

Scenic Regional Library ANNUAL REPORT



July 2021 - June 2022





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“Great library. Has good selection and seems to have quite a few classes as well.”

- Pacific branch patron

“Awesome thank you. We were in the Owensville location today and were helped greatly by the two ladies that were there. It’s such a nice library and we look forward to going there more!”

- Owensville branch patron

“Thank you so much for making my girl’s day!!”

- Warrenton branch patron

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LOCATIONS

Administration

251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-0652
Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm
Sat/Sun: Closed
f scenicregionallibrary
i scenicregionallibrary

Hermann

123-A Bavarian Hills Blvd.
573-486-2024
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f hermannlibrary

New Haven

200 Douglas St.
573-237-2189
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f newhavenlibrary

Owensville

503 S. Olive St.
573-437-2188
Sun: Closed
Mon/Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f owensvillebranch

Pacific

111 Lamar Parkway
636-257-2712
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f pacificbranch

St. Clair

515 E. Springfield Rd.
636-629-2546
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f stclairbranch

Sullivan

525 Cumberland Way
573-468-4372
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f sullivanlibrary

Union

251 Union Plaza Dr.
636-583-3224
Sun: Closed
Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f unionlibrary

Warrenton

912 S. Hwy. 47
636-456-3321
Sun: Closed
Mon-Thurs: 9am-8pm
Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f warrentonbranch

Wright City

60 Wildcat Dr.
636-384-1136
Sun: Closed
Mon/Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm
Wed/Fri: 9am-6pm
Sat: 9am-5pm
f wrightcitybranch



"This is the best library I have ever been to and I'm 66. The ladies are so kind, professional and helpful."

- Jeanne W., Owensville branch patron

"This place is magical!"

- 7 year-old Union branch patron



2021/2022 Officers

President	Karen Holtmeyer
Vice President	Robert Niebruegge
Secretary	John Cheatham
Treasurer	Joy Dufrain

Member

Term

Linda Andrae (*Franklin Co.*)

06/30/2023

John Barry (*Warren Co.*)

06/30/2025

John Cheatham (*Franklin Co.*)

06/30/2022

Joy Dufrain (*Warren Co.*)

06/30/2023

Michele Fehlings (*Gasconade Co.*)

06/30/2023

Kathleen Ham (*Gasconade Co.*)

06/30/2025

Laura Hengstenberg (*Gasconade Co.*)

06/30/2024

Karen Holtmeyer (*Warren Co.*)

06/30/2025

Martha Lindsley (*Crawford Co.*)

06/30/2023

Robert Niebruegge (*Gasconade Co.*)

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Susan Richardson (*Franklin Co.*)

06/30/2024

Carla Robertson (*Warren Co.*)


06/30/2022

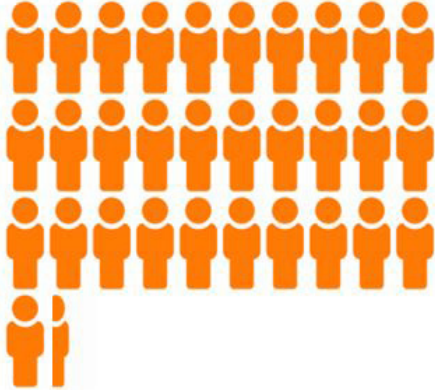
Paula Sutton (*Franklin Co.*)

06/30/2023

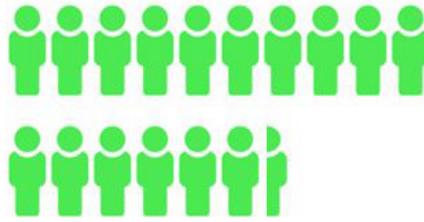


LIBRARY VISITS

 = 10,000 Visits



315,191
In-person



166,910
Website



13,872
Community Outreach

We Answered:

10,764

Reference Questions

11,232

Technology Questions!



LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED

of New Cards Issued:
5,233

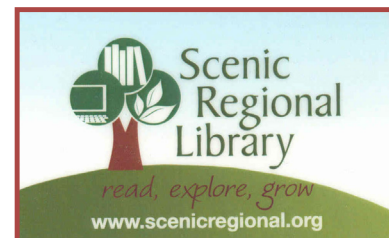
of Active Users:
18,312

of e-Card Holders:
1,355



"Talk about a wonderful asset to the community!
Fantastic space, great selection of materials,
and an incredibly helpful staff."

- Trudy J., Sullivan branch patron



HERMANN BUILDING PROJECT



In June, the library completed a five-year, \$24 million building project with the opening of its new branch in Hermann. The project doubled the library's square footage of public service space system-wide.

The new branch features a 1,000-square-foot public meeting room; two public study rooms; two shaded patios; a fireplace; a café; a self-check system; a teen area with an Xbox One for gaming; a children's area with various activities, and a 2,000-square-foot community art gallery.



"It looks amazing!!! I remember how excited I was when the last new Hermann location opened, and this one looks absolutely fabulous."

- Shaley N., Hermann branch patron

CURBSIDE SERVICE



Curbside Service Utilized:
345 Times



BORROWING AND LENDING

Borrowed from
Evergreen Libraries:

44,706

Lent to Evergreen Libraries:

35,931

Internal Between Branches:

37,467

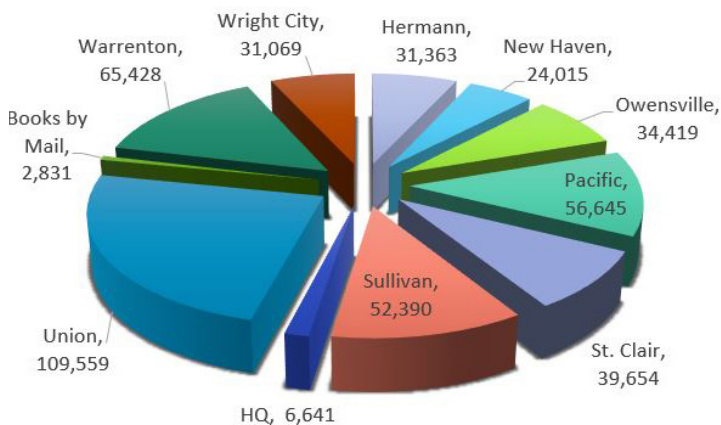


“Hi, my name is Michelle, I live in Clinton, MO. You sent Daniel Silva’s book *The Cellist* (to) my library so I could read it. I just wanted to say Thank You! I really enjoyed reading it.”

- Michelle, Clinton, MO resident



CIRCULATION

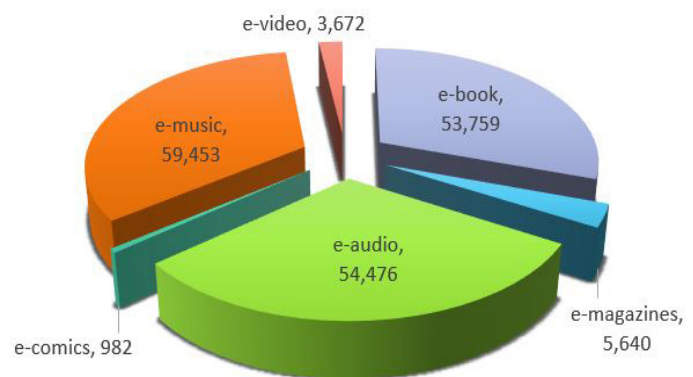


Total Physical Item Circulation:
454,009

6.35% increase from 2020-2021

“I love Libby. Glad you showed me how to use it.”

- Barb D., patron



Total E-circulation:
168,664

6.38% increase from 2020-2021

NON-TRADITIONAL CIRCULATION



		Total Checkouts
	Telescopes	102
	Cake Pans	228
	Fishing Poles	65
	Binoculars	31
	Microscopes	30
	Mobile Hotspots	861
	Chromebooks NEW!	609



“Huge selection...Even fishing poles and things you wouldn’t expect to be able to borrow from a library.”

- Zombie H.

SELF-CHECK CIRCULATION



76,717 Items Checked Out
Using Self-Check

(16.9% of all checkouts)

- Self-check machines at New Haven and Hermann went live in September, making self-check service available at all nine Scenic Regional Library branches!

“We visited the library to utilize their passport agent services. They were very professional, well-informed and friendly. Their knowledge and experience with the new passport requirements and application process saved us a lot of time and frustration.”

- Nick, Pacific branch patron

PASSPORTS



We processed 671
passports



MOBILE HOTSPOTS AND CHROMEBOOKS

175 hotspots and 298 chromebooks were added to circulation thanks to a \$246,498 Federal Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant.



“An overall amazing experience. The library has a fresh, modern look and feel with places to read and relax both indoors and outdoors, to include an outdoor patio area. There are also conveniences such as coffee, high-speed internet and meeting/study rooms available. The library staff are friendly and helpful. Highly recommended!”
- J.R.S., New Haven branch patron



MEETING ROOMS

Meeting Rooms used 1,072 times by:

- Healthcare groups
- Chambers of commerce
- Farmers' markets committees
- Scout troops
- Government organizations
- Local charities
- Action groups
- Churches
- Blood drives
- Hobby groups



“An amazing library. Wildly popular in the area. Happy and helpful staff. Clean facility. Great meeting rooms.”

- St. Clair branch patron

COMPUTER USAGE



"I just went to the library to use a computer to write up a document that I needed to print. My printer at home died, so this was quick and easy."
- Ron R., patron

Computer Usage:
49,938
10.4% increase

Wireless Usage:
57,954
9.2% increase

YOUTH OUTREACH



"Franklin County 4-H is thankful for you! 4-H programming would not be possible without community partners like you! We are continually appreciative of our ability to use your fishing poles for programming. We look forward to impacting more youth lives in the coming year."

- Tanner A., patron

"The (third grade summer school) class that visited today stopped on their way out to thank us for letting them visit the library every week. Around half the class and teacher came up as they were leaving to say thank you."

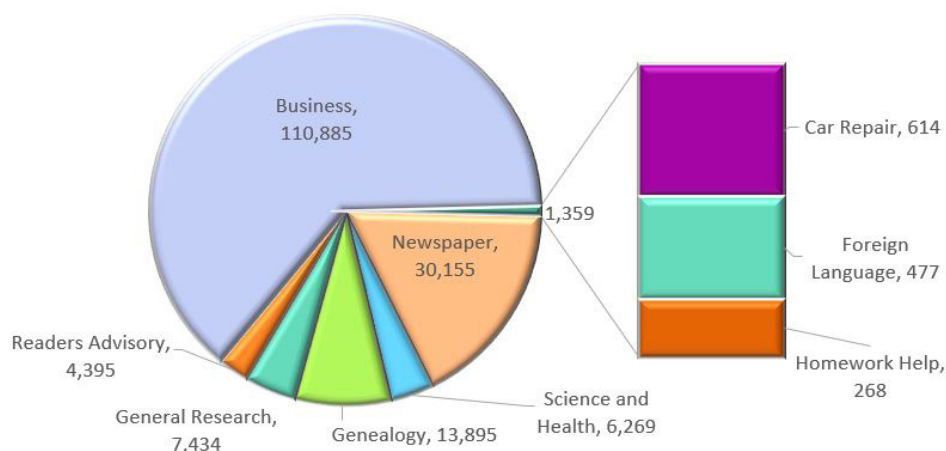
- Doug W., St. Clair branch staff member

Daycare & School Outreach:
218 visits reaching 11,346 students and teachers.



DATABASE USAGE

Total:
144,237

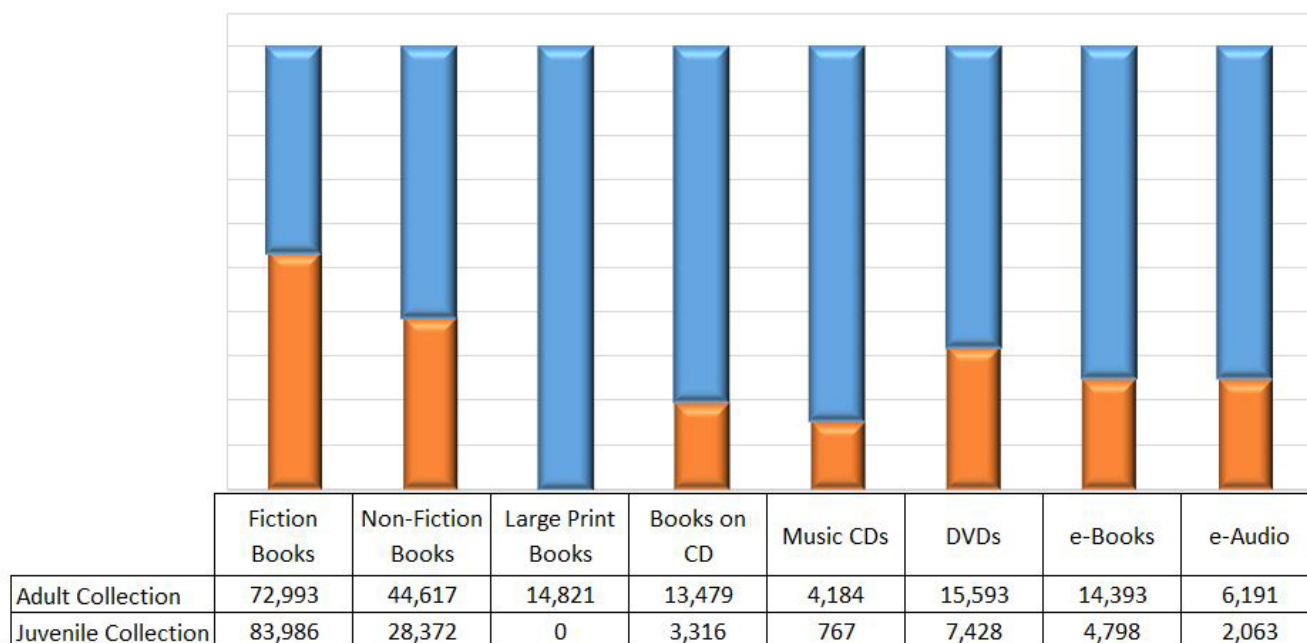


"This is amazing. I am using again for sure."
- 9th grader, re: Tutor.com



COLLECTIONS

Total Physical: **289,556** 4.7% increase
Total Digital: **27,445** 10.1% increase



ADULT PROGRAMMING



**In 2021-2022 we offered
512 programs reaching
7,285 adults.**

"I love coming to the adult events on Tuesday evening and have made tons of new friends through that. I also enjoy being able to borrow books and magazines on my tablet from the comfort of my armchair. I love my library and all the ladies who work there!!"

- Linda D., Warrenton branch patron

YOUTH PROGRAMMING



**In 2021-2022 we offered
782 programs reaching
16,935 children and teens.**

"Thanks so much. The boys had a blast today! This was an excellent program!"

- Virtual "How to Draw" Program Attendee

"Thanks for another great storytime Mrs. White! Jack had a roaring good time!"

- Owensville branch patron



TEACHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**2,427 items delivered,
filling 139 teacher
requests**

"I've used this service a few times and they are
AMAZING to work with."

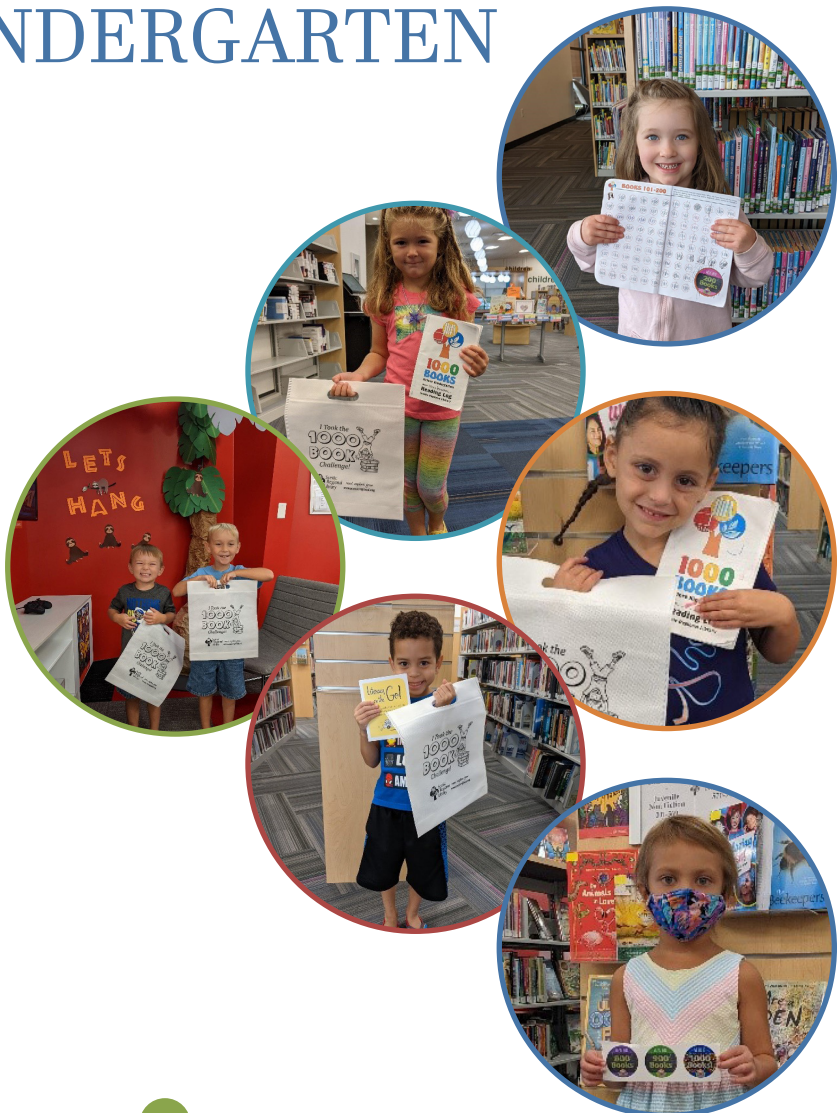
- Coleen Z., teacher



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Total Participants:
497

11 Children have
completed the
program by
reading 1,000
books!

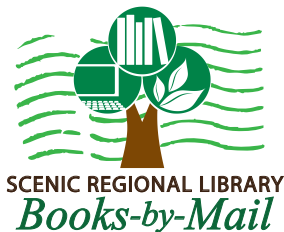


ADULT OUTREACH



- Staff facilitated 157 visits to 2,526 senior citizens at nursing homes and senior centers in all three counties.

BOOKS-BY-MAIL



- We currently have 73 Books-by-Mail patrons in all 3 counties!
- Books-by-Mail circulation: 2,831 items in 2021-2022 fiscal year.

SPANISH LANGUAGE MATERIALS



To better serve our Spanish speaking communities, we curated a collection of Spanish language materials.



Spanish books for adults: 161
Spanish books for children: 275
Spanish eBooks: 546

"Thank you for adding this new (Spanish Language) section. I'm sure I'll enjoy each book."

- Maria C., Wright City branch patron



Bienvenido

¡Gracias por inscribirse para obtener un carné de biblioteca!

www.scrncregional.org



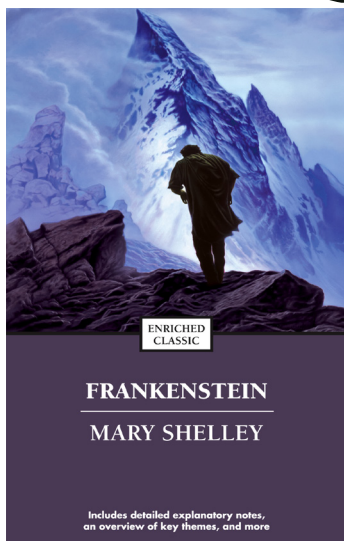
Recursos para Residentes de Habla Hispana

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COMMUNITY READ

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*



Thank you to our Partners and Sponsors:

EAST CENTRAL COLLEGE
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Scenic Regional Library
read, explore, grow



- Number of programs: 91
- Total attendance: 1,001
- Micro Ghost Story Writing Contest: 63 participants
- Books distributed to the public/schools: 1,300 free copies

"Love this book and love this idea!!!
Thank you for the opportunity."

- Jason H., patron

I've never read this, not sure how or why, it's one of my favorite stories!!

So excited about this!!

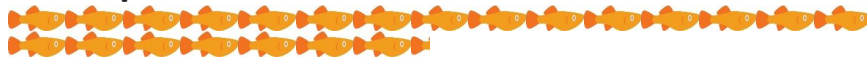
- Michelle M., patron

SUMMER READING PROGRAM



Oceans of Possibilities

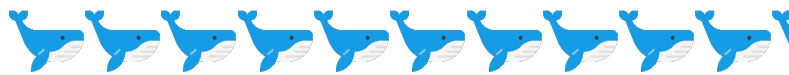
Participants in 2022



2,227 Children



321 Teens



1,036 Adults



"Thank you for the summer reading program! Our kids loved going to the Magic House and we loved saving the money!! AND the added bonus was all the time spent reading together to lead to the tickets."

- Warrenton branch patron

"I just want to thank you so very much for providing the kids club today. My daughter and son are still talking about it. :) Ms Jenny did amazing with the story and crafts. It seriously blesses me so much that there are things like this for our kids. I will totally be doing as many as we can from here on out. Thank you again."

- New Haven branch patron

COMMUNITY GARDEN



2022 Spring planting season:
14 garden beds checked out



2021/2022 Officers

President	Alice Whalen
Vice President	Dorothy (Dot) Schowe
Secretary	Susan McKee
Treasurer	Sheri Hausman

Member

Dorothy (Dot) Schowe *(Franklin Co.)*

Dr. Debbie Depew *(Franklin Co.)*

Susan McKee *(Franklin Co.)*

Alice Whalen *(Franklin Co.)*

Pat Aichholz Schowe *(Gasconade Co.)*

Jo Ellen Steineker *(Gasconade Co.)*

Shelby Uffmann *(Gasconade Co.)*

Sheri Hausman *(Gasconade Co.)*

Debbie Heggemann *(Warren Co.)*

Angie Hilbert *(Warren Co.)*

Stephanie Norton *(Warren Co.)*

Sandra Feldkamp *(Warren Co.)*

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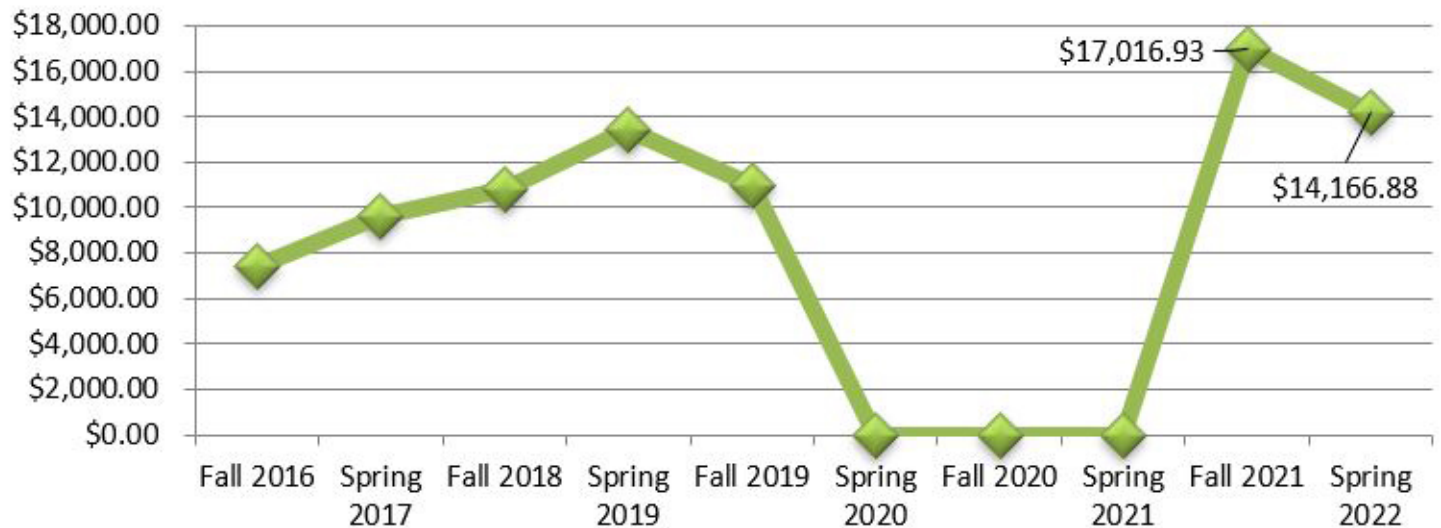
333 Friends' members systemwide.
Raised \$47,845 in fiscal year 2021-2022.

- **Friends of the Library groups donated \$15,670 for the purchase of musical instruments for the children's patios at four branches. There are now 12 instruments system-wide.**





Book Sale Revenue



Fall 2021 was Scenic's second-largest ever Book Sale.

Each Friends of the Library group has the opportunity to run the book sale at its branch and receive revenue.

"I have never met more friendly, caring, kind, and generous people than the folks that work here at the library. God Bless every one of you! I will never forget the generosity I have received from all of them...One day I will pay that forward!!!"
- Shane L., patron

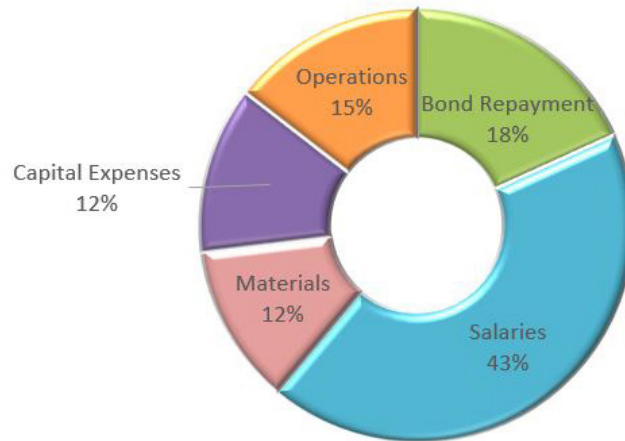


BUDGET

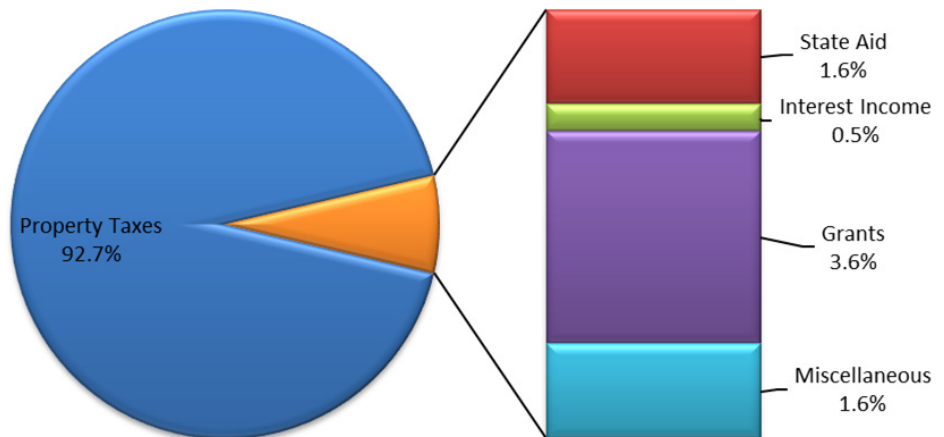
“This is the best use of (my) tax dollars ever spent.”
- Union branch patron

“We had another nice patron this morning. He used our notary services and after he came up to the desk and handed me \$20.00. He said I know you don’t charge for notary services but I want to donate \$20.00 to the library.”
- Union branch employee

EXPENDITURES	
Bond Repayment	\$ 1,173,911
Salaries	\$ 2,760,769
Materials	\$ 768,943
Capital Expenses	\$ 797,702
Operations	\$ 933,443
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,434,768



REVENUE	
Property Taxes	\$5,965,632
State Aid	\$103,854
Interest Income	\$29,549
Grants	\$232,145
Miscellaneous	\$103,588
TOTAL REVENUE	\$6,434,768



2021-2022 TOTAL SERVICE VALUE



Every \$1 of Revenue = \$2.77 in Library Services



Library Service	Annual Total Usage	Dollar Value
Books Borrowed (physical & downloadable)	507,768	\$10,155,360
Magazines Borrowed (physical & downloadable)	5,640	\$28,200
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	52,219	\$104,438
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	14,865	\$445,950
Music (CD & downloadable)	3,898	\$38,900
Mobile Hotspot Use	861	\$113,652
Fishing Pole Use	65	\$195
Telescope Use	102	\$33,150
Microscope Use	30	\$7,500
Notary Service	1,019	\$5,095
Children's Program Attendance	16,935	\$118,545
Adult Program Attendance	7,285	\$109,275
Hours of Computer Use	107,892	\$2,589,408
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	268	\$6,432
Database Searches	144,237	\$2,884,740
Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed	48,185	\$1,156,440
Meeting Room Use	1,072	\$26,800
Total Value of Library Service		\$17,824,080

Library Service	Value of Service	Cost Based on
Books Borrowed	\$20.00	Amazon.com average price
Magazines Borrowed	\$5.00	Estimated average price
Videos (DVD & downloadable)	\$2.00	Estimated Redbox average
Audio Books Borrowed (CD & downloadable)	\$30.00	Estimated average price
Music CDs borrowed	\$10.00	Estimated Spotify subscription
Mobile Hotspot Use	\$132.00	Cost of device plus two weeks of mobile data
Fishing Pole Use	\$30.00	Cost of fishing pole per Amazon
Telescope Use	\$325.00	Cost of telescope per St. Louis Astronomical Society
Microscope Use	\$250.00	Based on average purchase price
Notary Service	\$5.00	State allowable charge
Children's Programs Attended	\$7.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Adult Programs Attended	\$15.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Hours of Computer Use	\$24.00	FedEx Office hourly rate
Live Homework Help Tutoring Sessions	\$40.00	Cost for one hour of tutoring at Tutor.com
Database Searches	\$20.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator
Interlibrary Loan Requests Processed	\$24.00	Amazon.com average price plus shipping
Meeting Room Use	\$25.00	Estimated value per ALA library calculator

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