

Jefferson County Library Service

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Jefferson County Library Service Board Meeting

Date and Time: July 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Location: Dwight Foster Public Library

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting
3. Comments from the Public
4. Correspondence
5. Administrator's Report – Minetta Lippert
6. Report from Library System Representative – Art Biermeier
7. Report from Library System Director – Karol Kennedy
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. Development of a new Strategic Plan for 2025-2027. (Discussion)
 - B. Incorporating Hoopla usage into the county funding formula. (Discussion)
9. New Business
 - A. Voting for County Resource Library and Officer Positions (Action)
 - B. 2025 County Resource Library Budget Request (Action)
 - C. 2025 County Library Service Operating Budget Request (Action)
 - D. 2023 Annual Report for Jefferson County library services (Action)
10. Reports from County Libraries
11. Adjournment

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Jefferson County Library Services Board Minutes March 6, 2024

Board members present: Art Biermeier, Greg Haasch, Dr. Brian Henning, Anthony Gulig, and Richard Moulding

Board members absent: Barbara Beaver and Tim Semo

Others Present: Karol Kennedy, Bridges Library System Director; Melissa Anderson, Jefferson Public Library Director; Diane Jaroch, Irvin L. Young Memorial Library Director; Jodi Kessel Szpiszar, Johnson Creek Public Library Director; and Kelli Mountford, Karl Junginger Memorial Library

Call to order: The meeting was called to order 5:04 PM by Art Biermeier.

Approval of the minutes of July 27, 2023: Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Anthony Gulig. Seconded Dr. Brian Henning. Approved unanimously.

Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Administrator's Report: None.

Report from Library System Rep and Library System Director: A summary of the previous Bridges Library System Board meeting and recent activities including library annual report reviews, a member library survey, upcoming LibraryCalendar implementation, and the discovery layer request for proposal process was provided by Art Biermeier and Karol Kennedy.

New Business:

Development of new Strategic Plan 2025-2027: The resource library director will work with Bridges director and board president to develop a revised plan to bring to the board for review later in 2024.

Incorporating Hoopla usage into the county funding formula: It was discussed that the new plan for Jefferson County library services would recommend updating the language from using "OverDrive circulation" to "verifiable electronic circulations" to allow inclusion of other digital material checkouts.

Voting for County Resource Library and Officer Positions at next meeting: This will be done at the July meeting.

Reports from County Libraries: The library directors present shared information about new or changing services at their libraries, facilities upgrades, special events, and personnel changes

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Haasch. Seconded by Anthony Gulig. Approved unanimously at 5:33 PM.

2025 Jefferson Co. Library Budget Request
Collection Formula

Library	Total Library Operating Expenditures			Total Library circulations			Total TNR/non-librariied Circulations			TNR/Non-Librariied Percentage		
	Current Year	Prev. Year	Change	Current Year	Prev Year	Change	Current Year	Prev Year	Change	Current Year	Prev. Yr	Change
Cambridge	\$277,856	\$244,185	13.79%	40,835	43,141	-5.35%	16,726	19,240	-13.07%	41%	44.59795%	-8.16%
Fort	\$938,873	\$893,169	5.12%	196,237	188,890	3.89%	58,431	58,842	-0.70%	30%	31.15146%	-4.42%
Jefferson	\$676,751	\$614,534	10.12%	80,871	79,695	1.48%	22,353	22,162	0.86%	28%	27.80852%	-0.60%
Johnson Creek	\$271,519	\$236,206	14.95%	41,804	42,034	-0.55%	10,284	12,223	-15.86%	25%	29.07884%	-15.40%
Lake Mills	\$436,022	\$405,524	7.52%	98,181	99,417	-1.24%	23,683	24,368	-2.81%	24%	24.51090%	-1.59%
Palmyra	\$173,930	\$160,154	8.60%	43,533	30,775	41.46%	20,463	10,834	88.88%	47%	35.20390%	33.52%
Waterloo	\$404,641	\$377,998	7.05%	57,651	53,897	6.97%	5,529	7,125	-22.40%	10%	13.21966%	-27.45%
Watertown	\$1,220,564	\$1,036,864	17.72%	330,676	325,750	1.51%	46,688	42,747	9.22%	14%	13.12264%	7.59%
Whitewater	\$872,282	\$825,705	5.64%	94,481	94,878	-0.42%	8,863	9,062	-2.20%	9%	9.55121%	-1.79%
Totals	\$5,272,438	\$4,794,339	9.97%	984,269	958,477	2.69%	213,020	206,603	3.11%	21.64246%	21.55534%	0.40%

Percentage Non-librariied circ 21.64246%

Base budget based on totals \$1,141,085

Base budget amount 2024 \$1,033,436
 Change in base budget amount \$107,649
 % Change in base budget amount 10.42%

Change in library operating expenditures \$478,099
 % change in library operating expenditures 9.97%

Change in non-librariied circulation 6,417
 % change in non-librariied circulation 3.11%

Change in ratio of non-res. Circ 0.40%

Adjacent County request for 2025 \$155,032
 Adjacent county request for 2023: \$158,444
 % change in adjacent county request -2.15%

2025 Budget Request

Base Amount	\$1,141,085
Administrative Costs	\$2,200
Adjacent Counties Libraries	\$155,032
Total Budget Request	\$1,298,317

2024 Total Request \$1,194,080
 Change from previous year total \$104,237
 % Change from previous year 8.7%

Jefferson County Library Service 2025 Payment Schedule
 Payments due to all libraries by March 1, 2025

Recipient	2025 Payment
Jefferson County Libraries	
Cambridge operational reimbursement	\$95,100
Dwight Foster/Fort Atkinson operational reimbursement	\$298,147
plus resource library payment	\$700
Dwight Foster Public Library total for two 2023 contracts	\$298,847
Jefferson Public Library	\$130,641
Johnson Creek Public Library	\$60,785
L.D. Fargo Public Library (Lake Mills)	\$120,844
Powers Memorial Library (Palmyra)	\$104,414
Karl Junginger Memorial Library (Waterloo)	\$35,648
Watertown Public Library	\$238,228
Irvin L. Young Memorial Library (Whitewater)	\$57,278
Total Jefferson County Total	\$1,141,785

Adjacent County Libraries

Dane County Libraries	2025 Payment
Black Earth Public Library	13.45
Dane County Library Service	\$22.92
Deerfield Public Library	\$713.89
DeForest Area Public Library	\$3.74
Fitchburg Public Library	\$61.18
Madison Public Library	\$5,267.48
Marshall Community Library	\$3,700.90
E.D. Locke Public Library (McFarland)	\$54.87
Monona Public Library	\$48.14
Stoughton Public Library	\$128.24
Sun Prairie Public Library	\$671.46
Verona Public Library	\$82.86
Dane County Total	\$10,769.13

Dodge County Libraries

Beaver Dam Community Library	\$1,550
Dodge County Total	\$1,550

Rock County Libraries

Edgerton Public Library	\$3,839.58
Hedberg Public Library (Janesville)	\$2,866.78
Milton Public Library	\$2,468.05
Rock County Total	\$9,174.41

Walworth County

Aram Public Library	\$676.89
Darien Public Library	\$45.28
East Troy Lions Public Library	\$3,898.49
Lake Geneva Public Library	\$66.54
Matheson Memorial Public Library	\$169
Walworth County Total	\$4,856.17

Waukesha County Libraries

Big Bend Public Library	\$98
Brookfield Public Library	\$732
Delafield Public Library	\$12,233
Alice Baker Memorial Library (Eagle)	\$9,836
Elm Grove Public Library	\$171
Hartland Public Library	\$1,316
Menomonee Falls Public Library	\$653
Mukwonago Community Library	\$2,324
Muskego Public Library	\$91
New Berlin Public Library	\$381
Town Hall Library (North Lake)	\$5,900
Oconomowoc Public Library	\$87,631
Pewaukee Public Library	\$3,235
Pauline Haass Public Library (Sussex)	\$447
Waukesha Public Library	\$3,634
Waukesha County Total	\$128,682

Adjacent county library payments **\$155,031.71**

Total payments to libraries **\$1,296,816.86**

County Library Board Expenses **\$1,500**

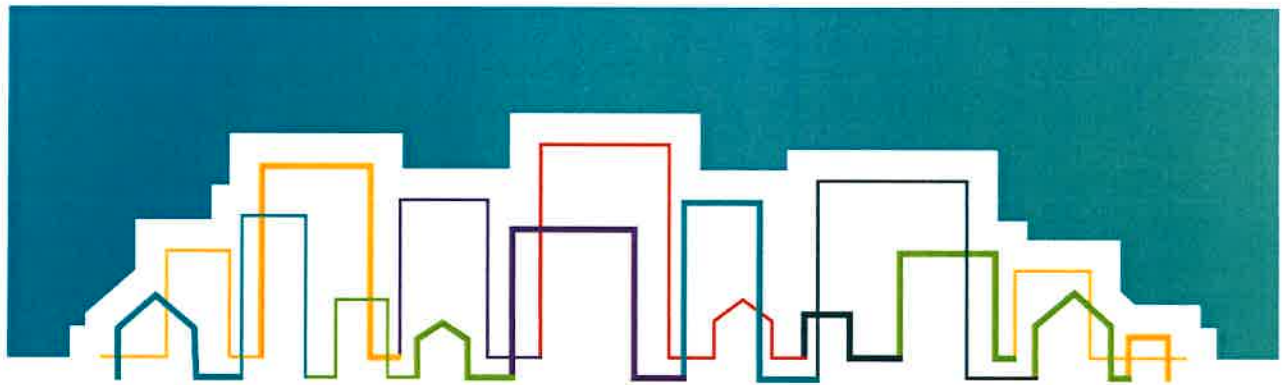
County Resource Library Expenses **See above**

Total library budget 2025

\$1,298,317

(Note: This is an increase of \$104,237 or 8.7% from 2024 amount of \$1,194,080)

2023 Annual Report of Jefferson County Library Service



**LIBRARIES = STRONG
COMMUNITIES**

Mission: Jefferson County Library Service works to support and strengthen the municipal libraries, so all County residents receive quality public library service.

Jefferson County is a member of the Bridges Library System as a result of merging with Waukesha County and officially changing its regional library system affiliation on January 1, 2016. As a result of that change, the libraries (except Cambridge) migrated to the CAFÉ online catalog with access to more than 2 million items and new software for operations. In addition, the partnership offers access to more digital resources, coordinated marketing, and strengthened support for the library boards and staffs throughout Jefferson County.

Circulation of Library Materials

In 2023, the total circulation of physical and digital materials in Jefferson County increased nearly 2.7% from the previous year, with 850,410 physical items checked out of the nine county libraries and 133,859 digital checkouts. Of those items, 213,020 (which represents 21.6% of the total) were checked out by Jefferson County residents who live in municipalities without their own libraries. Table 1 shows the circulation of materials at each library location.

Table 1. Circulation at Jefferson County Libraries – 2023

Library	2023 Total Circulation (Physical and Overdrive)	2023 Circulation to Jefferson County Non-librari ed Communities (Physical and Overdrive)	Non-librari ed Resident % of Total Circulation
Cambridge*	40,835	16,726	40.96%
Dwight Foster/Fort Atkinson	196,237	58,431	29.78%
Jefferson	80,871	22,353	27.64%
Johnson Creek	41,804	10,284	24.60%
L.D Fargo/Lake Mills	98,181	23,683	24.12%
Powers Memorial/Palmyra	43,533	20,463	47.01%
Karl Junginger/Waterloo	57,651	5,529	9.59%
Watertown	330,676	46,688	14.12%
Irvin L. Young/Whitewater	94,481	8,863	9.38%
Totals	984,269	213,020	21.64%

* Cambridge does not circulate Overdrive(digital) items to Jefferson County residents.

Digital circulations continued to increase with a 7.3% overall increase from 2022 to 2023. Residents who live in municipalities without libraries represented 25% of digital usage in 2023. This ratio has been consistent and represents a higher ratio than for physical circulations. In fact, the number of digital checkouts by Jefferson County residents was at an all-time high. E-books and e-audio materials are available for borrowing from the Wisconsin Digital Library (Overdrive/Libby) and Hoopla by downloading to a computer or device.

Countywide Library Service Highlights from 2023

Jefferson County residents had ready access to more than 2 million items and integrated access to the Wisconsin Digital Library, all via the CAFÉ catalog.

Libraries received the following Bridges Library System services and programs:

- Improvement and innovation grants
- eContent grants
- Coordinated public relations efforts & library advocacy
- Technology support for CAFÉ, OverDrive, Hoopla, and the wide area network
- Annual report data pre-population, monthly data reports, and data dashboard access
- Youth services coordination
- Inclusive services coordination
- Workforce development coordination
- Professional development opportunities
- Coordinated meetings for staffs & subject-specific listservs and groups
- Backup reference assistance
- Access to a professional collection for librarians
- Consultation on library services
- Access to special equipment
- Interlibrary loan software
- New library director orientation
- County library budgeting & planning assistance
- Web hosting, website assistance, & email service

Additional electronic resources for all county residents offered in 2023 included:

- Overdrive/Libby – Access to eBooks and digital audiobooks
- Hoopla – Streaming digital movies, music, eBooks, and audiobook.
- Udemy (online, on-demand courses)
- Ancestry.com (for researching family history)
- Consumer Reports (for making smart buying decisions)
- Cypress Resume (for job coaching, resume critiquing, and mock interview sessions)
- Morningstar Investment Research (to research current or prospective holdings)
- NovelList Plus – (for recommended reads, reviews, and book discussion guides)

Cambridge Community Library

2023 was a year of change here in Cambridge! In February, we celebrated our long time Director, Joan Behm, for her service to our community. In June, we welcomed our new Library Director, Samantha Seeman, who has worked in libraries her entire professional life, and is excited to bring her ideas and visions to the table.



Our Summer Library Program was a huge hit for our patrons, with special guest readers almost every week at Storytime. The kids and their families are always so excited to see who will be reading to them week to week throughout the summer! Some of our favorites included The Dane County Fairest of the Fair, Belle from the local production of Beauty and the Beast, and Officer Tony!



The end of year saw a plan for an entire building weeding project, goal setting, and some more family programming. The library participated in the large community event, Cambridge Christmas, which happens over four days and various locations throughout Cambridge. The library opened for an extended period of time on the Saturday of the event and had activities and treats.



2024 will see a lot of changes; expansion of program offerings, a more inclusive, bigger Summer Library Program, expanded hours and the development of a Makerspace and Strategic Plan.



Dwight Foster Public Library (Fort Atkinson)

Library staff work to build and maintain relevant, exciting, and user-friendly collections for our community. In 2023, DFPL started a circulating collection of 15 sets of Yoto mini players and Yoto cards using funds from a Bridges Improvement and Innovation Grant. Yoto players are a fun and modern way to provide access to screen-free audio content for kids, complementing the Toniebox and Wonderbook collections started in 2022. Library of Things collections continued to be popular in 2023. The Friends of the Dwight Foster Public Library generously sponsored circulating Explore Passes that provide free entry to the Milwaukee Art Museum, Betty Brinn Children’s Museum, Madison Children’s Museum, and a nearby zoo. DFPL also purchased day passes for Wisconsin State Parks that we could give away to patrons as part of the DNR’s “Check out Wisconsin State Parks at your Library” initiative. With the goal of making our collections more browser-friendly, librarians worked to create a separate fantasy genre section in the adult fiction shelves and many new genre sections in children’s fiction.



Beyond collections, DFPL staff coordinated a wide variety of programs and events in 2023 to provide information, education, entertainment, and connection for our community. Inga Witscher’s Around the Farm Table program in March drew in a crowd of 95 attendees all eager to meet the Wisconsin Public Television star and watch her prepare spring recipes. Wisconsin Poet Laureate Nick Gulig shared his poetry and writing process in May. The 2023 Summer Reading Program engaged 916 readers who logged 4,261 books and 8,387 hours of reading. In September, DFPL hosted its second annual Food Truck Festival with the goal of introducing community members who do not usually frequent the library to our space. Later in the fall, DFPL staff collaborated with the Hoard Historical Museum to welcome native Spanish speaking community members to our institutions with our joint Open House for Spanish Speakers event. Other program highlights include the following: Cooking Club, Tech Tuesdays, quarterly adult book clubs, local author events with Maggie Ginsberg and Lauren Fox, Toddler Time sessions with community helper guests and their special vehicles, a donut decorating program for teens led by Papa Brunk, Lunch Bunch for Homeschoolers sessions with guests from the police and fire departments and a field trip to the Hoard Historical Museum, StoryCorps interviews, and Dementia Live and Memory Café programs serving individuals with memory loss and their care partners.

Looking toward the future, Library Director Eric Robinson worked with the Board of Trustees of the Dwight Foster Public Library in 2023 to write and approve a strategic plan for 2024-2026. The strategic plan lists goals that correlate with the following values: staff, space, literacy and learning, and community. We are focusing our plans for 2024 with these values in mind.



Jefferson Public Library

Jefferson Public Library had a very exciting 2023. Here are just a few of the highlights. The library completed its 3-year ADA project where the public restrooms were updated, added another electric door assist, youth furniture, drinking fountains, and lighting. Jefferson was also awarded the Bridges Innovation and Improvement grant for the purchase of browsing picture book shelving. The library added several new items to the Library of Things collection – Explore Passes, Tonie Boxes, Yoto Players, 3 hotspots, Stay Sharp Memory Kits, and pickleball equipment. New Shelving for DVD's and games were installed along with updating the label format, providing an easier browsing experience for our patrons. The library now offers wireless printing for those who wish to print items from their personal device. Supported by the Friends Group, the Book Nook Café offers free coffee and hot chocolate. Another new addition for the library is the installation of two self-checkout machines.



Jefferson Public Library also had an engaging year in programs and outreach. Adult programming included yoga, book clubs, ukulele and cooking clubs. Youth programming included the always favorite Storytime along with Bilingual Family Night, and Homeschool Programs just to name a few. The library partnered with several local organizations and participated in Goat Fest, Gemuetlichkeit Family Fun Night, Boo Bash, and National Night Out. Jefferson also held its 2nd annual birdhouse contest and introduced a seed and tea library for patrons.



Johnson Creek Public Library

Johnson Creek Public Library saw a busy 2023. Regular programs added were a monthly PAWS and READ with therapy dogs, Spin a Yarn for fiber artists, and an Open Craft Night. A very popular Snack and Chat is held weekly for 6-12 graders. Our community outreach continues with weekly visits to Crossroads Kid's Connection Daycare, Crossroads Annual Spring Carnival, Johnson Creek Elementary Literacy Night, Johnson Creek Schools Mental Health Awareness Night, and our community Nickel Night.

Our Friends group continued to support us by sponsoring our Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, Diamond Art Nights, author visits with Patrick McBride and Kristin Behl, Summer Learning Program, and our Coffee Station. They also purchased a Schlitz Audubon Explore Pass, Tonie Box and Figurines, and shelf dividers for the children's area.



Our Summer Learning Program saw an increase in all age groups. A local resident and area businesses, Fiesta Garibaldi, Genesis Tree Service, and Pete Gross-Land & Farm Group sponsored *Reading is My Superpower* t-shirts to all youth participants who finished the SLP challenge.

Library Manager, Katie Martin celebrated 30 years with Johnson Creek in February 2023.



Our Youth Services Library Assistant, Megan Brand, hosted a different community helper at Storytime each month. Community participants were: JC Fire and Police Department, JC Veterinary Care, Post Office, Medical Doctor, Optometrist, Veterans, Farmers, Fairest of the Fair, Premier Bank, Dentist Office and Gallitz Grading.

L.D. Fargo Public Library (Lake Mills)



L.D. Fargo Public Library continued to follow the official mission to serve the people of Lake Mills and the surrounding area as a reading, learning, entertainment, cultural, and technological center.

The L.D. Fargo Public Library also continued to follow the unofficial mission as the best library around in Jefferson County and the rest of Southern Wisconsin.

We continued to plan and prepare for a library building expansion. Working with the architecture firm FEH and fundraiser The Sweeney Group we revised and updated our expansion plans and prepared to start a capital campaign. Our planned expansion will double our square footage and meet current and future community needs.

Our service numbers rebounded from the pandemic, and we met or exceeded our service statistics from previous years. Our total program attendance in 2023 was 4,736. We made a stronger effort on outreach and promotion of library services.

Powers Memorial Library (Palmyra)

Powers Memorial Library (PML) is located in the village of Palmyra in the southeast corner of Jefferson County.

PML continues to be a hub of our community. Our library and staff participate in community outreach programs as well as providing exceptional patron services.



In 2023, through a generous grant from the Bridges Library System PML acquired a book bike. We can now bring our library out into the community.

PML continues to upgrade our collection of materials for reading, viewing, and listening as well as our Library of Things. We offer an extensive array of programming for patrons of all ages. In 2023, PML achieved substantial growth in the number of patrons benefitting from the many offerings of our small-town library.

Through the efforts of patrons and a grant from the Kala Ukulele Company, PML now has ten ukuleles for check out. We offered free ukulele lessons in the spring and again in the fall.

We expanded our experience passes to include two Wisconsin Historical passes.



The north wall of the library was painted to make the library more inviting. We purchased filters for the fluorescent lighting to eliminate the flicker and soften the harsh glare.

In the fall, a team of staff and patrons completed the Ice Age Trail Mammoth Challenge.

We ended 2023 with a Christmas carol sing-along which we live streamed. The event was well received. Once again, we reached out beyond the walls of our library to patrons and community members alike who were unable to attend in person.



Karl Junginger Memorial Library (Waterloo)



Karl Junginger Memorial Library located in Waterloo in the far northwestern part of Jefferson County had a very busy 2023. Two large building projects were completed in 2023. In February, the entire library's original carpet was replaced after 29 years. Then late summer the library's entire parking lot was taken out and rebuilt due to storm drainage and other water retention issues. When the new parking lot went in the library was able to place our new story walk for our community that leads right up to the library doors.

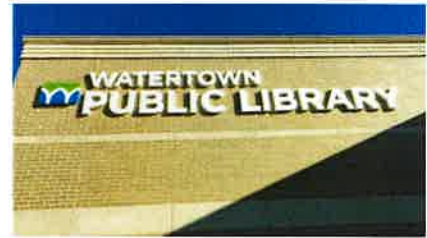
We love to work with our community and county partners, and it showed in 2023! Partnering with the Jefferson County ADRC all library staff members were trained so the library would be certified as Dementia Friendly! Working with JDHC library staff were trained so the library could obtain an OAK (Overdose Aid Kit) box now located in our lobby for community use.

Using grant dollars from the Greater Watertown Community Health Foundation, and the Waterloo Utilities, Ms. Amanda was able to purchase new Wonderbooks, Playaways, and early literacy games to help expand our youth library collections.

The library has held many wonderful programs throughout the year one that stood out was in partnership with our Friends of the Library group. Our Friends of the Library group raised funds for their fourth year by holding a penny war to see which community member would kiss a cow at our June Dairy Month Concert featuring the Waterloo City Band. There was a huge turnout, and our winner smooched a cow, but as you can see in the picture, we are unsure what the cow thought of this!

Watertown Public Library

The Watertown Public Library continues to be a destination resource for our community. We celebrated our 1-year anniversary on January 24, 2023. Time sure flies when you are having fun! In 2023 our average daily attendance was 495 people. One of our more popular additions to library services are the meeting and study rooms. Some rooms are accessed on a first come first served bases and others require a reservation. These private rooms allow patrons to work, study, hold small meetings, and meet with social service organizations.



We continue to see strong participation in our winter and summer reading programs (for all ages), Adult Book Clubs, Cinema Club, Family Yoga events, Reading with Rover, StoryBook Trail, and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Scavenger hunts in the Talk Read Play Center are very popular! Overall, 16,000 + people attended library programs and drop-in programs. The Talk Read Play Center is a popular family destination, especially during the winter months and cool rainy days.

We said goodbye to a very long-term employee in September. She worked with 8 different library directors over her tenure and was well known and liked by many library patrons! We also had several opportunities to promote team members from within the library family.

We continue to make detailed improvements around the outside and inside of the facility. Our donor board was completed and installed in the south lobby area. Outdoor signage was added on three sides of the building. Using leftover construction materials, a winding sidewalk was installed on the west side of the building, several small columns (for flowerpots), and small decorative benches. Inside the facility we used a Bridges Innovation and Improvement grant to purchase marketing display materials such as a large table/bench, small bookcases, and display stands. Because the entire adult collection is located on the second floor, library team members created displays on the first floor to help make browsing our collection easier.



Irvin L. Young Memorial Library (Whitewater)

Irvin L. Young Memorial Library

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

78,288 Items Checked Out

51,662 Library Visits

516 New Cardholders

1,560 Computer Uses

748 Volunteer Hours

Top 10 Most Checked Out Books

2,522 Reference Questions Answered

174 Library events were held
3,203 Patrons attended our events

Top Highlights

- ▶ The capital campaign for the library expansion & renovation project was a success. Over \$2.3 million was raised!
- ▶ Diane Jaroch was promoted from Assistant Director to Library Director.
- ▶ We hosted the Whitewater City Market during the winter months.

Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey this year | whitewaterlibrary.org

The library's greatest accomplishment for 2023 was exceeding its capital campaign fundraising goal for a new library. The library raised more than \$2,300,000 to be added to the library reserves of \$840,000.

Construction is expected to begin the middle of August 2024, with completion in October of 2025.

Other highlights include:

- Partnering with over 30 community members and organizations to provide programming and events.
- 85 participants in the March Itty Bitty Art Show.
- Receiving 3 backpacks from NASA that include a telescope, books, and more.
- Great turnout for our Summer Reading Program. We had 165 children participants and 25 teen participants. We had 135 adult participants with 630 books read.
- Working with the Wisconsin Veterans Museum to borrow the traveling exhibit,

Wisconsin Remembers: A Face for Every Name featuring a photo for each of the 1,161 Wisconsinites officially listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. and additional photos for those on the Highground Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, WI.

- A \$600 contribution from the Generac Foundation used to purchase a replacement laptop for the Makerspace.
- 5 free Arduino kits and project books from Gearbox Labs as part of a grant. Arduino teaches electronic engineering, coding, computer programming, prototyping, and more.
- Sarah French, Programming & Makerspace Librarian, presented "Every Child is an Artist: Process Art in the Library" at the Wisconsin Library Association conference.
- Our mocktail program was featured in the national magazine, *American Libraries*.
- Being selected as one of the recipients of the *Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit*, an initiative of the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. This was an exceptionally competitive process, as they received 576 applications from all parts of the country. The estimated value is \$2,000.