

Memorandum

Memorandum No: 25-117

Date: April 29, 2025
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Ryan Henderson, City Manager 
Re: Library Services Update

I'm pleased to provide an update on the exciting progress and offerings of our growing library services, which continue to demonstrate strong community engagement and significant development.

Library Card Registrations

To date, 500 Anna residents have registered for library cards—an encouraging sign of community enthusiasm and support for the Anna Community Library.

Physical Collection

Our physical material collection is actively being built and currently includes over 5,000 items already cataloged in our online system and waiting for delivery. This collection grows daily, supporting our goal of creating a well-rounded and accessible resource for residents of all ages.



Digital Resources

Anna Library cardholders already have access to a wide range of digital resources, to meet the needs of adults, children, and local business owners alike:

For Adults

- CloudLibrary: Access to 1,200+ owned titles and over 300,000 eBooks and audiobooks from The CloudLink Consortia.
- NovelList Plus: Personalized book recommendations to help readers discover new authors and genres.
- Learning Express Library: Tools for academic and career success, including test prep (e.g., GED, SAT, ACT), skill-building tutorials, and job search support.
- Access Video On Demand – Master Collection: Unlimited streaming of educational and cultural content, documentaries, how-to videos, and more.
- World Cinema Collection: Over 1,000 international films, providing global storytelling and cultural enrichment.

For Kids

- Comics Plus: Over 28,000 digital comics and graphic novels for kids and teens.
- NovelList K–8 Plus: Age-appropriate book recommendations tailored to younger readers.
- The Mailbox: A vast collection of teacher-created worksheets, crafts, songs, games, and learning materials for Pre-K through 6th grade.
- Access Video On Demand – Just for Kids: A safe, ad-free streaming video platform with educational content on science, music, history, arts, and more—designed especially for children.

For Business Owners

- EBSCO Small Business Source: A comprehensive database with full-text business journals, reference books, and case studies.
- SizeUpAnna: A powerful business analytics tool that offers:
 - Competitive benchmarking
 - Customer and supplier analysis
 - Demographic and geographic data
 - Advertising and marketing insights

We are thrilled to see such strong early engagement and look forward to continuing to expand and enhance our offerings to meet the needs of the Anna community. We look forward to further growth and thank you for your continued support.

c: Marc Marchand, Neighborhood Services Director
Greg Peters, Assistant City Manager
Taylor Lough, Assistant City Manager
Management Team