

City of West
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To: City Council
From: Matt Muckler, City Administrator
Date: May 8, 2015 Weekly Council Update

KCRG-TV9 “Our Town” Kick-off: A kickoff for the KCRG-TV9 “Our Town” program will be held at Town Hall on Tuesday May 12, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. All interested community members are encouraged to attend. The City of West Branch will be featured in the 2015 'Our Town' series. For twenty-five years, KCRG has toured outstanding communities and they will be making a stop in West Branch to celebrate our community's progress and tell stories that make West Branch unique. West Branch will be featured as 'Our Town' the week of August 3rd-7th - leading up to Friday night when they will be on location in downtown West Branch during Hoover's Hometown Days for the 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. newscasts.

City Wide Clean-Up: We had a great turn-out for the City Wide Clean-Up held on Saturday May 2nd in the Water Street Parking Lot. Johnson County Refuse is reporting that there were five dump trucks loaded during the event, totaling 72 yards of waste collected. A steady stream of cars throughout the morning were also reported by the City's solid waste provider. A special thanks to the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site for partnering with the City on this event. We have a great system for residents to drop off their trash using the Water Street Parking Lot, which is a part of the Historic Site.

Library Annual Statistics: Library Director Nick Shimmin is providing annual statistics released by the State Library for fiscal year 2014 in this week's update. The stats for programming at the West Branch Public Library (WBPL) continue to be amazing. The WBPL had higher program attendance than any other city in the state of Iowa with a population of 2,500 or fewer residents. This category includes over 800 cities. Please see the attached document for more information.

34th Army Band – The Sidewinders - Confirmed for Hoover's Hometown Days: The planning committee for the 2015 Hoover's Hometown Days Celebration is pleased to announce that the 34th Army Band – the Sidewinders – has been confirmed for a performance on August 8th. This year's entertainment line-up is looking great. Please see the attached press release and other information about the band.

The information provided is one-way communication and should not be discussed among you as this would be a violation of the open meeting law.

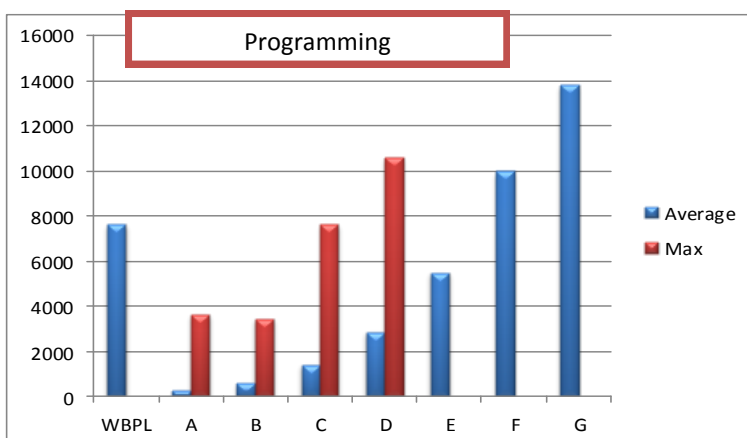
Library Size Reference by Pop.

< 500	A
500 - 999	B
1,000 - 2,499	C
2,500 - 4,999	D
5,000 - 9,999	E
10,000 - 24,999	F
25,000 - 49,999	G
50,000 +	H
County-wide	I

The state library just released the statistics for the 2014 fiscal year which ran July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. While now almost a year old, it is the most recent statistical information available. Also, there has been a strong focus over the last few years to move away from pure statistical information as a judge of the success of library services (e.g., it's more important to have a child learn something than specifically check out 10 items). So, taken with a grain of salt, this is how the WBPL has stacked up in 2014 in comparison to other libraries.

Programming

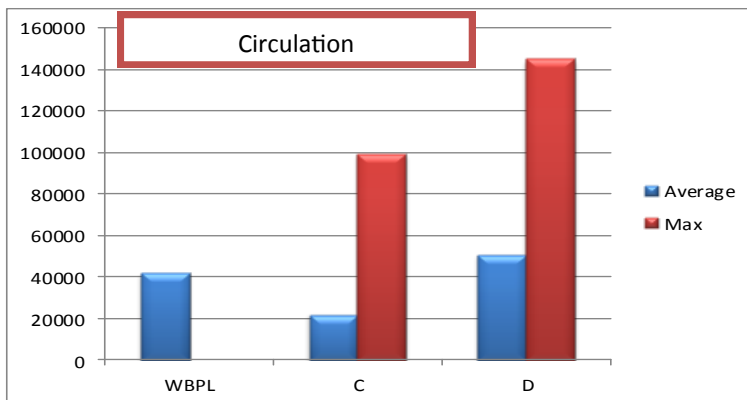
Of course one of our strong points, this is a good comparison to how important it is in WB compared to other communities. As you can see in the chart, the WBPL had the largest programming attendance of all C-size Libraries and has a higher turnout than the average of those two size rankings higher.



Circulation

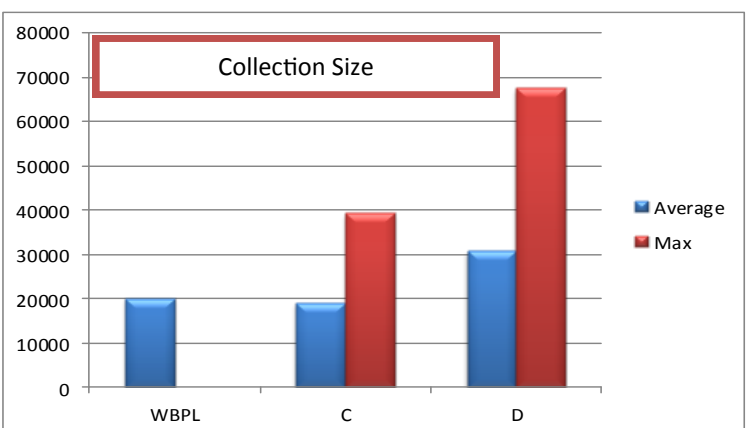
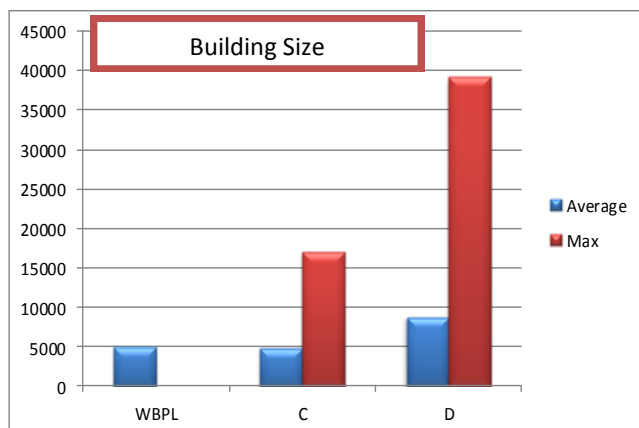
As the WBPL is close to the borderline of sizes C and D, in theory, it would be expected that our statistics would be a relative

average of the two averages. In Circulation, the library is slightly above average in that regard.



Collection and Building Size

In the same regard, the library is approximately even with the average of C libraries which are typically smaller in both Building and Collection sizes, the latter resulting from the results of the former.



34TH ARMY BAND



2015



OUR MISSION

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TY-15 Press Release for the 34th Army Band

The *Sidewinders* are a popular music ensemble that is in high demand for military and civilian functions alike. The *Sidewinders* perform current hits from today's top pop artists as well as rock classics. The nine piece band features vocals from various members backed by electric guitars, keyboards and percussionist. A three piece horn section compliments the ensemble. The band has performed at the Iowa State Fair, various festivals throughout Iowa and military events.

The 34th Army Band, Iowa Army National Guard, is stationed in Fairfield, Iowa and is the only military band in the state of Iowa. The Band is under the command and direction of CW2 Kent C. Wesselink, of Eagle Grove, Iowa and 1SG Brent T. Krumboltz of Beardstown, Illinois. The mission of the Band is to provide music throughout the spectrum of military operations, instill in our soldiers the will to fight and win, and foster the support of our citizens and promote our national interests at home and abroad. The 34th Army Band is made up of citizen soldiers whose civilian occupations include teachers, salesmen, corporate management, engineers, and students. Members of the Band live throughout Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska. The 34th Army Band has performed in various locations across Iowa, the continental United States and overseas.

The 34th Army Band was organized and Federally recognized on 1 April 1921. It participated in the following campaigns in World War II: Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley.

In 1976 the band toured the Washington D.C. area during its Annual Training in support of the country's Bicentennial Celebration.

In May 1989, the 34th Army Band toured Italy. In Pescara Italy, the band marched in a parade during the Alpini festival for an estimated crowd of over 600,000. The band also performed for capacity crowds in the cities of Vicenza and Fagagna.

In July 1993, The 34th Army Band was sent to Greece to perform for 4th of July ceremonies at the U.S. Ambassador's residence in Athens. While in Greece, the band also performed several concerts for capacity crowds in the cities of Thesaloniki, Kastoria, and the city of Iraqlion on the Greek island of Crete.

In June 1999, the 34th Army Band performed annual training assigned to Ft. Carson, Colorado in support of the 7th Infantry Division, and Ft. Carson.

In July 2009 the 34th Army Band performed a Mobilization Readiness Exercise (MRE) at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland while backfilling for the APG Band. While in Maryland the band performed Change of Command ceremonies at Fort Meade and the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Soldier support missions at Walter Reed Hospitals and various Community Relations (COMREL) missions.

The current focus of the 34th Army Band has been developing smaller Musical Performance Teams (MPTs) to expand their ability to support more musical requests both for the military and events throughout Iowa. Current MPTs include the Concert Band, Ceremonial band, *Sidewinders* Rock Band, *Scrap Metal* popular Music group, *Patriots* Fife and Drum MPT, *Iowa Brass Command* MPT and *Operation Groove* jazz ensemble.





