



# **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# **Impact In the Mauston Community**

In 2016, the Hatch Public Library played a significant role educationally, culturally, recreationally and economically in the lives of area residents.

### **USAGE AND BORROWING**

- Checked out 56,404 books; 7,967 e-books; 48,341 DVDs; 3,107 magazines
- Issued 479 new library cards
- Borrowed 25,000 items from other libraries; loaned 23,000 items to other libraries
- Attracted more than 217,000 visitors to the downtown and into the Library
- Provided 259 free programs, attended by 5,505 members of the community

#### **LEADING IN TECHNOLOGY**

- Public spent 30,570 hours on 26 public computers; and 61,527 wireless internet log-ins
- Offered wireless, black/white and color printing options and faxing services
- Children spent 755 hours on 3 i-pads, preloaded with educational games
- Provided free, one -on -one computer help through "Computer Tutor"

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERING**

- With Mauston Community Band, sponsored Monday Nights Music in the Park
- With the Friends of the Library group, held 5 book sales
- Hosted AARP driving classes, ADRC free tax preparations, American Legions Missing Man Table, and a monthly Homeschoolers groups.
- Sponsored 6 Movies in the Park with Mauston and Lyndon Chambers of Commerce

#### **EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Welcomed authors Dennis Block, Mark Johnson, Kathleen Gallagher, Tammy Brown, and 2 poets, Bruce Dethlefsen and Barbara Mezera
- Offered 172 children's programs; 12 book clubs; 15 video gaming nights; 11 after school arts programs and 2 historical re-enactors
- Hosted a weekly knitters group and a weekly yoga class
- Exhibited artwork from 5 regional artists; hosted 6 live music events

#### **ENSURE LIBRARY FUTURE**

 Replaced unsafe sidewalks, painted windows and exterior trim, repaired stucco, tuckpointed brick and replaced the roof