



Annual Report

2023



Breaking Records: Celebrating a year of growth

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After the community experienced barriers to access due to the Covid 19 pandemic and our remodeling project, our community has returned to using the library more than ever. In 2023, the Portage District Library saw record highs for circulation, especially in our youth collections.

Our services and offerings also grew in 2023 by adding new e-material services, expanding our study room access, and adding new equipment and resources to our Makerspace. Seeing our library filled with community members working together to learn and create has been exciting.

We have continued to work on implementing our strategic plan by making progress on initiatives like enriching the lives of community members by providing innovative outlets for creativity, interacting with community members of all ages through outreach events, and being welcoming and inclusive through our collections, programs, displays, and facilities.

2023 was our first year of being fine-free by not charging overdue fines. The community has benefited from the library going fine free because the barriers to using the library have been lifted, allowing patrons more access to all our services, including more access to print materials, because patrons are bringing back their overdue books for others to borrow.

As our collection's use and offerings have grown, we have witnessed first-hand the power of a community that supports one another and pursues life-long education.

We are grateful to have such supportive patrons and partners in the community who have allowed us to expand our offerings and participate with us in our mission to inspire, enrich, and empower.

Christy Klien

Library Director



2023 At a Glance



* All time statistical high

2023 Library Board

Tom Vance - [Chair](#) | Jeanne Friedman - [Vice Chair](#)
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Year in Review



Makerspace

Makerspace: Our Makerspace has become a hub of innovation and creativity, providing the tools and space for our patrons to explore and experiment with a wide range of digital and analog tools. It has been inspiring to witness the innovative projects and ideas that have taken shape.



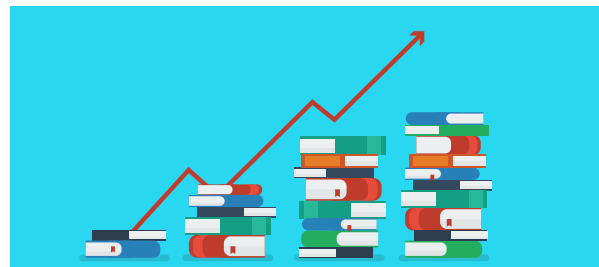
Study Rooms

We have expanded our study room offerings to provide even more areas for both quiet study or collaborative work. Countless students, professionals, and lifelong learners have utilized these spaces for personal and professional growth.



eMaterials

Our digital library offerings continue to grow, making it easier than ever for you to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, magazines and other digital resources such as CreativeBug or the New York Times. We are pleased to be able to offer a wide range of eMaterials, ensuring that you can enjoy reading and learning in the format that suits you best.



Circulation Records

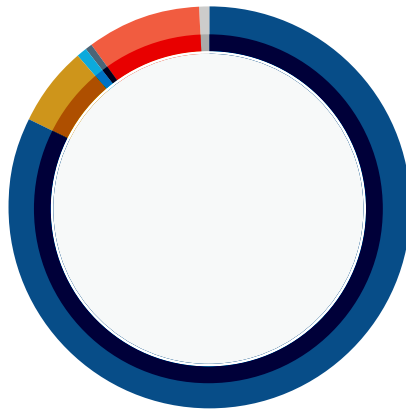
We are proud to announce that in August 2023, we achieved the highest monthly youth materials circulation in the library's history. This accomplishment is a testament to the incredible support of parents, caregivers, and the enthusiasm of young readers.



Financial Report

Total Revenue

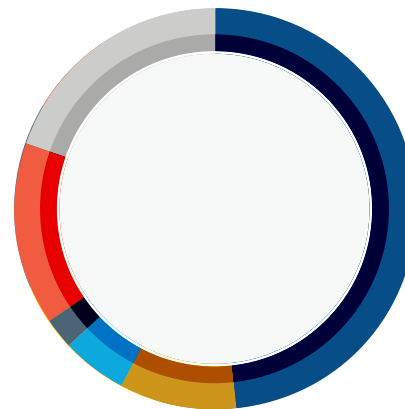
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Library Millage	82.36%
State Aid	6.37%
Penal Fines	0.93%
Fines & Fees	0.36%
Other Revenue	9.27%
Grants & Donations	0.71%

Total Expenditures

\$6,444,471



Operating Expenditures	48.45%
Library Collections	9.40%
Building Overhead	5.23%
Capital Expenditures	2.50%
Bond Payment	14.96%
Funding of Future Initiatives	19.46%