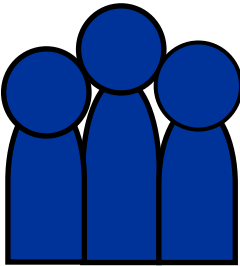




1,929 items checked out and/or downloaded.



3,440 library visitors



1,100 hours of service to the community



162 FB Likes
156 Facebook Followers

3,719 Web Page Views

BPL Revenue & Expenditures for FY17

REVENUE	SOURCE	EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY	
City	\$ 4,500	Staff	\$ 9,511
County	\$ 6,260	Print materials	\$ 1,113
State	\$ 773	AV materials	\$ 526
Grants	\$ 1,000	Downloadable e- and audio books	\$ 327
Donations	\$ 657	Operating costs	\$ 4,396
Fees/Fines	\$ 0	Databases	\$ 40
Fundraising	\$ 3,704	TOTAL	\$15,913
TOTAL	\$16,894		



RAGBRAI, 80th birthday highlight FY17

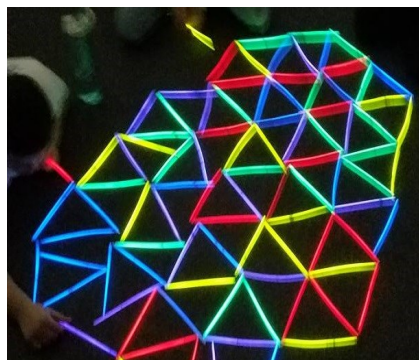
The Blakesburg Public Library kicked off FY17 by participating with the rest of the community as RAGBRAI made a stop in Blakesburg on July 28th. The Air Force Cycling Team and Chicago-area children's author Brian McBriarty were among the 700+ cyclists who stopped in at the library to use the restroom, use the Wi-Fi to connect with friends and family back home, or just relax and cool off in the A.C.

In August, the library wrapped up, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" Summer Reading Program with free tickets to an Iowa Cubs game as part of the Home Run Readers program, and celebrated its 80th birthday with a birthday bash and summer reading awards program.

In September the library was open for the elementary school's Back to School Open House and started the Crazy 8's Math Club for students in grades 3-5. October brought the library's 3rd annual Cooks for Books Crock-Pot Cook-Off with lots of great recipes.

In November, the library participated in the Loving Shepherd Food Pantry's Small Town Christmas celebration, and purchased \$7,000 worth of computers, and technology hardware and software thanks to

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Americana Christmas @ the Library for Small Town Christmas, Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry Crazy 8's Math Club activity, and some of the Legacy Foundation grant computers.

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a Legacy Foundation Grant that was awarded to the Friends of the Blakesburg Public Library. The Library was also awarded a \$1,000 Alliant Energy Grant, and purchased audio books for the visually impaired, emergent and struggling readers along with a CD player and headphones. In addition, the grant also provided the library with its annual movie license so it can host free family films, a new Wii-U game & controllers, and a NASA Little Bits Electronics kit.

In January, the library board members worked concessions at Jr. High basketball games as its major fund-raising effort, and more than 130 attended its annual Father-Daughter dance in March. April brought National Library Week and Summer Baseball Registration to the library, and May brought planning for the Build a Better World Summer Reading program which kicked off in June, the last month of FY17.

Throughout the year the library partnered with the Loving Shepherd Food Pantry, Blakesburg Elementary and BEAC Parent Teacher Organization, The Methodist Church, The Summer Ball Parents, 4-H Clubs, Corn Carnival Committee, and the Blakesburg Historical Preservation Society on various projects and events. The library appreciates the donations and support it receives from individuals and organizations.

In addition to Crazy 8's Math, the library hosted films, karaoke, adult computer classes, LEGO, gaming & other events – 583 individuals participated in 59 events in FY17. The library staff is open to future programming suggestions.

Blakesburg Public Library – FY 17 @ A Glance

Visitors	3,440	Total Items Circulated	1,929
Books	6,556	Savings to Community	\$48,125
E-Books	33,725	City Circulation	833
Total Books	40,281	Rural Circulation	704
Audio Books	91	Interlibrary Loan	125
E-Audio Books	15,607	Electronic Info Retrieval	178
Total Audio Books	15,698	E-Books Downloaded	122
Videos	428	Audio Book Downloads	92
Download Videos	50	Annual Computer Use	737
Total Videos	478	Number of Programs	59
Other Materials	163	Program Participants	583
Total Physical Items	7,238	Physical Collection Value	\$177,600
Total Download Items	49,382	Total Download Value	\$1,234,550
Total Collection Items	56,620	Total Collection Value	\$1,412,150

Who we are and what we do:

Library Staff — Director, Cheryl Talbert; Assistant Director, Chris Johnson; Library Assistant (sub), Carrie Glosser.

Library Board of Trustees — Board President, Sonni Deevers; Board Secretary, Penny Fisher; Board members Ed Hannan, Kathy Hunt, and Michael Potts.

Library Services—We provide a collection of books, audio books, e-books, and videos for all ages; programs for all ages, Interlibrary Loan, service, reference, and research assistance; photocopying; Faxing; access to WI-FI and Internet computers; databases, and space for community organization meetings.