

# Trending @ the Library

June 2016

A Yearly Report  
of the Longmont  
Public Library  
Board

## At a Glance:

- 1.2 million items circulated annually
- 500,000+ annual visits
- 500 parent, child, or educator interactions per day during the summer; 300 per day during the school year
- Over 150 hours per day of free computer usage
- 7,064 study room reservations between May 2015 – May 2016
- 563 online classes attended by patrons in April 2016
- BiBli robots have interacted with over 5,000 kids, parents, and educators
- Monthly Lego Club events average 110 participants and over 250,000 Lego bricks.

## Recent Accomplishments...

The Library continued to innovate and expand:

- Recognized as Finalist for the Institute of Museum and Library Services' National Medal Award for programs for children and teens diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum.
- Launched "Baby BiBliis" — small, personal robots that children can borrow and program.
- Expanded services and materials for Spanish-language speakers, including

new webpages, computer classes, and intensive outreach to migrant families in our community.

- Offered two series (11 workshops total) for job hunters with a job and life skills

coach. 123 people have attended, with one workshop remaining.

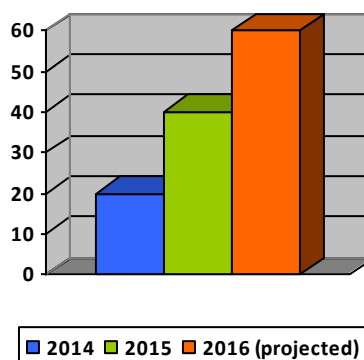
- Partnered with local businesses to host a 9-month series for small business owners. Roughly 186 people attended.

- BookCycle outreach has rapidly grown.

- Lobby redesign to better reflect library's welcoming and friendly character moving ahead.

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BookCycle Visits, per year



## ...And More to Come...

Busy and exciting is "business as usual" at the Library:

- Library Festival is moving to the Fall! Craig Johnson, author of the *Longmire* book series (and television series) will anchor the reimag-

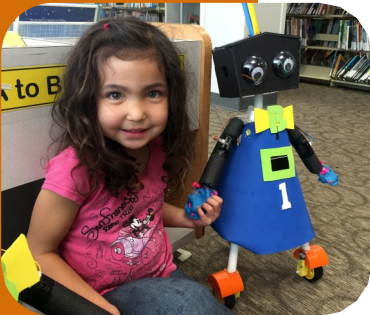
ined festival Sept. 7-11, 2016.

- Staff is exploring recording adult programs and posting them to YouTube for patrons who are unable to attend.
- The big 2016 Sum-

mer Programming Kickoff Party at Sunset Pool is a collaboration between the Library, Museum, Recreation, and Youth Center.

- We'll be redesigning sections of the Library to make browsing easier and better serve patron needs.

The new “Baby BiBlis” were a hit!



“I got into robotics, and I don’t feel lonely no more. I get to work with other kids.”  
- Kane, age 13, on the autism spectrum, and part of the team that created BiBli, the Library’s robot.

American Ninja Warrior Paul Kasemir kicked off our Summer 2015 Reading Program!



## Recent Accomplishments... (cont.)

- Experience Bags Collection launched in February 2016 and all checked out within 36 hours.
- Drive-up book drop was added in response to patron requests.
- Little Free Libraries were planted in three local parks.
- New telescope kits for borrowing brought the heavens closer.
- Library website was completely redesigned with new content and new look in early 2015.
- The “5 Minutes Peace Collection” for parents, located in children’s area, was a hit with harried parents short on time for personal book browsing.
- eReaders preloaded with bestsellers for adults and teens saw heavy rotation.
- The old print shop was transformed into the Creation Station, a bright space for STEAM projects.

## A Longer Look

On April 1, the world of borrowing opened a little wider for library patrons when the Library officially launched its new catalog, joining the Flatirons Library Consortium (FLC). As part of the FLC, we now share materials with the public li-

braries in Boulder, Broomfield, Louisville, and (soon!) Lafayette. For patrons, this means more books, more DVDs, more magazines, more audiobooks, and more downloadable books, too! While it’s taking everyone a bit to get used to, initial feedback from patrons has been very positive.

## Challenges We’re Facing

- Everything worth doing includes overcoming some challenges. These are some of ours:
- Struggling to meet patron eBook demand with limited funds.
  - Working around the limitations of an aging building that is no longer adequate for the needs of our patrons.
  - More and better spaces for lectures, presentations, and gathering.
  - Fielding patron complaints about alcohol, drug use, and homelessness at the Library.