HIGHLAND COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

Annual Report 2018



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Letter from the Director

2018 was a year of exciting developments! The annual circulation for 2018 was **386,244**. This number includes the circulation of e-formats (e-books, digital or downloadable audio, and videos) which was **32,897**.

Each HCDL location strives to serve its community to the best of its abilities, and I thank all library staff members for creating and maintaining welcoming environments for all of our patrons to enjoy.

Here at Hillsboro, we had several "Murder Mystery" nights in which no one was killed and everyone had a great time. We also had another "Comic Con," adult and teen Fandom groups, a "Page to Screen" book discussion group, and adult and teen "Write Away" writing groups. Thanks to Sarah Allen Davidson for taking the lead on these engaging programs. The 2018 Black History Month program was held on the main level of the Hillsboro location as in years past. This program honored Mr. Larry Cole and Dr. Robert Taylor.

Highco, Inc. brought several students to visit us and learn about working in a public library. They were very excited to visit us. I even had a "shadow" from Highco one day.

In May we had a half in-service day with presentations by Gary Heaton (Southern State Community College) on active shooters and Sarah Cooper (Highland County Health Department) on opiates, as well as updates on procedures and the payroll system. Hopefully we will not need to deal directly with an active shooter or an opiate overdose but these possibilities have been addressed. Thanks to Lyn Tone and Danica Bailey for putting the day together.

In August we purchased a building on North Shore Drive for our next project, the Rocky Fork Branch. We hope to have the branch remodeled and open to serve the public in the summer of 2019.

Also in August, we welcomed Joanna Rocheleau, our new Assistant Director. Joanna immediately began to familiarize herself with the library, the staff and the Highland County community. Joanna and Danica formulated the overall plan to clean out the storage areas in the lower level of the Hillsboro building; the entire staff of Hillsboro pitched in to help. An inspection by Jerry Quigley of Paint Creek Fire Department revealed no violations. Joanna has now moved on to building relationships with the branches, preparing Rocky Fork to open, updating policies including safety and tuition reimbursement, among other projects.

We had a few bad weather days and had to close in November due to no water in the Hillsboro building.

The holidays were happy though, and we were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Hillsboro Children's Library's Christmas Carnival. Thanks to Gabrielle Pitzer and her staff for presenting this successful program.

I continue to serve on the Head Start Policy Council and participate in Head Start's annual self-assessment day. I also took part in the Hillsboro Elementary Open House, YMCA's Fall Festival evening and meetings of the Hillsboro City School's Business Advisory Community.

Sarah Allen Davidson became our Circulation Manager upon the resignation of Lyn Tone to take another job. Lyn will be missed but Sarah has grown tremendously in her new position.

Again, I thank the library staff for their continued service to the communities of Highland County.

Jennifer West, Director

Statistics

County Population (2018 estimate): **42,971**Circulation: **386,244**Per capita circulation is **9** items

Library Snapshot in a Typical Week

Average library attendance	2,201
Average reference transactions	223
Average non-reference* transactions	515

^{*}directional, policy, mechanical

Registered Borrowers

	2018	2017
Adults	17,634	19,962
Juveniles	3,176	3,278
TOTAL	20,810	23,240

Circulation

Hillsboro	2017	Greenfield	2017	Lynchburg	2017	Leesburg	2017	Totals	2017
88,656	107,687	31,204	35,607	24,623	28,912	21,111	26,570	165,594	198,776
9,735	7,766	3,551	2,199	2,559	1,290	1,905	780	17,750	12,035
70,133	67,764	20,051	21,720	10,510	10,062	8,274	6,294	108,968	105,840
2,126	513	598	520	697	493	265	154	3,686	1,680
4,975	6,294	617	1,125	772	499	553	367	6,917	8,285
30,042	32,276	7,159	9,092	7,846	9,966	5,375	6,105	50,422	57,439
205,667	222,300	63,180	70,263	47,007	51,222	37,483	40,270	353,337	384,055
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^{*} The circulation of CD-ROMS, toys, storytelling kits, mystery kits, maps, and pamphlets are now included in the Audiobooks category.

^{**}Includes OverDrive and hoopla

E-Formats

Hoopla: Total Circulation

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	2018	2017				
January	489					
February	426					
March	547					
April	547					
May	564	192				
June	631	376				
July	584	351				
August	680	364				
September	643	357				
October	818	451				
November	689	462				
December	725	438				
TOTAL	7,343	2,991				

Hoopla: Number of Users

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	Total	2018	New	2017			
	Number of		Users				
	Users						
January	367		28				
February	392		25				
March	413		21				
April	432		19				
May	449	80	17	76			
June	477	148	28	68			
July	494	199	17	51			
August	525	234	31	35			
September	553	258	28	24			
October	583	297	30	39			
November	610	316	27	19			
December	628	339	18	23			
TOTAL	5,923	1,871	289	335			

Hoopla: Items Borrowed

-	2018	2017*
Audiobooks	2,550	802
Comics	585	244
e-Books	2,056	752
Movies	880	604
Music	704	353
TV episodes	568	236
TOTAL	7,343	2,991

*May-December 2017

Ohio Digital Library: Use by Location

	2018	2017					
Hillsboro	15,792	18,737					
Greenfield	3,419	1,308					
Lynchburg	2,192	714					
Leesburg	4,151	1,667					
TOTAL	25,554	22,426					

The **Ohio Digital Library** is a program of the State Library of Ohio and is supported in whole or in part by federal Institute of Museum and Library Services funds, awarded to the State Library of Ohio. The Highland County District Library is a member of the Ohio Digital Library.

The **hoopla** movies can be downloaded on to a device and watched without an Internet connection. The movies available through the **Ohio Digital Library** can only be streamed.

Computer Use

	Hillsboro	2017	Greenfield	2017	Lynchburg	2017	Leesburg	2017	Totals	2017
Wireless	9,178	7,552	7,647	6,656	3,563	3,564	3,522	3,714	23,910	21,486
Use										
PC	13,258	15,149	5,515	4,669	3,025	2,219	2,161	1,631	23,959	23,668
Reservation										
Use										

In-House Use

	Hillsboro	2017	Greenfield	2017	Lynchburg	2017	Leesburg	2017	Totals	2017
In-house	21,904	21,803	5,559	5,909	6,663	7,926	8,013	6,888	42,139	45,526
Use***										

^{***&}quot;In-house use" includes use of newspapers, periodicals, microfilm reels, and honor paperbacks.

Outreach

Hillsboro: Approximately **550** elderly or disabled residents at the Bell Gardens, Crestwood Ridge, Heartland of Hillsboro and Laurels of Hillsboro nursing homes were visited by Lyn Tone/Kathe Chaney. Nearly **50** preschool storytimes were conducted throughout the school year at local schools by Gabrielle Pitzer and Ashton Mischal.

Greenfield: Weekly exercise class for senior citizens, facilitated by Edgewood Manor. The endeavor to appreciate local school teachers and promote library services for educators resulted in several teacher collections. Partnerships with local agencies included the following organizations: Edgewood Manor, Concerned Veterans of Greenfield, Greenfield Head Start, CET, Greenfield Farmer's Market, Paint Creek EMS and Fire Dept. and HCCAO.

Leesburg: Partnered with the Molina Foundation and Highland County Community Action in conjunction with HCDL New Book & Bag Give-A-Way, Highland County Community Action provided free tax filing, partnered with Fairfield Elementary to raise literacy, participated in Lions on Literacy Night, and raised awareness of hunger in the community in conjunction with the Leesburg Food Bank by collecting food for distribution locally.

Lynchburg: Branch manager Elaine Williams visits kindergarten and preschool classes each week during the school year. A Tornado Talk is given to kindergarteners while they study spring weather safety, and the Lynchburg History presentation was shared with all four third grade classes. The Lynchburg-Clay F.R.E.D. Night event (Families Reading Every Day) is held annually to promote the library and literacy - a total of **298** people (students and their families) stopped by the library table to get information and incentives to read, and a teen volunteer helped out. In May, every classroom was visited to promote this year's summer reading club, LIBRARIES ROCK!

Programming

	Hillsboro		Greenfield			
Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance	Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance	
Adult	28	303	Adult	48	2,384	
Teen	25	2	Teen	12	432	
Children	125	1,867	Children	52	4,102	
Outreach	-	1,949	Outreach	-	1,480	

	Leesburg		Lynchburg			
Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance	Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance	
Adult	112	2,371	Adult	66	764	
Teen	32	395	Teen	7	26	
Children	164	4,748	Children	125	1,918	
Outreach	-	781	Outreach	-	-	

System Totals						
Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance				
Adult	254	5,822				
Teen	76	855				
Children	466	12,635				
Outreach	-	4,210				

HILLSBORO ADULT AND TEEN DEPARTMENTS

Written by Sarah Allen Davidson, Circulation Manager

The focus on 2018 with teen/adult programming was to bring a variety of activities that could engage all ages. We strove to create events that would be specific to certain age groups, while also still offering events that could be enjoyed by any age. The main goal was to create a family-friendly atmosphere that is as fun as it is educational.

2018 began with our "New Year, New You" programs, with themes of: exercise, nutrition, and relaxation. We also hosted our first "Dump Your Rump" Weight Loss Challenge: Staff v. Patrons. While the "New Year, New You" programs did not see much attendance, the "Dump Your Rump" challenge had a significant turn-out for the first weigh-in day. Of the 20 who signed up, 6 patrons continued to consistently weigh-in. Those who participated in the challenge had positive feedback for the experience.

Throughout the year, we continued to host our Murder Mystery parties (in February, July, and November). The response has been overwhelming from patrons, with many looking forward to the next party as soon as one is finished.

We also added other regular events to our programming roster, including: Local Author Day, trivia nights, and Family Feud. The Local Author Day had low attendance; however, the authors and patrons who came were positive about the experience and also offered thanks to the library for highlighting local talent. The two trivia nights we hosted this year (for Halloween and Christmas) increased in attendance from one to the other. (There was only 1 participant in the Halloween Trivia Night, but there were two families competing—a total of 9 participants—in the Christmas Trivia Night.) The Family Feud program was also successful, with the library having to add room for additional teams due to the event's popularity on social media. The game was ultimately played bracket-style, with four families, rather than the originally planned two families.

While all-ages programming saw teen attendance, that audience has still been a difficult one to engage, as we saw little to no participation in our different activities, contests, and clubs. We are re-evaluating our teen programming, such as introducing a new club to replace the ones that have not seen attendance. In 2019, we will utilize social media platforms to survey teen and parent patrons to determine an ideal day/time for our new club, which will be called: Teen and Tween Make and Create Club. Other plans for teens include more "all ages" programming, with specific advertising towards areas that may interest teens.

Also this year, we incorporated more seasonal programming into our schedule, including presentations on beekeeping and spiritualism in October. Both had solid attendance, with 10 and 14 patrons, respectively.

Fall 2018 also included the introduction of an Adult Computer Skills Lab at Hillsboro. Weekly sessions were offered for adult patrons to improve their technology skills, either on their own electronic devices or the library's ThinkPad laptops. Over the course of six weeks, 11 adults participated in the lab which took place in Hillsboro's Meeting Room. At the end of 2018, this adult program transitioned to monthly meetings and also allows for patrons to set up individual one-on-one appointments with library staff. In the month of December, there were three one-on-one sessions.

Wrapping up 2018 included a new library logo (featured on the front page of this annual report), modernizing the library's website, and the creation of more social media accounts for HCDL in order to meet our patrons where they are in this digital age. The Highland County District Library (hcdlibraryohio) can now be found online on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube, along with the newly updated website.

ADULT AND TEEN DEPARTMENTS: Sarah Allen Davidson, Circulation Manager; Kathe Chaney, Kiley Davis, Mel Dawes, Dana Hylton, Sandra Jenkins, Donna O'Dom, Hannah Thirey and Betty Yates.

HILLSBORO CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Written by Gabrielle Pitzer, Children's Manager

In 2018, the Hillsboro Children's Library finally hit its groove. We kept many old traditions, shook a few up, and had a lot of fun along the way. For the first time in many years, the staff consisted of the four same people, so we were able to continue improvements from last year without a stop. Last year we finished relabeling and shifting all of the books in the collection. This year we began the massive undertaking of going through the collection and weeding out outdated and damaged material. We hope to finish this project by the end of 2019.

Our various reading programs throughout the year proved to continue to be popular. Storytime was held on Wednesdays all year at 11:00 a.m. for 0-2 year olds and 11:30 a.m. for 3-5 year olds by Gabrielle Pitzer. The library held **96** storytimes for **819** children and **465** adults. These numbers are slightly down from last year, but many of last year's storytime kids went to kindergarten this school year. Once again Gabrielle and Ashton Mischal provided outreach programs to local preschools during the school year. Ashton went to the Highland County Head Start the first Wednesday of the month and read to six different classes in the morning and afternoon (**90** children total per visit for 8 months for a total of **720** children). Gabrielle read on the first Monday (4 times per day) and Tuesday (1 time per day) of the month to students at the Hillsboro Elementary Pre-K and Little Lamb. These storytimes were conducted a total of **33** times for **679** students.

Emily Fryman once again ran our Lego Club for children ages 6-14. During the school year the club met every other Tuesday for one hour. During the summer the club met once a month for an hour. 2018 saw **20** club meetings attended by **139** children and **83** adults.

The summer reading program theme was "Libraries Rock!" with a focus on music and sound. **231** children signed up with **38** completing by earning all five of the available prizes. 12 of the 38 that finished the program also read an additional **20** books for a sixth and final prize. This year the library partnered with Adena Health Center to promote healthy life choices. When children who signed up for summer reading completed eight healthy challenges, they could be entered in a drawing for an iPod and a bike. **74** children entered the drawing and there was one iPod winner and two bike winners. **592** children signed up for the 10 weekly drawings. Eight programs were held with **208** children and **153** adults (this does not include Comic Con). The most well attended program was gardening with the local Extension Office.

The library also had three opportunities to partner with Highland County Community Action, Hillsboro City Schools, and Highland County Head Start. In February, Community Action has received a book grant and wanted to hold a book giveaway at the library with books that were at a higher reading level than their students. Children were encouraged to come to the library for a craft night to design their own library bag and receive a book. 17 children and 8 adults attended plus four bags were given to a family that couldn't attend. In May, the library had an information table with a carnival game at the Hillsboro City Schools Tomahawk Food Truck Summer Kick-off event. And in October the library hosted a sensory play group with Highland County Head Start. The library made sensory activities and provided information for parents about getting their young children ready to read. Five HCHS staff members, 15 adults, and 13 children attended the hour-long program.

Keeping with tradition, each month we had our Guess How Many and Birthday contests. Participation was up from last year with 804 children entering the Guess How Many contests and 137 entering the Birthday contests. Our Easter egg coloring contest had 56 sign-ups, Pumpkin coloring contest had 71 sign-ups, and our Newbery Reading Challenge had 27 participants. 547 children made name tags, 218 participated in scavenger hunts, and 223 enjoyed various passive programs.

The year ended with our Christmas Reading Program, but with a twist. This year was called Santa's Christmas Reading Carnival. As with previous years, for every 10 books read, children received a golden ticket, earning up to five tickets. This year, children who participated were invited to our Christmas Carnival where they could make crafts, play games, and meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. The program saw 112 children sign-up; 68 children and 53 adults came to the carnival.

<u>CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT</u>: Gabrielle Pitzer, Children's Department Manager; Emily Fryman, Ashton Mischal, and Madeline Crabtree.

GREENFIELD BRANCH LIBRARY

Written by Sharon Aukeman, Greenfield Branch Manager

It was another busy and productive year at the Greenfield Library. We had some staffing changes throughout the year, including the retirements of Linda Fugate and Kathy Van Matre. It was difficult to say goodbye to these two employees; but we know they are enjoying their "after the library lives" with friends and family. Sherry Hudson also left the employ of the library this year.

The Greenfield Library continues to host adult, teen and children's programs throughout the year. Besides our popular summer reading program, adults have enjoyed our book sales, senior exercise classes, puzzles and other activities. Our children's programs include our weekly story times, summer and winter reading programs, various contests throughout the year and our drop-in crafts. We also had a "Reading with Rover" night courtesy of the Highland County Humane Society which was a big hit with our young readers and the dog! And the McClain football team kicked off their season with a "Team Read!" program here at the library. We have expanded our teen book group to 2 groups—one for the middle school readers and one for the high school readers. The groups are facilitated by Spencer McNeil who is working hard to get our teens involved in library activities.

The library has worked with local agencies to provide services for the Greenfield community. Some of these organizations include Edgewood Manor, Concerned Veterans of Greenfield, Greenfield Head Start, CET, Greenfield Farmer's Market, Paint Creek EMS and Fire Dept. and HCCAO.

We have been blessed with donations from many local businesses, clubs and individuals that have assisted us in providing prizes, programming and supplies for our story times, reading programs and other contests and activities. Our patrons also assist us by donating books and other materials that we use in our book sales.

Our patrons have also shared their collections with us throughout the year for use in our display case. This year we enjoyed looking at homemade afghans, a wonderful Lego collection, and a whimsical collection of Santa figurines.

As always, we look forward to what the new year will bring here at the Greenfield Library The staff strives to assist our patrons with their informational and recreational needs and we are proud to be an integral component of the community. See you soon at the library!

GREENFIELD BRANCH STAFF: Sharon Aukeman, Branch Manager; Deb Wise, Spencer McNeil, Ashley Roberts, Caleb Mootispaw, Cynthia Allen, Linda Fugate and Kathy Van Matre.

LEESBURG BRANCH LIBRARY

Written by Melinda McGee, Leesburg Branch Manager

The Leesburg Branch Library was a vital and indispensable asset to the HCDL in 2018. We provide help with technology, but also provide a safe haven for those who wish to avoid it. We assist our patrons with their informational and recreational needs in ways in which they are comfortable.

We provided more than 300 programs/events/activities for our patrons throughout the year. (See Appendix A, B & C) Our adult programs included hands on tax assistance in conjunction with Community Action, Knit Together (weekly) and our monthly adult reading group (RRR). Our teen programs, the Chess Club (weekly) and SPARX (monthly) disbanded. However, participation in our children's programming continues to grow. Story time (weekly) reaches more kids than ever. We will be expanding to twice a week in the fall of 2019.

Our summer reading program, Libraries Rock, was very successful with more than 250 participating. We explored everything - archeology, optical illusions, magic, ventriloquism and much, much more. The weekly crafts were a big hit. Our winter reading program, "A Reading Wonderland!" had eighty-nine (89) patrons (12 and younger) sign up. All participants were entitled to attend the live performance of "Alice in Neverland" presented by Know Theatre of Cincinnati and take part in the "after party" following the play.

Family events included the Beggars Night, Leesburg Luminaria and Craft Night.

We enjoy working with local organizations to provide services to the community. These organizations include Fairfield School, Leesburg Fire Dept. and Life Squad, Community Action, Heritage Club, Leesburg Historical Society, Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center, the Leesburg Lions Club and others.

Once again the library has benefited from the generosity and support provided by the many businesses and patrons of the Leesburg community. Their donations assist us in providing programs and incentives for our summer and winter reading programs. We would also thank our patrons who have displayed items in our show case as well as those who donated to our book sales.

The Leesburg staff is one of our greatest resources. There were some losses in 2018. Sheri Kuha accepted a full time position with Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center. Long time staff member Belinda Baldwin decided it was time to spend more time with her family. There were also additions to the Leesburg staff. We were delighted to have Leesburg resident Macinzie Harvey join us during her summer and winter breaks from Ohio State. Further, Jaime Copley came on board in late December. She has worked with teens and we hope to use her skills to reinvigorate our teen activities.

LEESBURG BRANCH STAFF: Melinda J. McGee, Branch Manager; Becky Howard; Belinda Baldwin, Sheri Kuha, Brenda Putnam; Angela Chaney; Macinzie Harvey and Jaime Copley.

LYNCHBURG BRANCH LIBRARY

Written by Elaine Williams, Lynchburg Branch Manager

We had a great year at the Lynchburg Branch Library in 2018.

Adults and teens have been learning the art of crocheting in our on-going classes on Thursday evenings. We have recently added some new students as others have departed after mastering their new hobby. The Pageturners Book Club completed its 15th year of book discussions, and the Annual Christmas Tea reached its 20th year; attendance at both continues to grow in numbers. For adults, the library also offered free tax assistance, a summer reading club, and a several-week course on small farming called the Salatin Semester. There were also presentations on Essential Oils and how to use ebooks, performances by Matt Williams (Civil War music) and the Bacchanal Steel Drum Duo, a Name That Musical contest, and a Lynchburg Walking Tour for Leadership Highland to round out the year.

We continue to enjoy a close partnership with Lynchburg-Clay Elementary School. As children's librarian, Elaine visits kindergarten classes each week, and this year, the preschool teacher asked to be added as well. Elaine was invited again to give her Tornado Talk during the kindergarten unit on spring weather safety, and her Lynchburg History presentation to all four third grade classes. She was also asked to have a table at the school's F.R.E.D. Night event (Families Reading Every Day) to promote the library and literacy. A total of 298 people (students and their families) stopped by the library table to get information and incentives to read, and a teen volunteer helped out. In May, we visited every classroom to promote this year's summer reading club, LIBRARIES ROCK!

The most exciting thing to happen to the Lynchburg Branch this year came in the form of a patron who grew up in the village and contacted us in order to give us a donation toward our summer reading club. Barbara Mihalik, DO, FAAO, is an Assistant Clinical Professor at OSU, and through her generosity, we were able to fund visits from COSI on Wheels and two visits from the Cincinnati Museum Center to present science programs for local children in our branch. Dr. Mihalik plans to work with us in the future as well, and we are excited about that!

Thanks and congratulations to Carol Frost for completing 20 years of library service at the Lynchburg Branch!

LYNCHBURG BRANCH STAFF: Elaine Williams, Branch Manager/Youth Librarian; Beverly Wilkin, Carol Frost, Debi Dillon, Jean Bush and Alice Williamson.

PROGRAMMING DETAILS

Hillsboro:

Annual Programs: Black History Month program honoring Larry Cole and Dr. Robert Taylor, Comic Con

Summer Reading: 27 adults signed up; 82 total slips were returned for our weekly drawing. Activities included: Reading Bingo (9 bingo cards taken, 3 returned); Local Author Day (with 6 authors and 3 patrons participating); Murder Mystery: Western (with 17 participants). 19 teens signed up; 27 total slips were returned for our weekly drawing. Activities included: YA Bingo (11 bingo cards taken, 2 returned); Libraries Rock Art Contest (5 signed up, 0 art projects returned); "Meme" Contest (1 signed up, 0 "memes" returned); Fall Art Contest (0 signed up).

Clubs: Adult Fandom Club (Average of 1.5 participants per club meeting), Adult Write-Away Club (Average of 4.5 participants per club meeting), Comic Book Club, (Average of 2.6 participants per club meeting); Page-to-Screen Book Club (Due to lack of participation, this club was dissolved early in April 2018. We are replacing it in 2019 with a "Bring Your Own Book" Book Club). Teen Fandom and Write-Away clubs. 1 teen showed up to a Write-Away Club for 2 meetings. (Due to lack of participation, we will be dissolving these clubs in 2019 and replacing them with a Teen and Tween Make and Create Club.)

Other Programs/Activities: "Dump Your Rump" Weight Loss Challenge: Staff v. Patrons (20 signed up; 6 consistently came for weigh-ins); New Year, New You: Exercise (2 participants); New Year, New You; Nutrition (0 participants); New Year, New You: Yoga (0 participants); Murder Mystery: Hollywood (17 participants); Beekeeping 101 (10 in attendance); Adult Computer Lab (Average of 2.75 participants per lab); Murder Mystery: Las Vegas (8 participants); NaNoWriMo Write-In (2 participants); Scary Movie Bingo (5 bingo cards returned); Banned Books Trivia Quiz (0 participants).

Misc. Programs/Activities: Blind Date with a Book (passive activity; 29 books checked out); Library Comic Con (46 participants); Pumpkin Decorating Contest (0 participants); Jim Kleefeld: The Spirits Speak presentation (14 in attendance); Halloween Trivia Night (1 participant); Games and Puzzles Week (passive activity with numerous games; 29 participants); Family Feud (18 participants); "Diabetes and You" program (1 participant); Christmas Trivia Night (9 participants).

Greenfield: Book sales, senior exercise classes, book talks and signings, and working puzzles.

Leesburg: Book Sales, Library Trivia Contest, Knit Together, RRR Reading Group, Random Acts of Kindness, Tax Help with Community Action, Get Your Kid a CARD!, What's Wrong with the T-Shirt, Who Are We? Summer Reading kickoff and survey, Veterans Thank You, Luminaria and Craft Night, as well as weekly drawings and judging contests of Snowmen, Hearts, Eggs, Earth Day posters, musical instruments, puzzles, pumpkins, Turkeys, ugly sweaters and creative crafts.

Lynchburg: Chain Gang Crocheters, Pageturners Book Club, Salatin Semester, Free Tax Assistance, Essential Oils Basics, Civil War Music, How to Use Libby/Ebooks, Baccahanal Street Drum Duo, Name That Musical, Adult Summer Reading Club, Lynchburg Walking Tour and Annual Christmas Tea.

DISPLAY DETAILS

ARTIST'S DISPLAYS at Hillsboro: Marco Renk and the Film Foggers

Hillsboro: Black History Month; Diana Harvey, Cabin Fever Arts & Crafts; Scott Gallimore, Glass Works Art; Comic Con, Sarah Davidson; Mayflower / Pilgrims display; Veterans Day, Kathe Chaney and Donna O'Dom; Winter Wonderland lighted town.

Greenfield: Afghans, Carrie Ford; Photos, Orville Peabody; Classic Rock Album Covers, Deb Wise/Sharon Aukeman; Summer Read, Library Staff; Legos Collection, Brenton Toews; Australia Travelogue, Tina Roe; Political Campaign Collection, Mary Ann Larkin; and Santa Collection, Mary Mick.

Leesburg: Collectable Barbie Dolls, Danica B. Bailey; Cabin Fever Art Festival, Brenda Armstrong; Tax Time's A Coming, Leesburg Staff; Lego Creations, Brenton P. Toews; Mother's Day Cards, Belinda J. Baldwin; Libraries Rock! Prizes & Crafts, Leesburg Staff; Highland County Fair Baskets, Belinda J. Baldwin; Toy Trackers & Farm Machines, Leesburg Staff; A Reading Wonderland, Leesburg Staff; Jewelry, Christie Miller; and Christmas Ornaments, Leesburg Staff.

Lynchburg: Fenton Glass, My Little Pony, Erasers, Disney Pixar Cars, Game Consoles, Bears, Harry Potter and Carousel Horses.

DONATIONS AND GIFTS

Hillsboro: Nancy Perin Axmacher in memory of her grandmother, Lyne Letcher Spargur, Deborah Cook donated a collection of books owned by her mother to the library, Ann Randal donated a copy of "Fiona – Hip Hippo Hooray" book to the Children's Department, New Sabina Industries donated to the donated to the summer reading program, Country Quilters to children's summer reading, and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sharp in memory of Harriett Wilson.

Greenfield: Advance Auto, Alley 21, Beach Waterpark, Becky & Jeff Johnson, Becky's Relaxation Station, Big City Pizza, Buck's Tire, Chipotle, Cincinnati Reds, Community Markets, COSI, Dakotas, Dollar General, Domino's, Frisch's, Greenfield Chiropractic, Greenfield Music Shop, Hardy Memorials, Highland Lanes, Jett's Embroidery, Kings Island, Linda Fugate, Long's Retreat, McDonalds, Merchant's National Bank, New Sabina Industries, Newport Aquarium, Ohio Renaissance Festival, Pizza Hut, Robbins Village Florist, Roller Haven, Save-a-Lot, Small Town Fitness, Southern Hills Community Bank, Star Cinema, Subway, Taco Bell Tecumseh, The Glitz, Trendsetters, Wellers Plumbing & Heating and Wendy's.

Leesburg:

<u>Leesburg Community Supports</u>: Batter Up Bakery, C.L. Products (Candle-Lite), Crossroads Diner, East Ambulance, Gordon R. May Construction, Heritage Club, Jani-Chem, Kay Simmons Insurance, Leesburg Hardware & Lumber, Main Street Soapery, Mane Street Salon, Maynard Smith Insurance, Moore's Garden Center, The Perm Connection, Saucy Sisters, Southern Hills Community Bank, Square 1 Heating & Cooling, Styling Den, Turner Funeral and W.A. Hodson, Inc.

<u>Highland County Community Supporters</u>: Arby's – Hillsboro, Burger King – Greenfield, Community Market – Greenfield, Dairy Queen – Hillsboro, Joe's Party Shop – Greenfield, McDonald's – Hillsboro, McDonald's – Greenfield, Shoelace Catering – New Vienna, Star Cinema – Hillsboro, Subway – Greenfield, Taco Bell – Hillsboro, Pizza Hut – Hillsboro, Wendy – Hillsboro, and Walmart – Hillsboro.

Other Ohio Supporters: The Beach – Mason, Chakeres Theater – Springfield, COSI – Cincinnati, Frisch's Restaurant – Cincinnati, Gregory Wall, DDS – WCH, Kings Island – Mason, Long's Retreat – Latham, New Sabina Industries – Sabina, Ohio Renaissance – Waynesville Ohio State Fair – Columbus, Roller Haven – WCH, and Sky Zone – Springdale.

Other Supporters: Newport Aquarium –Newport, KY

<u>Book donations</u>: Blair Aukeman, JoAnna Aukeman, Jeff Baker, William Baker, Belinda Baldwin, Shirley Brewer, John Burnnon, April Caldwell, Carol Carmean, Casey Carter, Mary M, Chapman, Corey Cockerill, Deborah Cook, RayLee Crum, Sadie DeHaas, Maureen Drebot, Joy Edwards, Joycelyn Edwards, Judy Ellis, Shirley Fetters, Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Linda Fugate, Maria Grimm, Linda Hamilton, Bruce Hartley, Kim Hatlen, Leo Haycook, Tom Henges,

Jean Hodson, Rebecca Howard, Barb Jenkins, Morgan Mason, Melinda J, McGee, Jackie Opell, Judy Overly, John Palmer, Richard Priest, Brenda Putnam, Fred Raike, Rhea Rhiannon, Amy Richards, Ashley Schottelkotte, Stacey D. Setty, Melissa Shepherd, Henry Smith, Joy Smith, Liz Stritenberger, Christian Thurman, Mikayla Woodmansee, Kat Workman and Elaine Yoder.

Lynchburg: Lori Cummings, New Sabina Industries, Darlene Michael and Barbara Mihalik, DO, FAAO.