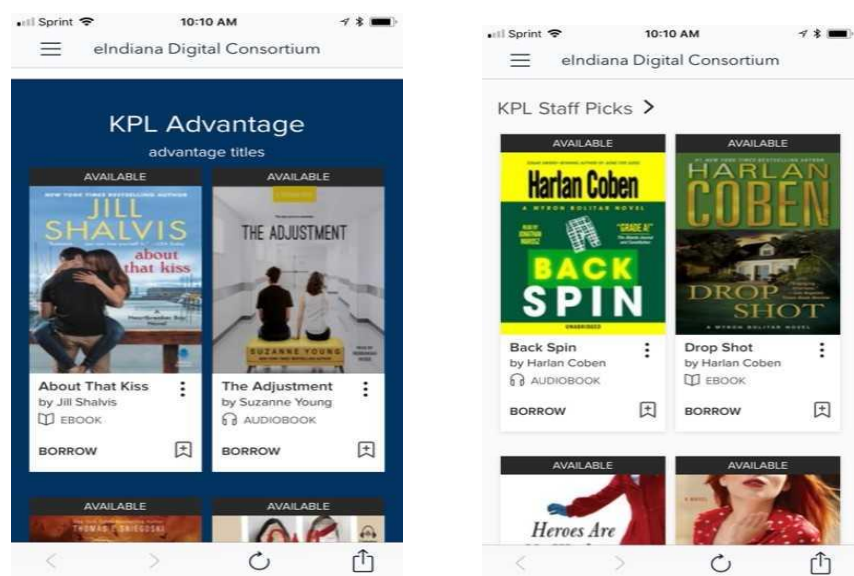


February Adult Services Report

We recently decided to use the Advantage feature of Overdrive, which means that our patrons will have first dibs on the materials we purchase in the consortium. The hope was that our patrons would have shorter wait times and our circulations would improve. I was so excited when I pulled the statistics today for adult Overdrive items. In December, we had 632 adult ebook checkouts. For January, we improved and had 858 adult ebook checkouts. We also improved in audiobooks. December's number was 323 and January we had 398.

What this means is that we will have to dedicate more of our budget to making sure that we purchase new books that our patrons want and also spend more time curating our Overdrive collection. So far, we have made a category for KPL Advantage. Patrons can see the available titles we have purchased first and also the titles we have purchased with a wait list.



Staff also gave me some of their favorite books, series, and authors so I made a KPL Staff Picks category. Hopefully, patrons will be interested in seeing what staff like to read and check out some books they might not normally read.

In other news, staff who wanted to learn first aid attended a training at the Kendallville Fire Department and we are going to offer trainings for the public in February. Both sessions are filling up fast. We are trying hard to add programs that benefit the community. We have no problem filling craft and fitness programs, but we are really trying to partner with community organizations to see what else we can offer.

The study rooms all have chair rail installed and are freshly painted. They look great. We also purchased some clocks and metal art to circulate.