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During the fiscal year 2016, the total attendance at library-sponsored events was 17,348. In addition 2430 persons attended events run by the other organizations in the community meeting room.

At least one children's program/month is not able to be booked. Annually, Ilsley turns away 100+ reservations.

I. Library sponsored events for children:

Baby Toddlers Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30am - 12pm.

Location: Community meeting room

Group size: 8 - 35

Storytime featuring a lot of movement, lap games and finger plays for our youngest patrons with their parents and siblings.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30am - 12pm.

Location: Community meeting room

Group size: 15 - 45

Storytime featuring books, songs, rhymes, and crafts for preschoolers with their families and caregivers.

Saturday Storytime

Saturdays, 10:30am - 12pm.

Location: Children's library/ Community meeting room

Group size: 2 - 25

Storytime featuring books, songs, rhymes, and crafts for preschoolers with their families and caregivers.

Library Explorers

Wednesdays, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Location: Community meeting room

Group size: 2 - 8

Storytime featuring books, games and crafts for school-aged children.

Crafternoon

Mondays, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Location: Children's library/ Community meeting room

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Group size: 2 - 10

Involved crafts and activities for upper-elementary school children.

Youth Media Lab

Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 4:30pm.

Location: Children's library/Community meeting room

Group size: 2 - 12

MCTV - run program teaching students in grades 3 & Up how to create, film and produce movies and media.

Frequent School Vacation Programming

Location: Community meeting room

Group size: 5 - 45

STEM programming, Library Movies, Writer/Illustrator Groups, Presenters and Book Parties for various age-groups.

Summer Programming (75+ programs, over 4,000 people). Summer programming is June through August.

Location: Children's library/Community meeting room

II. Adult programs run by IIsley or co-sponsored with other organizations

Addison County Amateur Radio Association

Location: Community Meeting Room

1st Saturday of the month, 4 – 6 p.m.

Group size: 5

The Addison County Amateur Radio Association (ACARA) provides a forum for members to share amateur radio and its value to the general public as a non-commercial voluntary communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications. In addition, ACARA offers members support for their educational, technical, experimental, and other electronic- and radio-related activities.

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Addison County Retired Teachers Association:

Location: Community Meeting Room

Group size: 40

Each year, the Addison County Retired Teachers Association sponsors public talks on a variety of subjects. Recently sponsored speakers include Matthew Dickinson, Jay Parini, and Rick Winston.

Conversational Spanish

Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Location: Vermont Room

Group size: 8

This group, led for the past 15 years by Patty Penuel and David Forman, is open to all interested in practicing their Spanish.

First Wednesdays Lecture Series.

Meeting dates and times: Once a month, October through April.

Location: Community Meeting Room

Audience size: 60

Ilsley Public Library is proud to be one of 9 libraries around Vermont that hosts this series of talks, a program of the Vermont Humanities Council. The series draws scholars from across the northeast to speak on literature, history, philosophy, and art and is sponsored by the Friends of Ilsley Public Library.

Middlebury Branch of the Burlington Writers Workshop

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (with occasional exceptions)

Location: Community Meeting Room

Group size: 8

The Middlebury branch of the Burlington Writers Workshop is open to writers in all genres and all levels of experience. Two participants submit work for review at each meeting. The workshop strives to provide positive support and feedback. The workshop process focuses on how all participants can improve and develop their writing through the workshop process.

Otter Creek Audubon Society:

Location: Community Meeting Room

Frequency: Three public talks annually and occasional board meetings

The Otter Creek Audubon Society's mission is to protect birds, other wildlife and their habitats by encouraging a culture of conservation within Addison County. The Otter Creek Audubon Society offers a variety of educational and community outreach programs, including the Cabin Fever Lectures, a series of three lectures each year on the natural world held in the Ilsley Library Community Meeting Room.

Otter Creek Poets

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Frequency: Thursdays, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Location: Community Meeting Room

Group size: 14

The Otter Creek Poets is Vermont's longest running continuous poetry workshop, founded by David Weinstock in 1996. Regular meetings are held weekly throughout the year.

Technology Help

Frequency: 2-3 times a week, depending on the time of year

Location: Adult computer area

Usage: 15 people/week

III. Public organizations that regularly use the library for their events

Addison County Readers:

Meeting Frequency: monthly

Location: Vermont Room

Group size: 7-9

Addison County Readers is a not-for-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting early literacy and future school success. Since its founding, the Addison County Readers has held board and organizational meetings at the library. Three shelves of the youth services staff room are also used for books belonging to the Addison County Readers.

Digital Media Lab:

Usage: Approximately 100 users annually

The Digital Media Lab is a partnership between MCTV and the Ilsley Public Library, offering a professional-grade media production facility, which is available for use by Ilsley cardholders.

The purpose of the Lab is to support the creation of "born-digital" media, such as podcasts and videos, support digitization of analog audio, video, and photographic (print, negative, slide) sources, and enable high speed video conferencing in a private, sound-proofed location.

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Homeschoolers Group:

Meeting times: Weekly, September through June

Location: Community Meeting Room

Group Size: 20 - 40

Meet Your Representatives

Frequency: Monthly.

Location: Vermont Room

Middlebury Representatives Amy Sheldon and Robin Scheu are present to answer questions and hear concerns of Middlebury residents.

Middlebury Community Television:

Location: Third Floor of the Library

MCTV is a nonprofit, interactive, community-based alternative to broadcast commercial and public TV, and occupies the third floor of the library.

New Beginnings: Breastfeeding cafe

Third Tuesday of the month, 11- 1 p.m.

Location: Community meeting room

Group size: 5- 10 people

Breastfeeding moms, babies, and their older kids.

Open Bridge Game

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Location: Second floor

Group size: 8 - 12

The open bridge game runs weekly through the year and hosts beginner and intermediate level classes in bridge.

Story-matters

Frequency: Monthly

Location: Vermont Room

Group size: 8

This group, organized by Len Rowell, is dedicated to sharing and listening to stories. Each month there is a new theme.

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Used Book Sale

First Saturday of the month.

Locations: Vermont Room (monthly) & third floor (year-round for storage and sorting)

Organized by the Friends of Ilsley Public Library, a non-profit organization working to extend the Library's services and facilities. The Friends also occupy a storage space on the third floor garret with a sorting table and a closet for donated books. Fifteen volunteers work throughout the month preparing for the book sale, contributing a total of 1,500 hours last year. The book sale, "Last Word" book nook, and membership dues contribute over \$10,000 annually for library programs.

IV. Other groups that book the community meeting room occasionally:

Acorn Energy Cooperative

Addison County Board of Realtors

Addison County Childcare Providers Network

Addison County Chamber of Commerce

Addison County Democrats

Addison County Economic Development Corporation

Addison County Republicans

Addison County Rights and Democracy

Aurora School

Brain Injury Support Group:

Condo Associations (Battell, Woodbridge, Overbrook, Twin Circles)

Counseling Service of Addison County

Eckankar

Garden Club of Middlebury

Green Mountain Club

Middlebury Farmers' Market

Neighborworks

Parent Child Center

Porter Hospital Nurses

Vermont Folklife Center

WomenSafe