Rogers Public Library

Annual Report 2022



Leadership



Director's Message:

2022 was a year of growth and progress for the Rogers Public Library. With the goal of serving our community, we worked with passion to enhance our primary library programming through teamwork and community partnerships. As patrons and families became eager to transition from virtual to in-person activities, we saw significant increases of library user visits, materials borrowed, and program attendance. This growth has revealed that we are succeeding at meeting community needs, and it inspires us to explore more ways to offer collaborative, diverse, and enriching programs and resources. Moving forward, RPL will continue to be committed to strengthening and transforming the lives of our library users and the community of Rogers. Thank you for your support. **Hannah Norris Milligan, Library Director**

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Support

ROGERS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



Provided:

- Tutor.com
- #RogersReads Reading Challenge program prizes
- Virtual programming
- Technology equipment
- Supplies for the library fish tanks

Holds the annual Top Chef library fundraiser event

Offers the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to children in Benton County

FRIENDS OF THE ROGERS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Provided:

- Summer Reading Program materials and performers
- LinkedIn Learning
- Books & Brews Book Club materials
- Staff attendance at the Association for Library Services to Children Institute Conference
- Teen program snacks
- Staff Development day lunch

Partners with RPL for the Brewtastic Book Fair event at Ozark Beer Company

Highlights

121,935
In-house Visits
up 106%
From 2021

74,436
Website Visits

24,244
Reference Questions

10,654
Cardholders

895
Room Usage

5,624
Computer Sessions

310,942
Physical & Digital Items Borrowed

81,996
Digital Downloads

5,770
Curbside Pick-ups

1,090
Interlibrary loans

595
Interlibrary borrows



Financials

Revenue

Property Tax: $1,559,592.07
Printing & Copying: $9024.18
Non-Resident Fees: $20,483.25
Book Request Fees: $438.00
Library Fines: $6854.57
State Aid: $127,985.00
RPL Foundation: $23,570.03
Friends of RPL: $37,309.38
Glotzbecker Trust: $33,569.44
Lost & Damaged: $8,771.27
Gifts & Memorials: $1,366.31

Expenditures

Personnel: $1,578,102.88
Materials: $333,480.65
Other Operating: $225,013.06
Glotzbecker Trust: $3106.34
Gifts & Memorials: $751.45

Collection

157,846	62,668
Physical Items	Digital Items



> The library is top notch. Always new fictions and nonfiction books out. And not just a few.

IT'S SHOWTIME!

Read a book that has been adapted into a movie or series.

Join our #RogersReads Reading Challenge at rpl.readsquared.com and complete one challenge by the end of this month for the chance to win prizes!

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> I so enjoy the Rogers Reading Challenge missions. It helps me step outside my normal genres and authors. Many thanks to the RPL staff for putting it together for us!



> I took my 2 kids (3,5) with me to get a card and the ladies were so nice at the front desk. The picture book section was vast and my kids had a hard time picking out only 2.

Programs

In-house programming attendance: 8694

Over 700 in-house and virtual programs were offered. There were so many programs for library users to choose from. Just a few of our most popular programs included:

















- *Oceans of Possibilities* Summer Reading Program for all ages
- #RogersReads Reading Challenge: in its 5th year had 204 participants and 1014 entries. Participants discover new authors and genres, and win prizes from local businesses.
- Achieve It: investing and financing information for adults
- 2nd Tuesday Lunch & Learn: hosted informational programming from Turtle Shire Rehabilitation Center, Miniature Aircraft, Composting with Ozark Composting & Swap
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration
- Native American History Month: programs with the Museum of Native American History, about Archeology of the Ozarks, & Storytime with Tribal Voices
- Take-It Make-It kits for adults
- Cooking by the Book
- Children's craft packets for virtual programs
- CB to You Mobile Art Lab: we partnered with Crystal Bridges to provide a pop-up art experience with artmaking and music
- Teen Writer's Group
- Tween Book Club
- Plant Exchange: held in October for the entire community
- Quilled Creations
- STEAM Explorations
- Poetry Storytime
- Makerspace at Your Place
- Babies and Bubbles
- Storytime with Santa
- Virtual and in-person author visits





Connections





> I thought it was great! My husband and I are at the point where we're saving up for a house and wanted to learn more about the home buying process. So learning what to expect in the process and hearing it from local experts was refreshing.





> I want to thank you for allowing U of A Extension to offer nutrition programming (Eating Smart, Being Active and Arkansas Cocinando) at the Rogers Public Library and to let you know how much we appreciate Rosa Guevara's help…It is always a challenge to get busy parents to complete a series of lessons and graduate from the program. Rosa was invaluable in helping us accomplish this goal.


I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST SUMMER
TRY SOME SPOOKY READS
RUIN
JAKE LIVINGSTON