



HIGHLAND COUNTY
DISTRICT LIBRARY

Annual Report 2019

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Letter from the Director

2019 brought many changes to the Highland County District Library! New staff members at the branch locations included Kyle Barr (Greenfield), Andrea Toews (Leesburg), and at Rocky Fork - Jennifer Lowe, Chelsi Snyder, Ginny Whiting, and Gayle Patrick. At Hillsboro, new staff members included Jessica Burrier, Kelli Cole, Zana Smith, Christina Rittenberry, Laura Bradley, as well as the new Library Director, Suzanne Roberts. Jennifer West retired after more than 21 years of exemplary service; a tree and an engraved stone were dedicated in Jennifer's honor at the Hillsboro location.

The annual circulation for 2019 was **344,382**. This number includes the circulation of e-formats (e-books, digital or downloadable audio, and videos) which was **43,133**.

In January, we introduced the new HCDL logo and updated library website. Over the course of the year, our consortium provided the use of an upgraded app called the SEO Libraries App so that patrons may access their library accounts via their mobile phones and devices. Circulation Manager Sarah Davidson and Assistant Director Joanna Sullivan attended the SEO Users Group Meeting in May. Trainers from the consortium visited library management in July at Hillsboro and also worked with new employees at Rocky Fork in November. Rocky Fork officially opened for library business on Monday, November 4, 2019! We hope the community continues to embrace and support the success of their local public library!

In February, Hillsboro hosted its annual Black History Month Program honoring Eleanor Faye Harris and featuring Dr. Sigrid Solomon of Wilmington College. May brought Summer Reading programs across all library locations, with the theme "A Universe of Stories." Thanks to a partnership with Adena Health System, several wellness-themed prizes were given to patrons of all ages while bikes were awarded as grand prizes!

Also in May, all library staff members gathered at the Hillsboro location for a full day of staff training. Speakers included representatives from Ohio Deferred Comp and Colonial Insurance, Beth Bullock with R.E.A.C.H, and Betty Crum of the Southern Ohio Genealogical Society. Staff members also learned about different personalities through the lenses of DISC, Myers-Briggs and the Enneagram. A catered lunch from Ponderosa and red polo shirts were generous ways that the Board of Trustees showed their appreciation for all library employees!

It was a successful year overall, and each location offered engaging programs while also providing excellent services and materials to community members. May the mission of HCDL continue to flourish in 2020!

Suzanne Roberts, Director

Statistics

County Population (2019 estimate): **43,589**

Circulation: **344,382**

Per capita circulation is **8** items

Library Snapshot in a Typical Week

Average library attendance	2,188
Average reference transactions	156
Average non-reference* transactions	420

**directional, policy, mechanical*

Registered Borrowers

	2019	2018
Adults	17,557	17,634
Juveniles	2,536	3,176
TOTAL	20,093	20,810

Circulation

	Hillsboro	2018	Greenfield	2018	Lynchburg	2018	Leesburg	2018	Rocky Fork	2018	Totals	2018
Books	77,962	88,656	26,033	31,204	21,971	24,623	18,736	26,570	417	---	145,119	165,594
Periodicals	6,100	9,735	1,253	3,551	1,144	2,559	598	780	---	---	9,095	17,750
DVD/ VHS	58,478	70,133	15,776	20,051	8,570	10,510	6,201	6,294	814	---	89,839	108,968
Music and CD-ROMS	1,003	2,126	265	598	760	697	125	154	---	---	2,153	3,696
Audio- books	4,271	4,975	750	617	420	772	286	367	27	---	5,754	6,917
Loaned to other libraries	28,685	30,042	6,468	7,159	7,686	7,846	6,197	6,105	253	---	49,289	50,422
TOTALS	176,499	205,667	50,545	63,180	40,551	47,007	32,143	40,270	1,511	---	301,249	353,347
E-formats (Overdrive)	20,040	15,792	5,427	3,419	3,047	2,192	7,251	4,151	2	---	35,767	25,554
E-formats (hoopla)											7,366	7,343
TOTAL	196,539	221,459	55,972	66,599	43,598	49,199	39,394	44,421	1,513	---	344,382	386,244

E-Formats

Hoopla: Total Circulation

	2019	2018
January	794	489
February	675	426
March	664	547
April	610	547
May	632	564
June	580	631
July	632	584
August	600	680
September	499	643
October	552	818
November	596	689
December	535	725
TOTAL	7,369	7,343

Hoopla: Number of Users

	Total Users 2019	2018	New Users 2019	2018
January	650	367	27	28
February	664	392	14	25
March	679	413	15	21
April	688	432	9	19
May	694	449	6	17
June	704	477	10	28
July	714	494	10	17
August	722	525	8	31
September	733	553	11	28
October	746	583	13	30
November	757	610	11	27
December	628	628	18	18
TOTAL	8,379	5,923	152	289

Hoopla: Items Borrowed

	2019	2018
Audiobooks	2,367	2,550
Comics	434	585
e-Books	1,983	2,056
Movies	1,133	880
Music	810	704
TV episodes	642	568
TOTAL	7,369	7,343

Ohio Digital Library: Use by Location

	2019	2018
Hillsboro	20,040	15,792
Greenfield	5,427	3,419
Lynchburg	3,047	2,192
Leesburg	7,251	4,151
Rocky Fork	2	-----
TOTAL	35,767	25,554

Ohio Digital Library: Use by Location

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 onto a device and watched without an Internet connection. The movies available through the **Ohio Digital Library** can only be streamed and require an Internet connection.

Computer Use

	HHI	2018	HGR	2018	HLY	2018	HLE	2018	HRF	2018	Totals	2018
Wireless Use	9,401	9,178	5,903	7,647	2,730	3,563	4,314	3,522	243	---	22,591	23,910
PC Reservation Use	12,058	13,258	4,611	5,515	3,019	3,025	2,895	2,161	96	---	22,679	23,959

In-House Use

	HHI	2018	HGR	2018	HLY	2018	HLE	2018	HRF	2018	Totals	2018
In-house Use*	12,181	21,904	5,717	5,559	7,153	6,663	9,171	8,013	7	---	34,229	42,139

*“In-house use” includes use of newspapers, periodicals, microfilm reels, and honor paperbacks.

Outreach

Hillsboro: Visits were made to approximately **461** elderly or disabled residents at the Bell Gardens, Crestwood Ridge, Heartland of Hillsboro and Laurels of Hillsboro nursing homes, where library materials and services were delivered by Kathe Chaney and Emily Foster. **46** preschool storytimes were conducted throughout the school year at local schools such as Hillsboro Elementary, Highland County Headstart, and Sunrise Sunset by Gabrielle Pitzer, Ashton Mischal, Laura Bradley, and Kelli Cole.

Greenfield: Exercise classes for senior citizens were offered at the library, facilitated by Edgewood Manor. The library also participated in the “Back to School Bash” at Greenfield Exempted Village Schools and Downtown’s Trick-or-Treat event.

Leesburg: The library partnered with Fairfield Elementary to raise literacy and participated in the Lions Club’s “Lions on Literacy” Night. Programs were also delivered at the Health Fair and Leesburg Festival. Highland County Community Action provided tax filing assistance at the library as well. Other groups that the library partnered with include: Leesburg Fire Department and Life Squad, Leesburg Food Bank, Heritage Club, and Leesburg Historical Society.

Lynchburg: Branch manager Elaine visited kindergarten and preschool classes each week during the school year and gave a Tornado Talk to kindergarteners as they learned about spring weather safety. Lynchburg History joined with the library to present the “On Broadway” walking tour of Broadway Street in Lynchburg. The Lynchburg-Clay F.R.E.D. (Families Reading Every Day) Night, promoting the library and literacy, was again offered and a total of 275 people (students and their families) interacted with library staff and volunteers. The library also partnered with the Highland County Health Department to offer a drug awareness program.

*The Rocky Fork Branch did not offer outreach services in 2019

Programming

Hillsboro			Greenfield		
Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance	Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance
Adult	30	1038	Adult	72	993
Teen	21	124	Teen	21	440
Children	180	4893	Children	64	3548
Outreach	90	1707	Outreach	2	600

Leesburg			Lynchburg		
Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance	Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance
Adult	119	2015	Adult	65	1257
Teen	48	461	Teen	31	108
Children	213	5772	Children	106	1824
Outreach	5	1371	Outreach	29	2943

*The Rocky Fork Branch did not offer programming in 2019

System Totals		
Program Type	# of Programs	Attendance
Adult	286	5,303
Teen	121	1,133
Children	563	16,037
Outreach	126	6,621

HILLSBORO ADULT AND TEEN DEPARTMENTS

Written by Sarah Allen Davidson, Circulation Manager

The focus on 2019 with teen/adult programming was to bring a variety of activities that could engage all ages, while also having specific programs/activities for designated age groups. The main goal was to create a family-friendly atmosphere where our patrons could have fun while learning and growing.

This year, many of our programs emphasized all ages participation with families invited to come to events that could interest both parents and children. The Library Comic Con saw a participation increase from 2018, with 69 patrons in comparison to last year's 46 patrons. Additionally, two patrons returned a total of three "Graphic Novel Challenge" logs for a chance to win tickets to the Cincinnati Comic Expo. Monthly game nights also saw families and individuals both in attendance. An average of 5.3 patrons attended each game night, with the highest attendance in October for Halloween trivia. A total of 13 patrons attended that program.

2019 also saw the introduction of a special Halloween program series, which had significant attendance. A total of 149 patrons came to the four programs. In addition, 35 patrons signed up for the accompanying "Halloween Challenge" (in which patrons could enter for a chance to win prizes by attending the aforementioned events and by completing a Halloween activities log. The log included tasks such as: Reading a scary book, participating in a passive candy bar identification contest - "The Candy Bar Challenge", voting for librarian Halloween costumes on Facebook, and writing a book review to be featured on the library's Access Channel and on Facebook). A total of 31 drawing slips were returned. In addition, two logs were returned, and 18 patrons participated in the "Candy Bar Challenge."

Programs designed for adult patrons saw continued success, particularly the Murder Mysteries. This year, the library hosted two, with "Jungle Expedition" and "Pirate" being the themes. Sixteen patrons attended each event, for a total of 32 participants. Local Author Night also saw an increase in attendance, with 15 patrons and authors, in comparison to 2018's 9 in attendance.

Changes to the teen/adult format for Summer Reading came with increased participation as well as positive feedback. Those included: More all-ages programming; sign-ups at the front desk, which included a small incentive; prizes on display throughout the program; and a "Passport to the Galaxy." The Passport gave patrons a full schedule of events, allowed them to track the events they attended, and also, if completed (by attending events or participating in library activities), gave patrons the chance to win Kings Island tickets.

While all-ages programming saw teen attendance, this audience—which has been difficult to engage in the past—saw a slight increase in attendance this year with our "Tween and Teen Make and Create Club." This club will continue, as will all-ages programming that includes specific activities that may interest teens.

Looking to 2020, we plan to continue all-ages programming, but with some additional adult and teen-focused events. Programs that will see significant changes (or will be eliminated) include the library's "Dump Your Rump" health/fitness challenge and Local Author Night. "Dump Your Rump" saw success in its first year (2018), but significantly decreased in participation this year (2019). We will dissolve this program. In its place, we will initiate a year-long "Reading Resolution" program, which will encourage teen and adult patrons to set a reading goal and track it throughout the year. Local Author Night will also see changes to its format. Current ideas include a possible writing contest, an authors' panel, and an open mic for published and unpublished writers. Planning for this summer event is ongoing. Additionally, the library will continue the following programs: Game nights, murder mysteries, and Library Comic Con.

In 2019, the library introduced a publicity team. The integration of all branches and programming on Facebook, as well as increased video production, has been its main focus. In 2020, the team will work towards more fully incorporating other social media platforms, including Instagram, YouTube, and Pinterest.

ADULT AND TEEN DEPARTMENTS: Sarah Allen Davidson, Kiley Davis, Dana Hylton, Sandra Jenkins, Donna O'Dom, Hannah Thirey, Betty Yates, Jessica Burrier, Kelli Cole, and Zana Smith.

HILLSBORO CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Written by Gabrielle Pitzer, Children's Manager

The Hillsboro Children's Library started 2019 off on a strong note and kept the momentum going throughout the year. In 2018 we began the massive undertaking of going through the collection and weeding outdated and damaged materials. We are proud to say that we accomplished the majority of this project and only have a few smaller sections to complete. At an end of the year meeting, the children's staff came up with a list of projects we wish to work on in 2020. The 2019 children's staff consisted of Gabrielle Pitzer (manager), Emily Fryman Foster, Madeline Crabtree, Ashton Mischal (January-August), Laura Bradley (September), Christina Rittenberry (September), and Kelli Cole.

Storytime was held on Wednesdays all year at 11 am for 0-2 year olds and 11:30 am for 3-5 year olds by Gabrielle. The library had storytime 88 times for 655 children and 426 adults. These numbers are down from last year, but storytime took a 3 week break in August for staff vacation and a 2 week break in December because the holidays fell on Wednesdays. The library also began to offer an evening storytime once a month for elementary aged children. Evening storytime was held the second Thursday of the month, March-May and September-November, for one hour. A total of 30 children and 20 adults participated.

Outreach with the local preschools was provided by the library throughout the year. Gabrielle went to the Hillsboro Elementary Pre-K and Little Lamb and Ashton went to Highland County Head Start from January to May. From October to December, Gabrielle continued going to Hillsboro Elementary Pre-K and Little Lamb, Laura started going to Highland County Head Start, and Kelli began going to Sunrise Sunset. Gabrielle read on the first Monday (4 times per day) and Tuesday (1 time per day), Laura read on the first Wednesday of the month (4-5 classrooms, morning and afternoon), and Kelli read on the second Thursday of the month (2-4 classes in the morning). These preschool storytimes were enjoyed by over 1,500 students.

Lego Club was run by Emily for children ages 6-14. The club met 16 times over the course of the year. These meetings were attended by 75 children and 46 adults. Each meeting was themed and the children got to put their creations in our Lego display cabinet afterwards. Several times patrons were invited to vote on their favorite creation.

The summer reading program theme was "A Universe of Stories" with a focus on outer space. This year we had 249 children sign-up with 79 (32%) completing by earning all five of the available prizes. 51 of the 79 finishers (65%) read an additional 20 books to earn a sixth prize. And because we had so many children finishing the reading program earlier than expected, we allowed those who did the bonus reading log to also sign-up for a summer reading bingo card, which 5 children returned (10%). For the second year, the library partnered with Adena Health Center to promote healthy life choices. This portion of summer reading began later than the reading log; therefore, we had 101 children sign-up. Of these 101, 42 (42%) completed the Adena requirements and were entered in a county library wide drawing for a bike. 282 children signed up for the 10 weekly summer drawings. The library held 12 programs for 244 children and 169 adults (this does not include Comic Con attendance). The most well attended program was our Space Camp Kick-off.

On October 18th, the library was a part of the Hillsboro City Schools' Kindergarten Community Field Trip schedule. Over the course of the school day, 10 kindergarten classes came to the library to enjoy storytime, a tour, and games. The kindergarteners were also invited to vote in the annual President of the Children's Library election; 153 votes were cast that day. Students went home with bookmarks, stickers, and information on how to get their own library card. Also in October, the library set up a table at the YMCA Fall Festival. At this event, children were able to trick or treat inside the YMCA. The library gave away pens, pencils, bookmarks, and information on how to get a library card.

Each month children were encouraged to participate in our Guess How Many and Birthday contests. Participation was up again from last year with 959 entering the Guess How Many contests and 156 entering the Birthday contest. Five contests were held during the year: Spring break bingo had 32 sign-ups, Easter coloring contest had 44 sign-ups, Star Wars Day book pack giveaway had 17 enter, Pumpkin coloring contest had 88 participants, and the YMCA Fall Fest Guess How Many had 68 guesses. 624 children made name tags, 133 participated in scavenger hunts, and 815 enjoyed various passive programs.

As with tradition, the year ended with our annual Christmas Reading Program. Once again, when children read a total of 50 books, they were invited to come and enjoy a Christmas carnival with crafts, games, and storytime. The program saw 54 children sign up; 54 children and 30 adults came to the carnival.

The Children's Library is looking forward to 2020 and has many ideas to continue to serve the children and families of Highland County. We cannot wait to make further improvements to the collection and to implement more resources.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT: Gabrielle Pitzer, Emily Fryman Foster, Madeline Crabtree, Ashton Mischal, Laura Bradley, Christina Rittenberry, and Kelli Cole.

GREENFIELD BRANCH LIBRARY

Written by Spencer McNeil, Greenfield Branch Manager

The Greenfield Branch Library was full of change throughout the past year. We began the year with the retirement of our manager, Sharon Aukeman. After many years at the Greenfield and Leesburg branches, she left big shoes to fill, and she will be greatly missed. We also added a new part-time employee, Kyle Barr.

On the theme of change, the physical layout of the Greenfield Branch has also undergone a bit of alteration throughout the year. The staff was constantly struggling to create space in the adult fiction section of the library. At the same time, patrons requested that we create study nooks and more secluded areas to study and do work. We analyzed the shelves and spaces in the library and realized that we had a lot more space dedicated to non-fiction than we needed and not enough shelf space for our various fiction collections. To solve both problems, we removed an aisle of shelving from the non-fiction area and added it to the fiction area. This gave us fifty more shelves in our fiction area. We used the empty aisle to create a more-removed study area. To help patrons find sections, we have placed color coded signs in each section. While some patrons are still getting used to the shift, many have found it easier to find a specific genre.

The Greenfield Branch Library hosted many adult, teen, and children's programs. We had many decorating contests that drew patrons of all ages to the library: Snowman Decorating in January; Valentine Decorating in February; Halloween Bag Decorating in October; and Gingerbread Decorating in December. We found that these contests bring people into the library not only to sign up and take part in the contest, but also, to view the entries that others have made. The Library continues to have a jigsaw puzzle table, checkers, coloring pages, word puzzles, and monthly crafts that are always available to the public. Story Time continues to draw many people to the library on Wednesday mornings.

Ms. Cynthia has built upon Sharon Aukeman's years of Story Time ideas to continue a fun, educational, crafty, song and story-filled hour. At the request of a patron, we created The Knitting and Crocheting Group, which has had a steady attendance with four to ten each Thursday. The Middle and High School Book Clubs were also consistently attended. Book Sales as always were very popular and we adopted a schedule similar to the one used in Hillsboro so that profits increased and people have two weeks to shop instead of one. We also revived the Plant Exchange upon a patron's suggestion. This event allows people to exchange plants at the library. The program hadn't taken place for several years and was a huge success. We plan on continuing this program each year during the week before Mother's Day.

During Summer Reading, we had slightly more people sign up, but program attendance was way down. We attribute a large part of this decline to having afternoon programs instead of morning programs. Many parents and caregivers said their children were napping or otherwise engaged from noon until the early evening. We also discovered that programs with more participation and with more flexible timeframes were more successful than the traditional programs where a guest performed for 45-60 minutes. We took some risks and experimented and are better prepared for next summer.

We were fortunate to receive many generous donations from local and regional businesses for summer reading. Other businesses and clubs donated to the library outside of Summer Reading. We also had patrons donate their time and skills to bring programs to the library. On top of all their generosity, books and media were donated to the library that were catalogued or put in the Book Sales.

The Greenfield Branch Library staff is looking forward to the new year. We will continue to provide assistance to our patrons and their informational and recreational needs.

GREENFIELD BRANCH STAFF: Spencer McNeil, Deb Wise, Ashley Roberts, Cynthia Allen, Caleb Mootispaw, and Kyle Barr.

LEESBURG BRANCH LIBRARY

Written by Melinda McGee, Leesburg Branch Manager

The Leesburg Branch Library in 2019 was not just a book and DVD “rental service” – it was a place for everyone in the community to gather and connect. It remains a source of help in a time where community services are being drastically reduced or eliminated. We strive to assist our patrons with their informational, educational, and recreational needs. We are proud to be an integral part of the Leesburg community and thanks to our staff, we remain the “Friendly Library” in the “Friendly Village.”

We provided many services and more than 350 programs/events/activities for our patrons throughout 2019. Our adult programs included Tax Help with Community Action (funding for this program has been eliminated), Essential Oils Workshops, Couponing Workshops, Hands on Film Making Workshop, Knit Together (weekly), RRR (our monthly adult reading program), and more.

Participation in our children’s programming continues to grow. Story Time under Brenda Putnam’s guidance has expanded to two days a week and reaches more young ones than ever before. We now have an active and vital “Tween” reading group, the Page Turners, conceived and led by Jaime Copley.

Our summer reading program, “A Universe of Stories”, was very successful. We had visits from Stevens Puppets, the Armstrong Air and Space Museum, Magician Jim Kleefeld, the Cincinnati Observatory, and Mr. Pickles. Game Day at the Library remains a patron favorite.

Our Winter Reading Program had almost 80 participants and everyone who completed their log was able to select their own reward. All participants and their families were invited to our Ornament Making Workshop where refreshments and creativity were both served. Additional family events in 2019 included the Leesburg Luminaria and a String Art class.

We enjoy working with local organizations to provide services to the community at large. In 2019, we worked with and/or supported the Leesburg Fire Dept. and Life Squad, Leesburg Food Bank, Community Action, the Heritage Club, the Leesburg Historical Society, and the Leesburg Lions Club. Our relationship with Fairfield Elementary School continues to strengthen and grow. We are actively working on establishing stronger ties to both Fairfield Middle and High School.

Once again, the library has benefited from the generosity and support provided by the many businesses and individuals of the Leesburg community. Their donations assist us in providing incentives and programs for our summer reading, story time, and other events. We would also like to thank patrons who have displayed items in our show case, as well as those who have donated books and media.

Long-time staff member Belinda Baldwin retired in February 2019 and she has been sorely missed. We were pleased to welcome Andrea Toews of Leesburg to the staff. Andrea’s creativity has been an asset for this branch. Becky Howard remains a linchpin at our branch, capably handling everything from Inter-Library Loans to our display case with

aplomb! Angie Chaney is our point person for all things detailed-oriented as well as handling all end cap displays and most of the bulletin boards in our children's area.

LEESBURG BRANCH STAFF: Melinda J. McGee, Becky Howard, Brenda Putnam, Angela Chaney, Jaime Copley, Andrea Toews, and Macinzey Harvey.

LYNCHBURG BRANCH LIBRARY

Written by Elaine Williams, Lynchburg Branch Manager

The Lynchburg Branch of HCDL had a great 2019! We continued our weekly visits to the school for kindergarten and preschool storytimes, and annual visits for units on tornado safety and Lynchburg history; F.R.E.D. Night (during which library staff and two volunteers interacted with approximately 275 people of all ages), and summer reading visits.

The outer space Summer Reading theme was hugely popular; we had over 200 kids participating. Barb Mihalik, a doctor who grew up in Lynchburg, again funded programs from the Cincinnati Museum Center and (new this year) the Cincinnati Observatory. I have personally learned a lot at these programs, too. Let me tell you a few stories to let you know what a difference the library makes. Here are some of the kids who attended:

A girl whose mom is gone and her Dad is in jail for drugs. She lives with her grandma, two sisters, and a brother in a one-bedroom house. You should have seen her face when she got to stir in the dry ice when the kids made their own comet! Pure glee!

An elementary school-aged boy who could read fluently at age 2 squealed with delight when he was shown a time lapse of the North Star staying in place while the night sky wheeled around it. The other kids said, "It's spinning!" and he said, "THEY'RE MOVING UNIFORMLY WETHD-WARD!" and clapped his hands.

A girl who has learning disabilities and problems acting out at school. Her grandma just won custody of her because her mom is a missing heroin addict. During the Stars & Constellations program, the kids learned about the legends behind the constellations and then got to draw their own and tell a story. This girl got up and told the most beautiful, detailed stories that she made up herself: "Maggie's Horn," "Cecelia and the Golden Boomerang," "The King's Arrow." She had every child in there spellbound, even the wiggly boys. It brought tears to my eyes.

These are just three of the many kids who attended our summer reading programs in 2019. There was also a special display for the month of July to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first walk on the moon.

In partnership with the Lynchburg Historical Society, we researched and guided the "On Broadway" walking tour of Broadway Street, Lynchburg, in September. There were 38 walkers on the tour, and a second tour is planned for the fall of 2020.

As part of the library's attempt to reach those in Highland County who are affected by the current opioid crisis, our branch hosted the program **Hidden in Plain Sight**, an awareness program for parents and guardians (offered by the Highland County Health Department). A team set up the activity room to resemble a typical teen bedroom and invited the public to see how many items of drug paraphernalia they could find of the 50+ hidden "in plain sight." This was an eye-opening experience, and we will most likely host it again in the future.

We look forward to serving Lynchburg and the surrounding communities in 2020!

LYNCHBURG BRANCH STAFF: Elaine Williams, Jean Bush, Debi Dillon, Carol Frost, and Beverly Wilkin.

PROGRAMMING DETAILS

HILLSBORO:

Annual Programs: Black History Month program honoring Art Brooks and Ronald C. Todd, Comic Con

Summer Reading: 81 adults and 36 teens signed up; 314 total slips were returned for our weekly drawing. Activities included: Celebration of Animation (9), Space Bingo (27), Library Comic-Con (69), Galaxy Print Craft Night (28), Sci-Fi Saturday (34), Local Author (15), and Serpent Mound Presentation (10).

Clubs: Adult Fandom Club, Teen and Tween Make and Create Club, Adult Write-Away Club, Comic Book Club, “Bring Your Own Book” Club, Writing Workshop, Scrapbooking Club, Bi-weekly Paint Night, Bi-weekly Crochet Club

Other Programs/Activities: Monthly game nights (Family Feud, trivia, scavenger hunts), Halloween programming series, Bats Program, Bigfoot Presentation, Ghost-hunting Presentation, National Novel Writing Month weekly write-ins, interactive bulletin boards, on-going puzzles, Teen and Tween paint night, “Dump Your Rump” Weight Loss Challenge: Staff vs. Patrons, Murder Mystery: Jungle Expedition, Murder Mystery: Pirates, Essential Oils: Basics, Banned Books Week Read-In, Essential Oils: Immunity Support, and the Ohio History program

GREENFIELD: Book sales, senior exercise classes, Puzzlers, Tax Assistance, book talks and signing, Valentine’s Day Decorating Contest, Knitting/Crocheting, National Library Week Contest, Checkers, National Novel Writing Month, and German Christmas Star Program

LEESBURG: Craft Contest Judging, Weekly Drawings, Monthly Trivia, Father’s Day Crate, Essential Oils, Knit Together, RRR Reading Group, Adena Summer Fun Challenge, CandleLite Health Fair, Couponing Workshop, Summer Reading Survey, String Art, Tax Help, Mother’s Day Basket, Film Making Workshop, Veterans’ “Thank You”, Food Drive, Toy Drive, BTS Backpack, National Novel Writing Month, Luminaria, IABB, Scavenger Hunts, Birthday Drawings, Color/Decorating Contest, Story Time

LYNCHBURG: Chain Gang Crocheters, Pageturners Book Club, Video Editing, Essential Oils: Inhalers, Make a Heart Pillow, Master Gardeners: Container Gardening, Adena Challenge, Learn about Essential Oils, Genealogy for Beginners, Learn to Use Your Sewing Machine, Hidden in Plain Sight, Hands-On Filmmaking Workshop, Old House History, National Library Week

DISPLAY DETAILS

Hillsboro: Black History Month, Elvis Photos, Snow Town, Cabin Fever Crafts, Frankie and Goldie Chicken, Tycoon Game, Quilt Show, Summer Reading Prizes, 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11, Film Foggers, Owl Display, Halloween Display, Thanksgiving Display, Nature Paintings

Artists: Glen Davis, Mary Takas, Melissa Brown, Kathy Emond, Kim Giordano, Mary Welkin, Madeline Crabtree, Kaitlin McMullin, “Film Foggers”, Donna O’Dom, Bill Shaffer

Greenfield: Board Games: Gregory Stewart, Antique Valentines: Deb Wise, Staff Art: HGR Staff, High School Art: McClain High School art students, Star Wars: Kyle Barr, Prizes and Donations: Summer Reading Donors, Arrowheads: Gerald Sexton, Trick-or-Treat Bags: Patrons, Landscape and Wildlife Photography: Jan Slagle, and Vintage Toys and Christmas Cards: Greenfield Historical Society

Leesburg: Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., Cabin Fever Art Festival, Ceramic Frogs Collection, Duckies and Bunnies, Summer Reading, Beanie Babies Collection, Crocheting and Dollies, Pumpkins and Pumpkin Carving, Lego Vehicles Collection, Snowmen and Christmas Ornaments

Lynchburg: Nutrition Display, Tuxedo Cats, 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing, Football Memorabilia, Ty “Sparkly Eyes” Collection, Crochet/Sewing/Knitting Projects, Halloween, Local History in Pictures, Military Patch Collection, Outer Space, Christmas Village, Constitution Week Display

DONATIONS AND GIFTS

Heritage Club, Buck’s Tire and Rental Service, S & K Dairy Cup, Big City Pizza, Terry’s Pizza, Hardy Memorials, Amatha Farrens American Family Insurance, Roller Haven, Jerry’s Pizza, Sitterle Insurance, Armstrong Air and Space Museum, Kay W. Simmons Insurance, Main Street Soapery, Becky’s Relaxation Station, Turner & Son Funeral Home, Wilkin-Wilkin Insurance, Merchant’s National Bank, Country Quilters, Alley 21 Neighborhood Bar and Grille, Altrusa, Chillicothe Paints, Chipotle, Cincinnati Reds, Cincinnati Zoo, Columbus Crew, Community Market, Community Savings Bank, COSI, Dan Berry Cinema, Dayton Dragons, Dollar General, Domino’s Pizza, Donato’s Pizza, F.C. Cincinnati, Greenfield Chiropractic, Hardy Memorial, Kings Island, Long’s Retreat Family Resort, McDonalds, Newport Aquarium, Robbins Village Florist, Save-a-Lot, Sitterle Insurance, Southern Hills Community Bank, Star Cinema, Subway, Tecumseh, The Glitz, Walmart Supercenter, Weller’s Plumbing and Heating, Eagle’s Ladies’ Auxiliary, Batter Up Bakery, C.L. Products (Candle-Lite), East Ambulance, Jani-Chem, Kay Simmons Insurance, Saucy Sisters, Arby’s, Burger King, Dairy Queen, Joe’s Party Shop, Star Cinema, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Wendy’s, The Beach, Chakeres Theater, COSI, Frisch’s Restaurant, Ohio Renaissance, Ohio State Fair, Leesburg Hardware, New Sabina Industries

Shirley Brewer, Corey Cockerill, Tate Cockerill, Debbie Cook, Bianca Decror, Sadie Dehass, Dee Duck, Rosalind Engle, Jeanie Farman, Debbie Fister, Jean Fordyce, Debbie Hicks, Jana Hobson, Barbara Hodge, Becky Howard, Christine Larick, Dee Link, Morgan Mason, Melinda McGee, Amy Palmer, Blyth Perham, Debbie Powell, Laura Purtell, Brenda Putnam, Grace Rogers, Stacey Setty, Teddy Shields, Nancy Sonner, Cammi Spargum, Renne Stanley, Elizabeth Strittenbreger, Andrea Toew, Carolyn Townsend, Ruth Wheaton, Elaine Yoder, Nancy Zimmerman, Darlene Michael, Heather Fugate, Ryan Reeves, Gregory Wall, Barbara Mihalik D.O., Carolyn Hastings, Darlene Michael