boo Bash



The library held its 10th Annual Boo Bash on Oct. 25th at the Falcon Center. Witches, superheroes, skeletons, and various other characters and their accompanying adults, almost 400 in all, enjoyed games, prizes, crafts, face painting, and a photo booth.

We appreciated our many volunteers as well as Parks and Recreation allowing us to use the Falcon Civic Center. This event was made possible with donations from our online wish

list and from the Friends of the Library, as well as some operational dollars.



IPL provides recreation in our community with various events; activities available while at the library; and games, puzzles, and sports equipment for checkout.

Roof and Maintenance

The steel shingles have been installed and they look amazing. Better yet, they are durable, functional, and have a great warranty. I have not gotten a good picture to show the roof, so stop by to see the roof, the new sculpture, and check out what is going on in the library! While you are there, also take a peek at the new plastic recycled bike rack purchased by the Friends of the Library.