



PELHAM
PUBLIC LIBRARY

YEAR IN REVIEW

OCTOBER 1, 2018-SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Our Mission

The mission of the Pelham Public Library is to provide community access to educational, cultural, and recreational resources in a variety of formats and technologies. At the heart of the Library are a growing collection of informative materials and a staff dedicated to assisting library patrons. The Library recognizes its responsibility to identify community needs, to promote library services for both adults and children, and to serve as a center for reliable information. In fulfilling this mission the library will:

- Provide a safe and pleasant environment in which to utilize the resources, services, programs and facilities of the library.
- Maintain a well-balanced collection of accurate and current materials.
- Provide prompt, efficient and courteous service.
- Present programs on a variety of subjects in the appropriate formats for children, young adults, and adults.
- Continue to identify and meet community needs.
- Recognize and manage change in a positive way and use new technologies to their fullest potential.
- Provide ongoing training and development of our staff, as they are our most valuable resource.



***Check it
out!***

***People
checked
out:***

BOOKS, DVDS, AND BOOKS ON CD ARE THE MAIN
DRIVERS OF CIRCULATION.
HOWEVER, USE OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES IS
GROWING QUICKLY.
WE ALSO CIRCULATE LESS COMMON ITEMS LIKE
WIFI HOTSPOTS.

68,266
DVDS



114,835
BOOKS

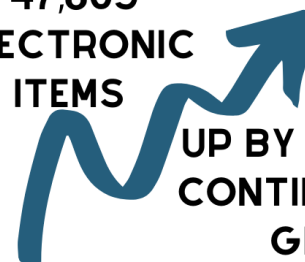
5,249
BOOKS ON CD



200
HOTSPOTS



47,809
ELECTRONIC
ITEMS

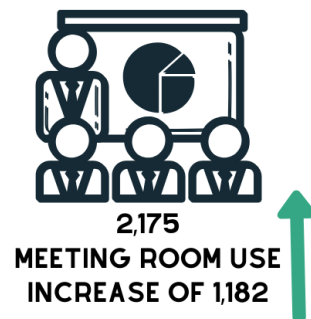


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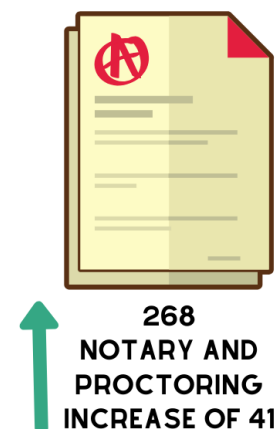
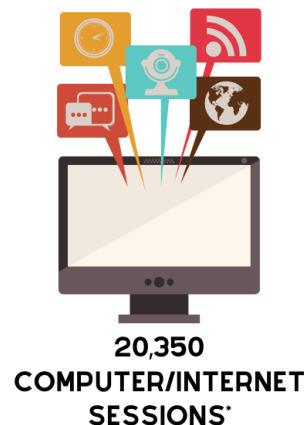
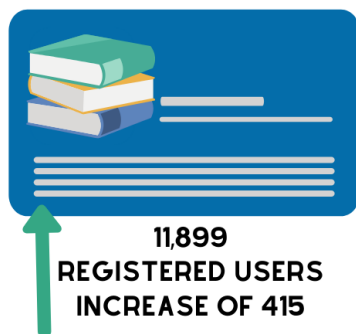


Library as Place: More than Books

USE OF THE BUILDING



USE OF LIBRARY SERVICES



*THERE IS NOT 12 MONTHS OF DATA FROM FY 2018 TO COMPARE THIS DATA TO.



**We love
helping
people
reach
their
goals!**



CONGRATULATIONS

As many people know and have heard... writing a dissertation is an isolating experience. You spend a majority of your academic experiences in group settings from K-12, to undergrad to grad and through doctoral coursework and then you are to go off on your own and produce a solo dissertation. As a somewhat non-traditional doctoral student with a whole family and one who lived away from campus I had to utilize my resources wisely (shout out to a Girl Scouts principle that stuck with me) to get the job done. Enter the public library. Most of my dissertation was written in one of these private study rooms at Pelham Public Library. I used other public libraries in my area at times but Pelham's library became my academic writing home away from home. The ability to have a private space with a door, a white board, and adjustable lighting was clutch! Over the countless months of writing and data analysis the library staff grew familiar with my face and some even know me on a first name basis. I truly couldn't have done it without the FREE public resources of the library. I've been a library user since I was a kid. They are the best! You should go check yours out (pun intended).

~ Dr. Jameka Hartley

DR. HARTLEY!

Everyone is welcome in the library!



AT LEAST ONE IN TWENTY PEOPLE IN THE GENERAL POPULATION MAY BE AFFECTED BY SENSORY ISSUES

All library staff were trained on sensory processing disorders and sensitivities. Staff learned what these sensitivities are and how to help guests who may be experiencing a sensory overload or who may need different tools in order to be comfortable in the library. The library is now a certified sensory inclusive location!



Summer Reading

READING IN THE SUMMER PREVENTS WHAT EDUCATORS CALL “THE SUMMER SLIDE” WHERE STUDENTS ACTUALLY LOSE SOME OF THE READING PROFICIENCY THEY HAD GAINED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.



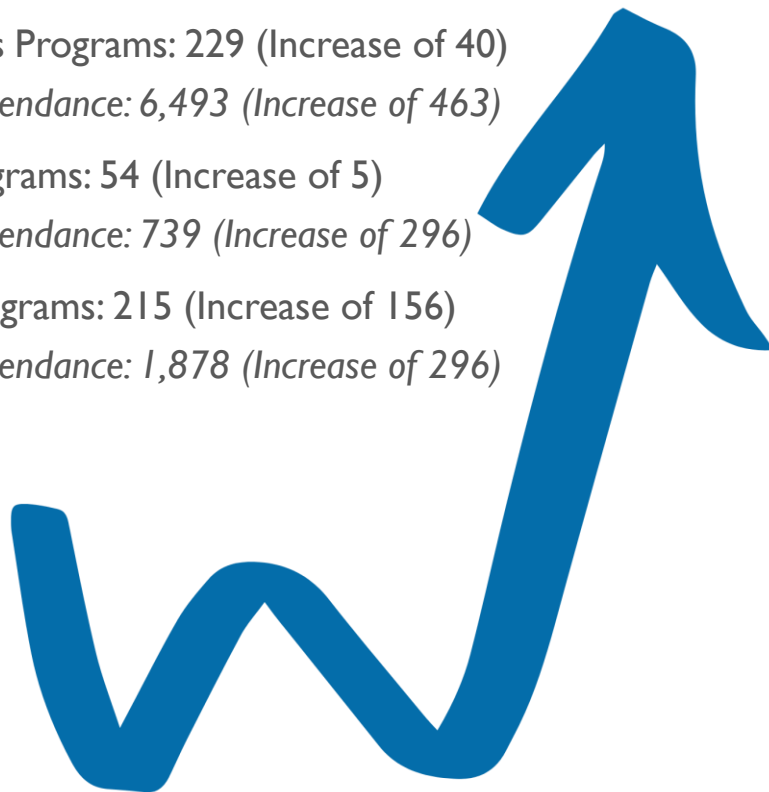
- 17,964 Children's and Young Adult books were checked out during the months of June and July
- Participated in the Reading Program
 - 609 Children (birth to 11)
 - 67 Teens (12-18)
- 51 Children's activities and programs presented
 - 1966 Attendees
- 10 Young Adult activities and programs presented
 - 124 Attendees



Programs

**WE ARE NOW ABLE TO OFFER
MANY MORE PROGRAMS AND
ACCOMMODATE MORE
PARTICIPANTS!**

- Children's Programs: 229 (Increase of 40)
 - Attendance: 6,493 (Increase of 463)
- Teen Programs: 54 (Increase of 5)
 - Attendance: 739 (Increase of 296)
- Adult Programs: 215 (Increase of 156)
 - Attendance: 1,878 (Increase of 296)



In addition to our normal programs like Storytime and Summer Reading we offer a wide variety of new and different programs each year. We have added an afterschool 4H club in addition to the 4H Homeschool group. Kids' Movie Mondays and Family Game Night are new additions. For the Adults, we have partnered with local agencies for successful programs on history, Social Security, Medicare, and other informational topics. The ESL and ESOL classes offered at the library have grown considerably over the year. We even hosted astronaut Dr. Larry DeLucas for a fascinating look at his research and time in space!



English language learners at the library

HELLO
ALOHA
BONJOUR
HOLA

ESOL Classes taught by the Literacy Council

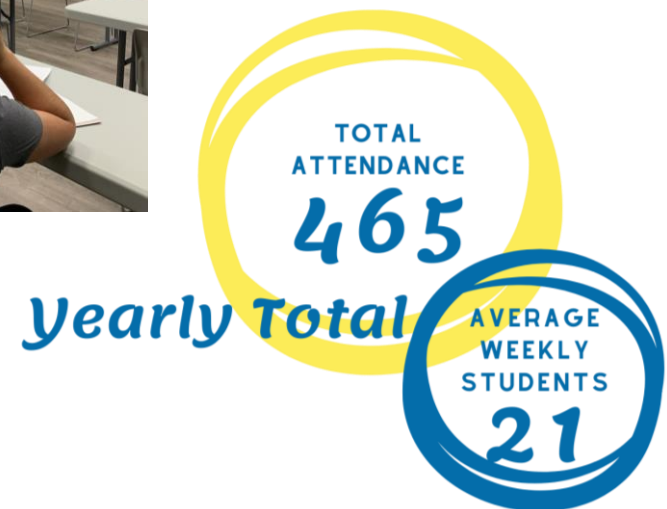
- Tuesday Evenings
- Since March 7, 2019 an average of 15 students attended each week
- Approximately 64 individuals participated during the year
- With a total attendance for the fiscal year of 277

"I have lived in Pelham for 20 years and consider it my community, so giving back by becoming an ESOL tutor through The Literacy Council has been very rewarding. The students appreciate the free classes and said they are learning and feeling more confident. Thank you to 'my' library for helping to make our community a better place to live, offering programs that make a difference in the lives of all people." –Instructor Pam



GED/ESL Classes taught by Central Alabama Community College

- Tuesday Mornings
- Since February 7, 2019 an average of 6 students attended each week
- With a total attendance for the fiscal year of 188



Standards Achievement

The library applied for and was awarded the Alabama Library Association's highest award. In order to achieve the gold standard, a library must meet the highest standards for services, programs, and resources. The library was recognized for this achievement at the State Library Conference in Point Clear, Alabama on April 4, 2019.



PRESENTED BY
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DIVISION
OF THE ALABAMA LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION
ON APRIL 4, 2019

Conclusion

The Pelham Public Library is YOUR community library. We are committed to providing an inviting and inclusive atmosphere for ALL who wish to visit us. We will continue to operate as a place for the community to gather, to learn, and to engage with ideas and one another.

The library, like Pelham, is growing and changing. We look forward to growing into the best public library our community could ask for!

We welcome input from the community.

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