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Program Goals & Results 2019-2020

The C.H. Booth Library's mission is to promote the joy of lifelong learning, stimulate curiosity, support the exchange of ideas, and provide a welcoming gathering place for our community. We do this with 6 front-facing goals:

- Satisfy Curiosity | 178 active learning sessions with 2,471 total attendees
- Provide a Comfortable Place | 34 learning activity sessions with 405 attendees
- Create and Inspire Young Readers | 265 early literacy & numeracy programs for 11,393 child attendees
- Express Creativity | 103 opportunities for self-expression for 1,109 persons (+7%)
- Foster Successful Enterprises | 26 business and professional programs for 174 attendees
- Partner with the Community | 33 co-sponsored sessions with 775 total attendees

Including -
- 58 outreach programs to pre-schools with 1,228 child attendees (ages 3-5)
- 280 children's programs with 7,141 total attendees (ages 0-11)

5.8 Terabytes of WiFi data were used by the community
That is the equivalent of:
- 7,500 episodes of Netflix
- 40,600 hours of music
- 98,600 hours of using Google Maps
- 295,000 hours of using Facebook
- 2,581,000 web pages surfed

The library adapted quickly to COVID-19. Improvements included services on the patio, a stronger and deeper WiFi signal, virtual programming, and curbside service to patrons. There was also significant strengthening of safety procedures and staff training.

2020's Most Popular Titles

Total Materials Circulated
$2,174,569 in value

Circulations of digital materials
Films, eBooks, Audiobooks, Songs, TV shows, & Streaming Media
93.5% increase!

682 Educational Programs
16,536 Total Attendance

Books, films, digital content, programs, WiFi, databases

$3.2M saved

Return on Investment - $2.38 return on every taxpayer dollar invested in the library