

## Librarian Report

January 2018

Two of our computers have recently stopped working due to fundamental failures, which left us with only two public computers. I have ordered two more HP all-in-one desktops which should arrive soon.

Some 2017 statistics:

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| 2015 | 3,199 checkouts |
| 2016 | 3,684 checkouts |
| 2017 | 3,830 checkouts |

As you can see, there was a 15% increase in circulation from 2015 to 2016, and a 4% increase from 2016 to 2017. While this year's increase was much lower than the previous., I believe this shows that I am moving the library in a positive direction to engage the community in reading. I have repeatedly ordered individual books for repeat patrons and tried to upgrade our aging nonfiction collection and weeding the increasingly irrelevant vogueish books (older cookbooks, diets, etc.).

More statistics:

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| 2016 New Cards                | 51   |
| 2017 New Cards                | 61   |
| 2016 Adult Program Attendance | 444  |
| 2017 Adult Program Attendance | 514  |
| 2016 Kids Program Attendance  | 486  |
| 2017 Kids Program Attendance  | 1286 |

This is a 16% increase of adult attendance and a remarkable 265% increase for the kids' programs, due to our successful robotics, Minecraft and VR programs, with a 19% increase in new cards.

We have had a small drop in computer use:

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| 2016 Hours of Computer Use | 1681 hours |
| 2017 Hours of Computer Use | 1484 hours |

But this is likely due to the lack of four computers over the past six weeks, relying on three, then two. This will be rectified in the new year.

Finally:

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| 2016 Adult Visits | 5709 |
| 2017 Adult Visit  | 5118 |
| 2016 Kids Visits  | 2373 |
| 2017 Kids Visits  | 3462 |

That's a small decrease for adults but a 46% increase for kids' attendance. This is a meaningful increase and I hope to build on it for the next year.

Respectfully,  
Craig Varley