

# YANKTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY



## 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



# LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

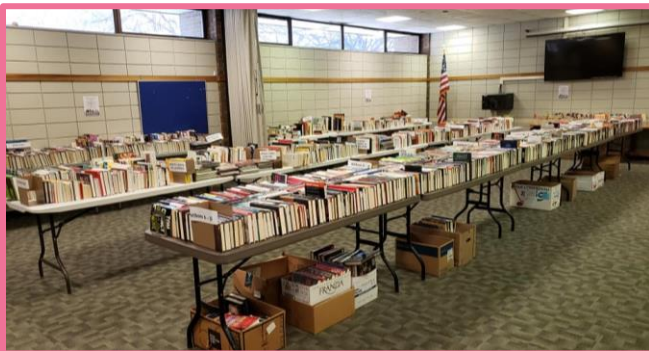


The Library Board of Trustees is composed of five Mayoral/City Commission-appointed positions. It includes representatives from the City Commission and the County Commission. The Board of Trustees is a volunteer governmental body with various policy-making responsibilities. They meet monthly at the library and also participate in training so that our library can maintain exemplary status within the state.

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends raise money for the Yankton Community Library through regular used book sales. The proceeds of these sales benefit the library and its patrons in a variety of ways from year to year.

Some of their purchases in 2019 included a play kitchen set for the children's area, new seating in the teen area, summer reading performer fees and summer reading prizes.



If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Library, please see any of the library staff for more information.

# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Libraries are at the heart of communities throughout the world, and those that work in libraries truly have a passion for helping their communities and those they serve. We saw these trends continue and strengthen throughout 2019 at Yankton Community Library.

Libraries are for everyone and books are just the beginning! We have continued to improve our services to the public and continue to build and grow partnerships within the community. In 2019, we made a concentrated effort to extend our library programs and presence beyond the walls of our building. The library participated in community events like Arts in the Park, Welcome to Walnut, Harvest Halloween, and the Holiday Parade of Lights. In October we partnered with Ben's Brewing Co. for a fun night of Harry Potter trivia for adults. Beyond



our daycare outreach program, we also offered story times in Memorial Park during the month of September. Within the library, we focused on providing quality programs for all ages and abilities with a variety of topics and interests. Though books, literacy and learning are extremely important, we also want to offer opportunities for people to feel more connected to their patrons through fun, informative and interactive programs. Libraries provide a sense of stability for the community because they are always working to improve access and make changes that can better serve the needs of



the community. None of that would be possible without the staff at the library. They are truly on the front line to offer a friendly face, book suggestions, computer assistance, and lead people to relevant resources. We look forward to another great year of service, learning and fun in 2020!

*~ Dana Schmidt*

## STAFF



Dana Schmidt  
Linda Dobrovolny  
Amy Clare  
Amanda Raiche  
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Emily Lundgren

Library Director  
Assistant Director / Technical Services  
Senior Library Assistant, Circulation  
Youth Services Librarian  
Youth Services Assistant  
Library Assistant

Six part-time staff also assist with day-to-day duties to help things run smoothly at the library.

# STATISTICS...COLLECTION, CIRCULATION & SERVICES

## LIBRARY COLLECTION



70,390  
BOOKS



8,730  
E-AUDIOBOOKS



24,318  
E-BOOKS



3,682  
DVD'S



3,108  
CD BOOKS



124  
MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER  
SUBSCRIPTIONS

## LIBRARY CIRCULATION



91,379  
BOOKS



7,654  
E-AUDIOBOOKS



10,072  
E-BOOKS



30,451  
DVD'S



4,435  
CD BOOKS



1,470  
MAGAZINES



TO THE PUBLIC  
3,119 HOURS

312  
EXAMS  
PROCTORED



4,439

NEW

ITEMS  
IN 2019

### Patron Feedback

"We love our local library and all the great activities they put on! The staff is super friendly. Their books are very diverse ... and my kids love to come to play with their learning toys."

~ Elizabeth H.



STUDY ROOM USAGE  
523 SESSIONS  
660.5 HOURS

59



ELECTRONIC  
DATABASES  
AVAILABLE  
TO PUBLIC

# STATISTICS...COLLECTION, CIRCULATION & SERVICES



## MEETING ROOM USAGE

335 : LIBRARY PROGRAMS      699 : HOURS  
 177 : OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS      356 : HOURS  
 512 : TOTAL PROGRAMS & MEETINGS      1,055 : HOURS

## TECHNOLOGY



14  
COMPUTERS  
FOR PUBLIC USE



9,801  
HOURS OF  
COMPUTER USE



17,975  
WIFI  
CONNECTIONS

## INTERLIBRARY LOAN PROGRAM

1,452 ITEMS  
BORROWED FROM  
OTHER LIBRARIES



1,513 ITEMS  
LENT TO OTHER  
LIBRARIES

## NURSING HOME & HOME-BOUND PATRON OUTREACH



504  
VISITS

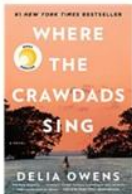


2,809  
ITEMS  
DISTRIBUTED

**“LIBRARIES STORE THE ENERGY THAT FUELS THE IMAGINATION. THEY OPEN UP WINDOWS TO THE WORLD AND INSPIRE US TO EXPLORE AND ACHIEVE, AND CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE. LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES FOR THE BETTER.”**

SIDNEY SHELDON

## TOP TITLES CHECKED OUT IN 2019



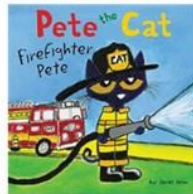
ADULT FICTION



YA FICTION



JUNIOR FICTION



EASY FICTION



DVD

# SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS



## 509 PROGRAMS & EVENTS



## 8,825 PARTICIPANTS



### *Harry Potter Fun .....*

In October, fun was had by all ages at the library with Harry Potter themed games, crafts, photo opps and more! Activities included wand making, making a Golden Snitch, and a scavenger hunt.

Later, for the adults, the Yankton Community Library partnered with Ben's Brewing Co. for the first time to host a Harry Potter Trivia Night. There were 60 people in attendance! Ben's Brewing Co. was a great partner in this event and even offered a special Butter Beer that night for participants.



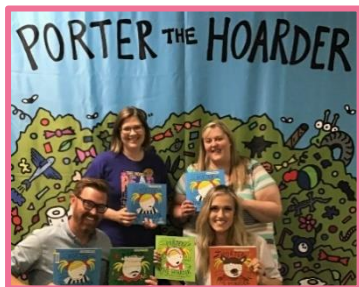
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## Harvest Halloween .....

The library participated in Yankton's annual fall festival—Harvest Halloween—for the first time in 2019. This is a free family fun event that reinforces community spirit and includes food, music, art, and children's activities. The event took place in the historic downtown Meridian District. Friends and Board members helped to host the kids' craft at our table.



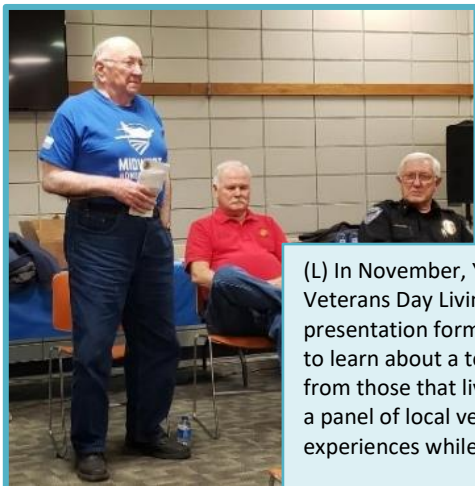
## Porter the Hoarder .....



In September, YCL partnered with the Yankton Area Literacy Council and the South Dakota Statewide Family Engagement Center to bring Sean Covey—author of the *Porter the Hoarder* series—to present at the library. The series illustrator, Rebecca Swift, was also present at the event and is a



Yankton, SD native! They did a reading and a drawing demo as well as a book signing for a great audience.



(L) In November, YCL hosted our second annual Veterans Day Living Library. Through the “living library” presentation format, participants have the opportunity to learn about a topic and period in history directly from those that lived through it. The library welcomed a panel of local veterans to come and share their own experiences while serving in the military.



### (R) NEW IN 2019: EXPLORE CLASSES...

Held once per month and open to all library patrons, these classes cover variety of topics from gift wrapping to caring for succulents to yoga. A special partnership was formed with Ability Building Services (ABS) in order for their clients to take part in these programs.

# SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

## Recurring Programs .....

After School Movies  
Between the Lines Book Club  
Elementary Craft Club  
Kid's Art Club  
LEGO Club  
LifeServe Blood Drive

Readers Anonymous Book Club  
Science Club  
Seed Library  
Stay & Play  
Story Time at Memorial Park  
Story Time at the Library

Teen Tech Tutors  
Teens Create  
Unplug, Unwind, Craft!  
Wii Play  
Writing Workshop

## Special Programs .....

All About Bats  
Bad Art Night at Willa B's  
Book Signings  
Bunco  
Cuban Missile Crisis Presentation by Doug Sall  
Downtown Abbey Trivia Night  
Escape Room  
Genealogist Gail Blankenau—Women  
Homesteaders Presentation  
Harry Potter Event  
Harry Potter Trivia Night at Ben's  
Harvest Halloween  
Historic Cemetery Walk  
Holiday Bingo  
Kent Nerburn—2019 One Book SD Author  
Meditation 101  
*Neither Wolf Nor Dog* Book Discussion  
*Neither Wolf Nor Dog* Movie Showing

Omaha Zoo Program  
One Beard, Two Beard: Children's Music  
Oscar Movie Marathon  
Porter the Hoarder Author & Illustrator Presentation  
Pup Up Library at the Dog Park  
Santa's Workshop  
Sean Gaskell—West African Kora Presentation  
Stay Safe Online  
Storyteller Will Stuck  
Summer Reading Kick Off Party  
Talent Show  
Tatting Demo & Teacup Candle Craft Event  
The Rope Warrior Jump Rope Show  
Veteran's Day Living Library  
Winter Reading Cocoa & Cookie Party  
Wizards Unite Meet & Greet  
Women's Suffrage Presentation



Sunday's  
Winning Time!

**ESCAPE ROOM EVENTS:** In April, the Library hosted an Escape Room event for adults and teens in groups of 4-5 people. Participants joined in the fun to help find a long-lost unpublished manuscript before it is lost forever. Those that solved the puzzles the fastest, won the game. The event was such a success, a second Escape Room event was held in September.



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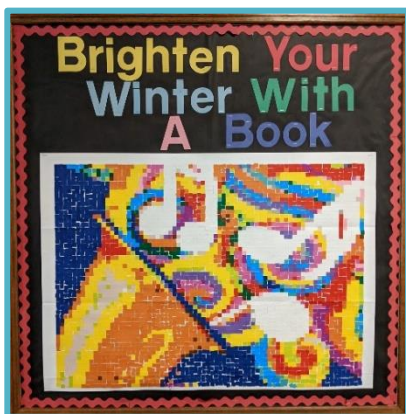
## Seasonal Reading Programs .....

The library sponsors seasonal reading programs with parties, programs, reading incentives and more. All ages of readers (from birth to 99) can register for reading programs on Beanstack. Summer reading programs have been a highlight of the year for many years with summer 2019 sporting a fun space theme for the kids.



Red Beard, Blue Beard gave a special musical performance for youth at the library in July as part of the Summer Reading Program.

As part of the summer reading program, the library hosted the One Book South Dakota author Kent Nerburn in June to discuss his book *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*. The Friends of the Library generously funded the movie rights to the film *Neither Wolf Nor Dog* so that it could be shared with patrons in August. The first showing was such a success—with 102 patrons in attendance—that it was decided to hold a second showing which 42 patrons attended.



Another new and special event for 2019 was the Pup-up Library at the Dog Park in June. Patrons were encouraged to bring their furry friends check out some canine-related books.

The library hosted its first and second Winter Reading Programs in 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 (December-February) as a way to encourage our patrons to curl up with a good book during those cold winter months. There were fun incentives for each book they read such as earning parts to build their own snowman or colored stickers to reveal a beautiful music themed mosaic on the bulletin board in the hall.

*Are you following us on Facebook?*

If not, you're missing out. We are working hard to keep our patrons up to date on everything that is going on at the library including reading programs, library resources, events, challenges and more. Don't miss out. **Like, share & follow us TODAY!**



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

*The key to a great library is community partnerships.*

		<p>Yankton Contact Center</p>		 <p>ABILITY BUILDING SERVICES <i>Providing Opportunities for Enriched Lives</i></p>
				
		 <p>LifeServe BLOOD CENTER <i>Caring for you, sharing for life.</i></p>	<p>Missouri Valley Master Gardeners</p>	
				
	<p>Yankton Federal Prison Camp</p>			
 <p><b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b> STATEWIDE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CENTER <i>Growing learners cradle to career</i></p>			 <p>RSVP Lead with Experience United Way LIVE UNITED</p>	

Yankton Community Library staff serve on a variety of local/state boards and committees:

- **Interchange:** Linda Dobrovolny
- **Literacy Council:** Amanda Raiche & Dana Schmidt
  - Literacy Council also provides tutoring at the library and partnered with YLC to bring Porter the Hoarder author and illustrator to YCL for an event in 2019.
- **Parents As Teachers:** Dana Schmidt
- **South Dakota Library Association (SDLA) - SD Titles To Go Committee:** Dana Schmidt
  - This committee makes decisions on e-book titles for the state.

**Yankton Area Arts:** YCL participated in Arts in the Park and Harvest Halloween events and partnered with YAA for a concert at GAR hall.

**City of Yankton:** The library participated in some City-sponsored events like Welcome to Walnut and the Holiday Light Parade. YCL partners with the Parks & Recreation Department to offer the Story Walk on the Meridian Bridge.

**LifeServe Blood Center:** YCL hosts blood drives throughout the year.

**Yankton County:** Our monthly Food for Fines program benefits the **Contact Center**. We have also worked with the **SDSU Extension (4H)** to host babysitting clinic and science clubs at YCL.

**Pathways Shelter for the Homeless:** YCL partners Pathways to provide residents with access to library materials.

**Cornerstones Career Learning Center:** The first bilingual story time (Spanish) was held in the last quarter of 2019 and YCL looks forward to continuing this partnership in 2020.

**Southeast SD RSVP:** RSVP Volunteers help us with YCL's weekly daycare outreach deliveries during the school year.

**Master Gardeners & Yankton Federal Prison Camp:** YCL partners with these organizations to coordinate and host the Yankton Seed Library.

**SD Humanities Council:** SDHC partners with YCL by providing presenters for educational/literary events as well as provides copies of the One Book South Dakota selection for our patrons.

## MISSION

The mission of the Yankton Community Library is to uphold the public's freedom of access to information by providing a dynamic collection in a variety of formats and technologies, and responding to the needs of the community through timely services and programs.

## CORE SERVICE VALUES

### *Providing Access* .....

We believe that free access to information is foundational to democracy and as such libraries have an obligation to provide free and equitable access to all patrons, regardless of their age, race, sex, gender identity, religion, political affiliations, socioeconomic statuses, national origin, marital status, or abilities.

### *Promoting Lifelong Learning* .....

Learning doesn't begin and end with formal education; libraries have been called the "people's university." We strive to rise to this label by providing vibrant collections, digital opportunities and training, and interesting programs to our community.

### *Increasing Community Engagement* .....

Communities are stronger when we embrace and interact with one another. The library believes that this strength is built through daily interactions with our friends and neighbors in public spaces such as libraries. Libraries are one of the only places people can go that do not cost money. This, we believe, is an excellent environment for promoting community engagement.

### *Exceeding Expectations* .....

Our patrons are at the heart of what we do. By striving to exceed their expectations every day in our offerings, our interactions, and our collections, we build a stronger library and a better library experience for all.



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