

2017 in Review

Library Accomplishments:

- Celebrated our 187th finisher in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. To date there are currently 520 registrants and 149,000 books read!
- Upgraded our Wifi systems allowing a faster download.
- Survived our SirsiDynix migration to SAAS providing a safer back-up of our ILS system.
- Updated our computer management and print release software and now allow patrons to print with credit card.
- Updated our copy/scanning/faxing machines to allow patrons to fax without purchasing a prepaid card and print from any device wirelessly.
- Participated in several community events, including Ossian Days, Street Fair, Festival of Trees, Wonderland of Lights and Parlor City Christmas.
- Completed our 2018-2022 Long Range Plan.
- Restored 2 of our existing roofs and repaired mold damage from past leaks.
- Had a positive State Board of Accounts audit after a 5-year lag.

Staff Accomplishments:

- Jason Habegger was awarded an ILF scholarship toward pursuing his MLS.
- 5 staff members received or are working toward increasing their library certification/degree.
- The library had its 9th staff member graduate from the Wells County Leadership Academy and our 10th staff member going through Level 1.
- Numerous staff members are serving on community and professional boards.
- Several staff attended various conferences throughout the year.

Stats:

- We had a 46% increase in Teen Program attendance!
- We saw a slight decrease in annual visits to the library but our reference questions went up by 18%.
- Our internet computer usage went down by 15% but our wireless connections increased by 14%.
- Our total circulation went up by 8%.
- We had a slight increase in PLAC loans.