

# LIBRARY SERVICES

JUNE 2025

## InterLibrary Loan

One of the great ways in which libraries across the globe have partnered is through inter library loan (ILL). This ingenious program allows for libraries to share collections, and move resources creating access to an incredible array of information. In Iowa, ILL is heavily subsidized with federal dollars through the State Library of Iowa and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. During Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) Burlington residents received 745 titles brought in through ILL, and in turn we sent out 1,064 of our own titles to outside organizations.

## FEMA Cooling Center

With temperatures reaching dangerously high levels in June, the Burlington Public Library was utilized as a FEMA cooling center for anyone in the area needing to stay cool. This is a great example of how libraries are books and so much more. The physical space of public libraries serves as one of the greatest resources available to all. With renewable energy helping to run our HVAC system, we are striving towards an environmentally sustainable facility that serves the public and creates a space where people feel welcome to explore, learn, connect, and relax.

## Democracy in Dialogue Update

Design and planning of the mural is complete, as art is now starting to be created on the walls!



## Community Outreach

In partnership with the City's Human Rights Commission, the Burlington Public Library was present at the annual Juneteenth and Pride events that took place this month.



Funding from the Human Rights Commission was used to purchase curated collections of books that were given out free of charge at both outreach events. The Burlington Public Library has staff liaisons to several organizations including: NAACP, Kiwanis, Altrusa, Des Moines County Genealogical Society, Iowa State Historical Society Foundation, Downtown Partners Inc., AFSCME 828, Governor's STEM Council, American Library Association, Iowa Library Association, and the Iowa Library Association Foundation.

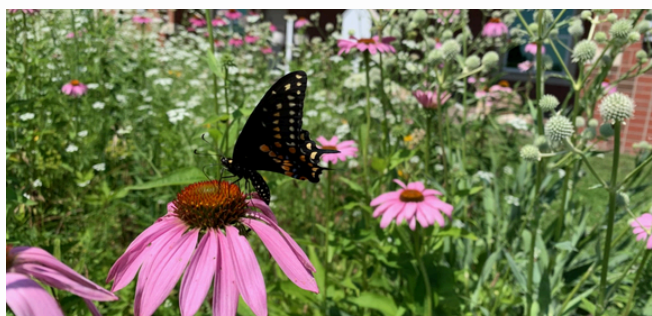


## Staff Recognition

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, library shelper extraordinaire, Kaitlynn Broeg celebrated her 10-year anniversary with the Burlington Public Library! From helping out with the library parade floats, to keeping our shelves organized and neat, Kaitlynn is a great team member who helps to put BPL's best foot forward. Congratulations, Kaitlynn!



## Peggy Ell Butterfly Garden



## June by the Numbers

Total Checkouts: **27,374** (23,756)

Number of Programs: **46** (29)

Program Participants: **2,510** (785)

New Borrower Accounts: **163** (93)

Use of online databases: **7,085** (6,476)

WiFi & Computer Use: **4,982** (4,497)

Items borrowed & loaned through Inter Library Loan: **168** (108)

Meeting Room Reservations: **382** (317)

Door Count: **11,810** (11,191)

June '25 / May '25

## Trustee Recognition

After six years of service to the Burlington Public Library Board of Trustees, Don Schmidgall completed his appointment with his last meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Don was an integral part to the policy and personnel committee as well as offering insight and expertise on the library's building committee. Citizen input from folks like Don, who serve on the city's boards, commissions, and committees are what help to make Burlington a great place to live, work, and play. Thank you Don for everything!



## Story Walk Outreach

Welcoming Youth Jamboree participants to the annual Big Hollow event was the Burlington Public Library's mobile story walk. This summer's featured title is *All the Ways to Be Smart* by Davina Bell.

The story walk stayed up on Pine Trail for a week, and then made its way to North Hill for the annual Snake Alley Art Fair. Featured on the West side of the 600 block of Columbia St. the story walk was in a prime location for readers of all ages to revel in a delightful story while enjoying good art, food, and community.







## Governor's STEM Council

### Southeast Iowa STEM Spotlight: Burlington Public Library

This month, we turn our STEM spotlight on the Burlington Public Library and the many STEM events and activities they provide for kids in the area.

In addition to the STEM fun sprinkled throughout the year, the library also utilizes previous awards from the STEM Scale-Up Program in their summer offerings.

Every Wednesday, weather depending, "H2O Yeah!" uses the WaterWorks program to help kids explore water—including fun with pouring, measuring, bubbles, and more. The library also uses Hummingbird Finch Robots to hold a "Robot Rodeo" in July, and they help kids explore computer coding *without* a computer through the Turing Tumble program.

Besides the use of STEM Scale-Up Program resources, visitors to the library can also check out the progress of the mural in the Teen Space, a part of the Smithsonian's Democracy in Dialog Virtual Exchange Program, build with LEGO bricks, play Network Nirvana Minecraft, and try their luck in roleplaying the Oregon Trail.



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## June by the Numbers: E-Lending



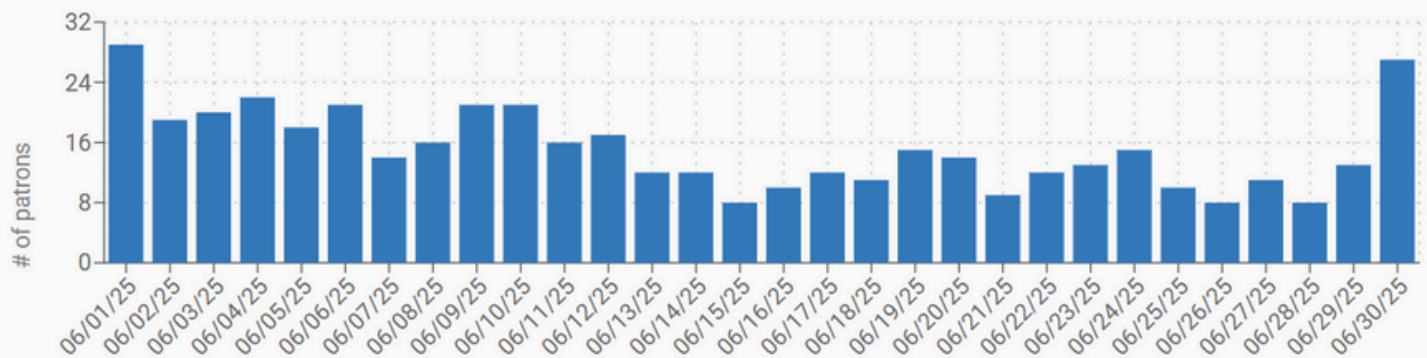
### OverDrive/Libby & Hoopla

	Total Circulation	Amount Spent	Unique Patrons	New Patrons	Average Circ/Patron
Hoopla	519	\$1,293.51	315	35	1.6
Libby	2,895	\$519.78	629	27	4.6

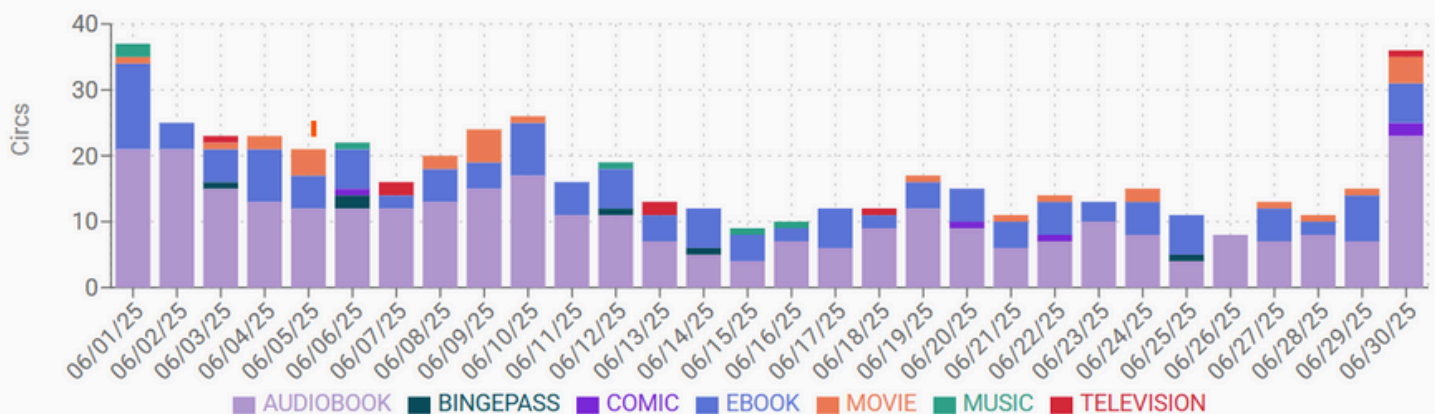
### Hoopla Detailed Report

#### Patron Borrowing Report

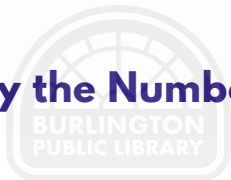
There were **315** unique patrons borrowing Instant licenses from June 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025 with an average of **10** people borrowing at least one Instant item per day.



#### Circulations by Format



# June by the Numbers: WiFi



## Burlington Public Library June-2025

In June, 824 unique patrons used your library WiFi. On average, these patrons visited to use the WiFi on just under 3 individual days.

Change from prior month



2662 ↑ 0.83%

Monthly Sessions



2178 ↑ 0.46%

Total Visits



824 ↑ 9.14%

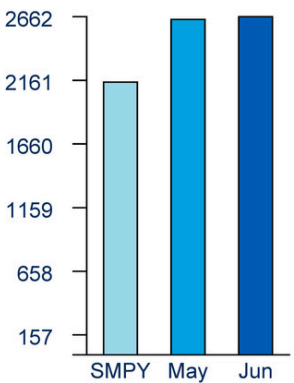
Unique Visitors



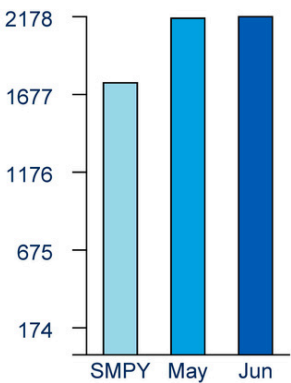
2.64 ↓ -8.01%

Average Return Rate

Total Monthly Session Count

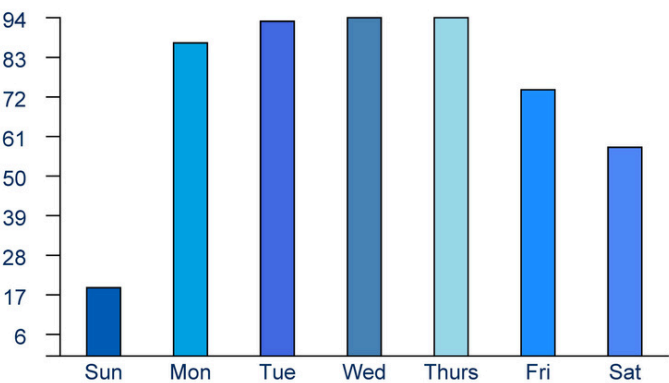


Total Monthly Visits

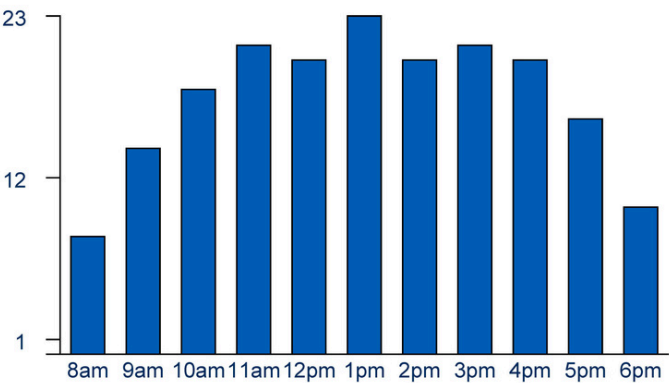


\*SMPY: Same Month Prior Year

Average Daily Visits



Average Peak Hourly



## FY25 by the Numbers

### Q1 by the Numbers

Total Checkouts: 134,505

Number of Programs: 139

Program Participants: 3,906

New Borrower Accounts: 380

Use of online databases: 26,434

WiFi & Computer Use: 14,347

Items borrowed & loaned  
through Inter Library Loan: 448

Meeting Room Reservations: 1,247

Door Count: 33,452

July, August, September 2024

### Q2 by the Numbers

Total Checkouts: 64,984

Number of Programs: 180

Program Participants: 5,634

New Borrower Accounts: 252

Use of online databases: 19,584

WiFi & Computer Use: 14,208

Items borrowed & loaned  
through Inter Library Loan: 436

Meeting Room Reservations: 1,147

Door Count: 26,907

Q2 - Oct. Nov. Dec. 2024

### Q3 by the Numbers

Total Checkouts: 68,297

Number of Programs: 112

Program Participants: 2,496

New Borrower Accounts: 312

Use of online databases: 22,524

WiFi & Computer Use: 14,304

Items borrowed & loaned  
through Inter Library Loan: 457

Meeting Room Reservations: 1,105

Door Count: 27,936

Q3 - Jan. Feb. March 2025

### Q4 by the Numbers

Total Checkouts: 74,382

Number of Programs: 128

Program Participants: 4,787

New Borrower Accounts: 347

Use of online databases: 21,414

WiFi & Computer Use: 14,018

Items borrowed & loaned  
through Inter Library Loan: 468

Meeting Room Reservations: 1,066

Door Count: 31,549

Q4 - April, May, June 2025