

## ! 2018 BROOKINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY OVERVIEW

The Brookings Public Library (“the Library”) serves Brookings County and surrounding areas. It is a dynamic and continuously changing organization that strives to engage with the constantly changing world and technologies.

- The Library has a staff of 10 full time employees and 11 part-time employees, with a 2018 budget of \$1,077,285.
- The Library offers a collection of 129,891 items, with a total circulation of 206,894 checkouts in 2018.
- The Library provides access to ebooks and eaudiobooks with an annual circulation of 34,165 checkouts in 2018, an increase of 6% from 2017.
- The Library has 23 public access computers and free wi-fi throughout the building.
- The Library had 149,460 patron visits in 2018.
- The Library meeting rooms were used 1,770 times in 2018.
- The Library currently has 10,570 card holders.
- The Library presented 1,222 programs to 25,251 patrons in 2018.
- The Library offers free notary public services to the public. Library staff notarized 333 documents in 2018.
- The Library offers free proctoring services to distance learners. We proctored 186 tests for students in 2018, and demand for this service continues to grow.

### Key Projects

	Description	Status
1	Moved the Magazine and Newspaper area, with improved shelving	100%
2	Expanded the Young Adult area by doubling shelving and adding new seating	100%
3	Created a Maker Kit collection	Ongoing
4	Received 5 sewing machines from the sewing machine project; began offering beginner sewing classes	Ongoing
5	Started a Game Night to highlight our Board Game collection	Ongoing
6	Began an adult Spanish book collection to complement the existing juvenile book collection	Ongoing

## Successes

- Held 4 escape room programs
- Hosted a vibrant summer reading program
- Increased attendance at Craft Classes led to offering more class times in 2019
- Served as a host site for the South Dakota Book Festival, which draws thousands of people to our community

## Challenges

- Continuing to get kids to participate in the Summer Reading Program, as numbers were down in 2018
- Continuing to find programs and activities that the Brookings Community supports and enjoys
- Loss of the coffee shop

## Looking Ahead

### NEW CARPET

The 20-year-old carpet will be going away! Carpet squares will give a fresh and updated look for the Library, and make upkeep much easier.

### TELESCOPES

Through a grant from the South Dakota Community Fund and money from "Science at the Pub" we will be working on adding a collection of telescopes for the public to check out and implementing programming with them. This project will be implemented in partnership with faculty at South Dakota State University.

### MAKERSPACE

We are evaluating costs and developing a proposal to add a small makerspace to the Library, offering patrons more access to STEAM engagement.



Escape room fun.

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