

Ely Public Library Survey Results

Do you have an Ely Public Library Card?

84.6 % Yes
15.4 % No

City of Residence

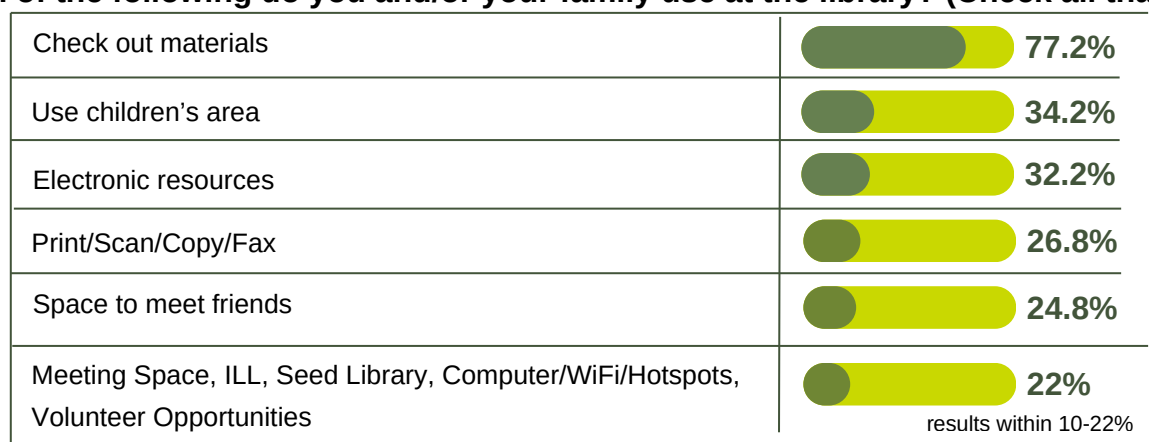
85.2 % Ely
8.1 % Cedar Rapids
6.7% Other

Spring 2025

Respondents

149

Which of the following do you and/or your family use at the library? (Check all that apply)



What additional resources, materials or technology would you like to see made available?

Space requests: More space for programming; larger meeting area; more space for books; larger kids area; bigger areas for events.guest speakers.

Materials requests: Larger selection; more newer books; more audiobooks; more Vox books; more puzzles; more books on CD; more e-books

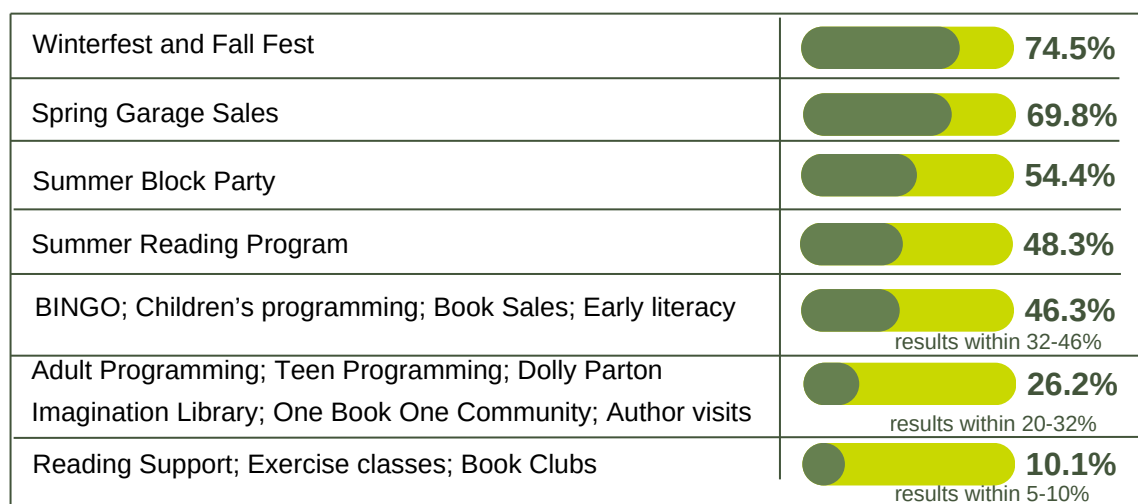
New materials: Toys, cake pan, lamintaor, birthday supplies, Cricut

New services: Ancestry website, music recording (tech/podcast room); cell phone help

Misc. requests: Reading Support in the evenings; checkout hotspots to CR residents

Open ended responses: You guys have so many activities for kids & families. I love the author visits and learning opportunities (paranormal, etc). ; Food bank was great; love the library

Which library programs/events have you and/or your family attended? (Check all that apply)



What additional programs and/or events would you like to see offered? (open ended answers)

- Evening kid activities
- Evening exercise classes
- Family evening/weekend events
- More book clubs (Bill Gates; focused)
- Spanish classes & conversations
- How to class for young kids
- More author visits
- Home maintenance
- More conversations with State Reps.
- More demonstrations of crafting
- More farming & gardening classes
- All you do is wonderful and appreciated!
- You do an amazing job offering so many various activities
- Christian author visits
- The library is a wonderful community spot
- We think you do great at maximizing opportunites for all ages, all the time!
- Anything! You guys already do so much!
- More adult gathering activities
- More events for school aged children
- New to town meet-ups
- N/A we enjoy everything

How can the library improve its outreach and engagement with the larger community? Are there any partnerships we should consider?

- KCRG News
 - You do a great job
 - Can't think of any
 - Personal pan pizza reading program from our youth
 - More partnerships with College Community
 - Your outreach is exceptional
 - Food bank
- More partnerships with College Community
 - More with local churches
 - Improve reach to teens and adults - get on tik tok
 - More work in conjunction with other libraries - regarding programming and sharing resources
 - maybe a bike ride
 - You guys are amazing

Would you support an expansion to our current library space?



If the library were to expand, what additional amenities would you like to see? (Check all that apply)

Large accessible community room	<div></div> 63.8%
Full kitchen for rentals	<div></div> 41.6%
Outdoor learning space	<div></div> 40.9%
Dedicated children's space	<div></div> 39.6%
Meeting rooms/study rooms/collaboration spaces	<div></div> 34.9%
Larger collection	<div></div> 28.2%
Teen space	<div></div> 22.8%
Quiet reading areas	<div></div> 21.5%
Senior gathering space	<div></div> 20.8%

Additional feedback provided:

- Expand current building - all one floor. No new building needed.
- Great staff and outstanding summer program!
- The library is totes amazeballs!
- Just moved to Ely
- While I don't make use of the library much myself, I know from my own childhood the importance of a local library for children. I'll do everything I can to support the important work all of you do. Thank you all!
- Tied to overall community like North Liberty
- Additional exercise classes for all ages
- Do not support expansion unless more conservative views are supported.
- Mainly hear about things going on at the library through FB, if there isn't a post about it we may miss it so keep up the posts!
- We LOVE our librarians and library - it is our second home! Thank you!
- New to town and looking forward to using the library.
- Sarah you do an amazing job with the library. Ely is blessed to have you here.
- Much more space with parking
- Teen programs
- Great for the community. Put the food bank back.
- As a stay at home we have been coming to the Ely Library for years. The summer program seems to be geared more toward the older school age children. It would be nice to see some younger activites planned as well. I know the library would like to expand due to programs filling up the meeting room. However I only see this maybe 2-3 times during the summer programs. Otherwise most of the programs there has been plenty of seating.
- We love the library!!!
- Our library and Sarah and the staff are the center of the community
- Thanks for all you do for the community!
- I feel the library aligns with families values. However, I'm concerned that some of the more outwardly progressive content could alienate other community members or cause fome sort of backlash.
- Community gathering space could possibly be divided by curtains.