

2023 Annual Report

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In 2023 the library offered many programs and services: a wide variety of programs for youth including themed events, afterschool activities, story times, and a very popular summer reading program; speakers on various topics for adults and families: and two very well-attended book sales. We continued to provide you with books, DVDs, and audiobooks, CDs, children's activity kits, magazines, artwork, downloadable materials, programs and services, that you find interesting and worthwhile. And you enjoyed and made good use of those services, materials, and programs over the past year.

In 2023

- You checked out or renewed library materials 239,441 times.
- You visited the library 66,174 times.
- You picked up at the drive-up window 1,149 times.
- You asked 11,478 reference questions of library staff.
- The library loaned 47,525 items to patrons at other Ohio libraries.
- You borrowed 19,915 items from other Ohio libraries.
- The library added 3,971 physical items to the collection for you to check out and enjoy.

Keeping you connected – online and in the community

The library offers high-speed internet access throughout the building on desktop computers, laptops, and through wifi to which you can connect your own devices. Downloadable books, audiobooks, music, and movies are available for free to you through the Ohio Digital Library, Hoopladigital.com, and Kanopy, which provides streaming movies and television programs. Databases from the Ohio Web Library provide online access to magazines and journals, genealogy resources, encyclopedias, car repair guidance, hobby and craft information, and reference books. The Library has a variety of meeting and study rooms for your use and once again makes those rooms available for private functions as well as public meetings.

In 2023

- The library was open 299 days/2,375 hours.
- You downloaded 28,787 e-books, audiobooks, CDs, and movies!
- You connected to library wi-fi 16,411 times.
- You used the study rooms over 841 times for studying, writing, tutoring and working.

Service to Youth

The Library offers a wide variety of programs for children of all ages. The Library also provides class visits to aid students and teachers from Minerva Local Schools, the YMCA Preschool, and area homeschoolers.

In 2023 Library staff provided:

- 510 Scheduled class visits to the Library – 12,630 students served.
- 84 visits by library staff to classes at local schools – 1,954 students served.
- 64 story times for children of various ages – 1,386 children and caregivers served.
- 42 different Summer Reading events – 1,328 children and caregivers served.
- 201 after-school and other youth programs 3,598 children and caregivers served.

Library Youth Services staff also assist in the Library’s partnership with SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Ensure Ready Kids), an early literacy and school-readiness program, and offers the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading challenge to encourage early literacy skills.

Library Funding

The Library is funded by a monthly distribution from the State of Ohio through the Public Library Fund (PLF). The PLF currently receives 1.7% of the State General Revenue Fund. The monthly PLF distribution is divided among Ohio’s 88 counties and then distributed to public libraries in each of those counties by that county’s Budget Commission.

2023 Operating Revenue	Percent	Amount
Public Library Fund (PLF)	97%	\$852,340
Fines and Fees	.05%	\$ 461
Contributions	1%	\$ 9,501
Miscellaneous	.6%	\$ 5,297
Investment Earnings	1%	\$ 8,960
Total		\$876,559

2023 Operating Expenditures	Percent	Amount
Salaries and Benefits	61.5%	\$476,860
Library Materials	8.7%	\$ 67,744
Purchased Services	20%	\$155,868
Other	.73%	\$ 5,628
Supplies	2.4%	\$ 18,702
Transfer to Capital Funds	6.5 %	\$ 50,000
Total		\$774,802

2023 Capital Expenditures	Percent	Amount
Maintenance and Repair	28.5%	\$ 17,702
Land Improvements	12.5%	\$ 7,755
Furniture and Equipment	58.9%	\$ 36,530
Total		\$ 61,987

Generous Support

The Library appreciates your generosity in donating to help provide library programs and services. Please consider the Library when you plan your annual giving.

In 2023 Library patrons and local businesses gave targeted donations totaling \$2,175.

- Library book sales and anonymous donations provided \$7,326.
- Patrons donated 643 books, DVDs, videogames and audiobooks to the Library’s collection.