



LIBRARY CLOSED

The Library will be closed on Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day holiday.



BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

a California Special District, independent of both city and county government, providing library services to Beaumont and Cherry Valley



August 2019

2018-19 Annual Stats Show Growth, Especially in the Use of E-Resources

by Luren Dickinson, Library Director

This past fiscal year, July 2018 through June 2019, was another good one for Beaumont Library with many positive statistics.

The traditional measures of library effectiveness in the past have been the number of physical items checked out, along with the number of reference questions answered.

Even in these two areas, the Library showed some growth. Checkouts increased 1% to 131,338 compared to 130,279 the year before. During that period, reference questions handled went up 14%, as well!

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The biggest increases, however, took place in the use of digital materials and digital services. For example, holds placed on physical materials in the collection—generated by library users outside or inside the Library—increased 27%. That means that people are finding more of what they want and becoming more knowledgeable of how to reserve those items for themselves online.

The largest overall jump in usage was the 111% increase in checkout of e-books, which saw 2,787 items from Overdrive being used via the "Libby" app, as opposed to 1,318 e-books from the previous vendor, Axis 360. Digital magazines through Zinio checked out at an amazing 86% higher clip this year than last.

Online database use was led by Ancestry and HeritageQuest Online, both new resources for 2018-19. The two were used 4,700 times, about 900% more than all of the Library's other databases combined!

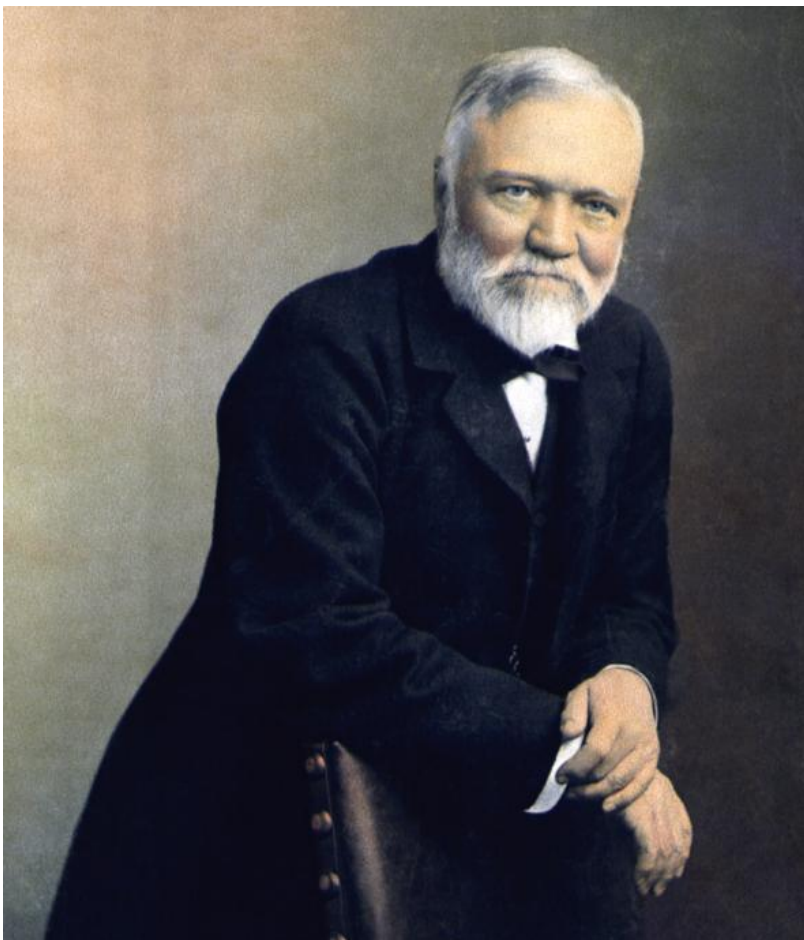
Novelist, which offers online advice on books to read that are similar to well-liked authors or those of a certain style or genre, continues to be extremely popular, averaging close to 70,000 uses per year over the last several years.

Public computer use also continues to grow even though perhaps as many more people come to the Library to take advantage of our outstanding high-speed broadband wireless Internet access on their personal devices. There were 9,158 public computer sessions this past year compared to 7,407 the year before—a 24% increase. Visits to the Library's website were up 9%.

Finally, the Library sent out fewer paper overdue notices during the year and did more online notifications—which help our customers to reduce the chance of overdue fines. 4,125 fewer notices were mailed—a 16% reduction—while 16,378 more online notices were sent—a 70%

increase. Though the Library took in about \$1,100 less in fines during the year, it also saved nearly \$2,100 in postage costs for an overall extra \$1,000 left in the operating budget!

Andrew Carnegie Died 100 Years Ago & Beaumont's Carnegie Turns 105!



Andrew Carnegie died on August 11, 1919—one hundred years ago—five years after the original Beaumont Library structure, which he financed with a grant of \$10,000, was built and opened 105 years ago in 1914!



The Library was last expanded in 1965 when there were about 5,000 people in the service district. Now, with more than 55,000 living in Beaumont and Cherry Valley, the time has come to expand the facility to better serve the new population.

Based upon a community survey conducted earlier this year, it appears that a renovation/expansion to 36,000 square feet is the best choice!

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Library Hours

Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday—CLOSED

Thursday—10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Monday—11:30 to 12:30, Chatigny Community Center

Tuesday—10 to 11, The Grange, Cherry Valley

Friday—8:30 to 10, Petco

Saturday—9 to 10, Trevino Park; 10 to Noon, Nicklaus Park

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