A Year of Transition for the Library
This past year brought continuous growth and change to the library’s programs, services, and most notably to the library building. We are excited about how these changes will help more community members meet their information, technology access, and lifelong learning needs.

Construction Takes Center Stage
Construction on the renovation and expansion of the library began in April 2017. The northern part of the building was split off so that the new addition could be immediately tied into the existing building. Construction progressed quickly and all library operations were moved into the new addition in November 2017. Service will continue in the new addition while the older portion of the building is renovated. Construction will be completed in summer 2018.

Advancing Technology and “Making”
This year the library started checking out small “Maker Kits” that people can use in the library. These kits promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math skills, as well as digital literacy, and are perfect for people who are active learners. Library staff taught several coding classes during the summer to help young people delve into the world of computer coding. We added online registration for our Summer Reading Program so busy families could register from home, and we started sending out library notices by text message. If you’d like to get your Pickup Notices for Holds or Overdue Notices by text, let us know!

By The Numbers

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The Norfolk Public Library is a Division of the City of Norfolk and operates on an Oct. 1-Sept. 30 Fiscal Year.
We had an especially rich year of classes and events. We celebrated Nebraska’s 150th Anniversary by learning about John and Mona Neihardt, the Outlaw Trail, pioneer experiences, and the African-American experience in Nebraska. There were classes to teach sign language, environmental science, life skills, and knitting. Community members spent hours reading to animals at the shelter, enjoyed movies, discussed great books, and gathered to participate in the recent adult coloring craze. Each day people are pursuing their passions, connecting with each other, and accessing vital resources right here at the Norfolk Public Library.

**Most-Borrowed Books and Authors this Year**

- **Adult Book**
  - *Two by Two* by Nicholas Sparks
- **Adult Author**
  - James Patterson
- **Teen Book**
  - *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
- **Teen Author**
  - Erin Hunter
  - (4 authors share this pen name)
- **Children’s Book**
  - *Horse & Pony Care* by Sandy Ransford
- **Children’s Author**
  - Mo Willems

Thank you to our Citizens Library Advisory Board who supports and guides the work of the library:

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