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# JULY

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

July 2026 marked another month of significant growth and strategic transformation

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Snake Discovery

Clinton Public Library has been busy during this reporting period of 6/18/26-7/9/26, with programs, partnerships, and plenty of opportunities for children and families to read, learn, and connect.

Our Summer Reading activities continued with storytimes, storytelling, creative programs, and special events. Families joined us for Little Kid Storytime, Storytelling, the Zine Program, Rope Warrior, and Snake Discovery. Snake Discovery was one of our biggest events of the summer so far, bringing 58 children and adults to the library for an exciting and educational visit with reptiles.



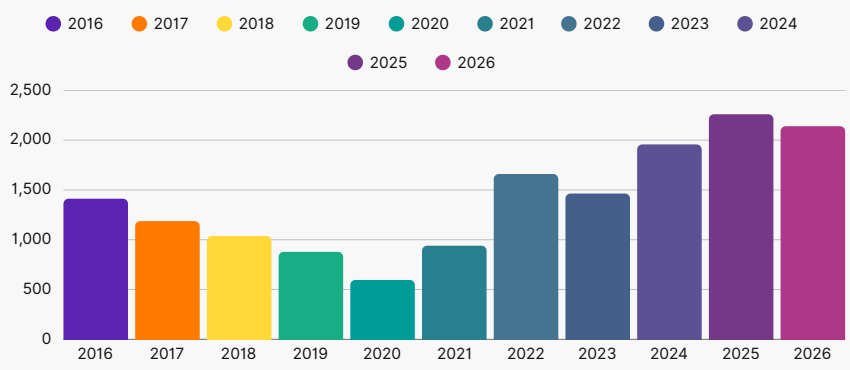
Playground Playdate

## IMPACT STORY

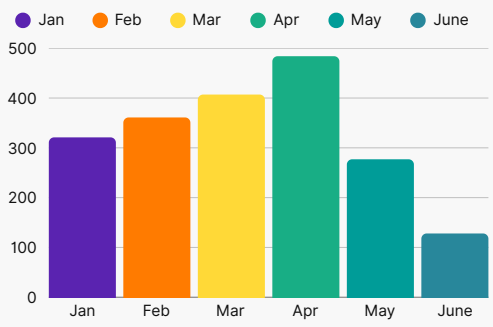
Recently, one of our patrons submitted a story about how the Clinton Public Library has helped them over the last couple years:

"The library helped me in locating online resources that helped me in college studies. The library helped me to navigate the computer and assist me in the use of online resources for my college assignments. The assistance that I received at the library has assisted me in progressing in my college studies."

## 2016-2025 Program Attendance

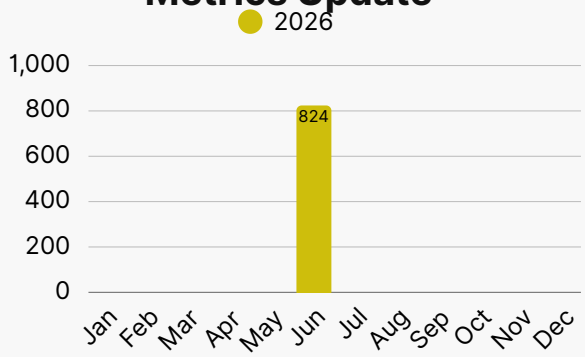



## 2026 Program Attendance




| Total Programs | Total Attendees |
|---|---|
| 14 | 128 |

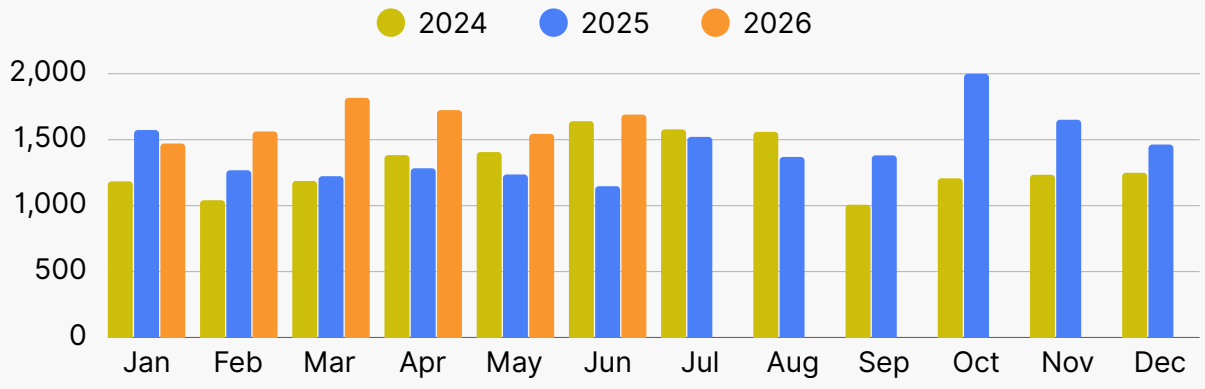
## Door Counter and Foot Traffic Metrics Update




## Usage Statistics

- The library's door counter is now operational, giving us a clearer picture of how many people are visiting the library each month. In June, we recorded a total of 824 visits.
- Program attendance also continues to grow. Our total program attendance for 2026 has already nearly surpassed the full-year total for 2025. In addition, every year since 2024 has had higher yearly program attendance than any year since 2016.
- Circulation is also up. June circulation numbers were 543 higher than June of 2025, showing continued growth in library use.
- We are grateful to see so many community members visiting the library, checking out materials, attending programs, and helping make the Clinton Public Library such an active and welcoming place.

## Physical Circulation 2024-2026



# PROGRAMMING & EVENTS



Zine Program



Storytime

| Programs | Attendees | Sessions |
|---|---|---|
| Little Kid Storytime | 8 | 2 |
| Big Kid Storytime | 8 | 1 |
| Gaming Group | 11 | 4 |
| Playground Playdate | 8 | 1 |
| Storytelling | 10 | 1 |
| Snake Discovery | 58 | 1 |
| Baking Club | 1 | 1 |
| Book Club | 4 | 1 |
| Learn to Make Zines | 3 | 1 |
| Rope Warrior | 17 | 1 |
| Programming Subtotal | 128 | 14 |

Programs & attendance during this reporting period of 6/18/26-7/9/26

## Programming Highlights

- We also enjoyed taking library programming out into the community. Clinton Public Library partnered with Brooke Franseen from CCAP for a Playground Playdate at Gert Wolter Park.
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Rope Warrior



Storytime

## Programming Highlights

- We started a Zine Program for youth at the library! Stop in and pick up an independently published story created by one of our creative local young authors.
- The Rope Warrior brought energy, excitement, and amazing jump rope skills to the Clinton Public Library. Kids and families enjoyed an action-packed performance filled with impressive tricks, movement, and plenty of fun.

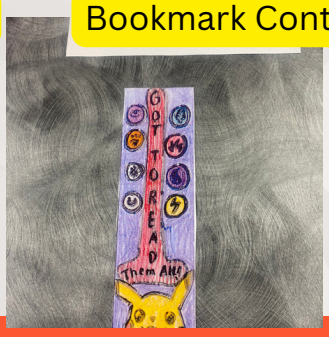
# OPERATIONAL UPDATES

## Facilities, Technology, and Operations

Thanks to a generous donation from our Friends of the Library group, we have been able to purchase organizational materials for our storage closet and office are. We have been hard at work making our small space more organized and functional. Joining Friends of the Library is such a great way to support us!



Storytellers




Bookmark Contest

# PARTNERSHIPS

## Partnership Highlights

- This summer, children participating in the library's reading challenge can also earn a special reward from La Guacamaya. Thanks to this local partnership, young readers can earn free tacos by reading and taking part in Summer Reading. We are grateful to La Guacamaya for helping us celebrate and encourage reading in such a fun way.
- The library has also been thankful for generous community support. We received a $500 donation from Model A Days through the Chamber of Commerce, and we are grateful to the Rockford A's and everyone involved in supporting the library through this event.
- We received a large donation of legos from form staff member Matthew Prus' family. Our Lego Club is excited!



Lego Club



Prus Family Lego Donation

## Upcoming Focus

- Our Spice of the Month Club is continuing as well. Each month, patrons can pick up a new spice along with recipes to try at home. It is a fun way to explore new flavors and bring something different into your kitchen.
- Along with these updates, we continue to offer our regular monthly programming for children, families, and community members. You can pick up a schedule at the front desk, visit our website, or follow us on Facebook for information about upcoming programs and events.

## Upcoming Focus

- We have a lot happening at the Clinton Public Library in the coming weeks!
- On Monday, July 20, we are excited to welcome a Hawaiian storyteller to the library. This special program will give families a chance to enjoy stories, culture, and a fun shared experience together.
- Behind the scenes, we are also continuing another full inventory process for checkout items in the library, including books, movies, games, and other materials. This helps us keep the collection organized, accurate, and easier for patrons to use.
- The CPL website is also being updated and revamped. We look forward to making it easier for patrons to find information about library services, programs, events, and resources.



Storytime

**PATRONS VISIT THE LIBRARY NOT ONLY TO CHECK OUT BOOKS AND ATTEND PROGRAMS, BUT ALSO TO GET HELP WITH JOB APPLICATIONS, COMPUTER QUESTIONS, PRINTING, FAXING, AND OTHER EVERYDAY NEEDS.**

**WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY SPACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN GATHER, LEARN, WORK, PLAY, AND SPEND TIME WITHOUT THE EXPECTATION OF SPENDING MONEY.**