Rogers Public Library

Annual Report 2023





Director's Message:

2023 was a year filled with discovery, creation, and progress for the Rogers Public Library. Visitors enjoyed a greater collection of books, music, games, movies, and digital resources than ever before. When developing new services, RPL remained committed to the values of fostering literacy, life-long learning, equitable access, and innovation. The library's knowledgeable staff supported our patrons by recommending fantastic reads, presenting creative and diverse programming, providing technology assistance, and offering connection to community resources; all of which are an imperative part of the well-being of our community.

In this new year, the Rogers Public Library will celebrate its 120th anniversary of serving Rogers and the surrounding areas. We hope to become a primary destination for all community members by providing outstanding information and recreational resources, offering a safe and inviting facility, delivering new and unique experiences, and building valuable community partnerships.

Thank you for your continued involvement, suggestions, curiosity, and support.
Hannah Pearce, Library Director

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ROGERS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

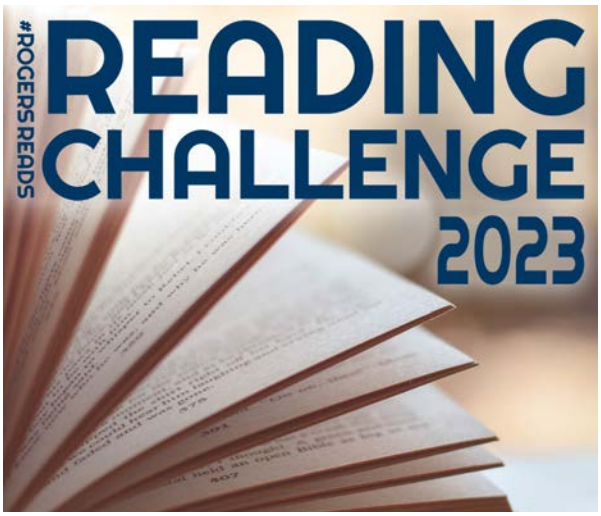
Created to enhance the experience of library patrons with educational tools, resources, and programs.





- Digital signage
- HoldIT book locker license
- #RogersReads Reading Challenge prizes
- Tutor.com

- 3D printer supplies
- Aquarium supplies
- Top Chef annual fundraiser event
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library sponsor





FRIENDS OF THE ROGERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friendly BOOKSTORE
USED BOOKS & MORE

The Friends provide financial support to the library and operate The Friendly Bookstore. Many Friends members are active volunteers at The Friendly Bookstore.

- Summer Reading Program materials and performers
- LinkedIn Learning
- Books & Brews Book Club materials
- Professional library organization memberships
- Library program refreshment funds







We had

173,252

visits to the library this year!

42% more visits than in 2022.

Patrons asked **30,757** reference questions.

We connected with community members at **52** outreach events.

Patrons had **7,205** computer sessions.

76,649 visits to our website.













> …All of your Library Staff are very kind and very helpful, but Susan really went over and above for me that day and I just needed to let you know what an asset this young woman is to the Library and the community you serve.

Cardholders borrowed

325,512

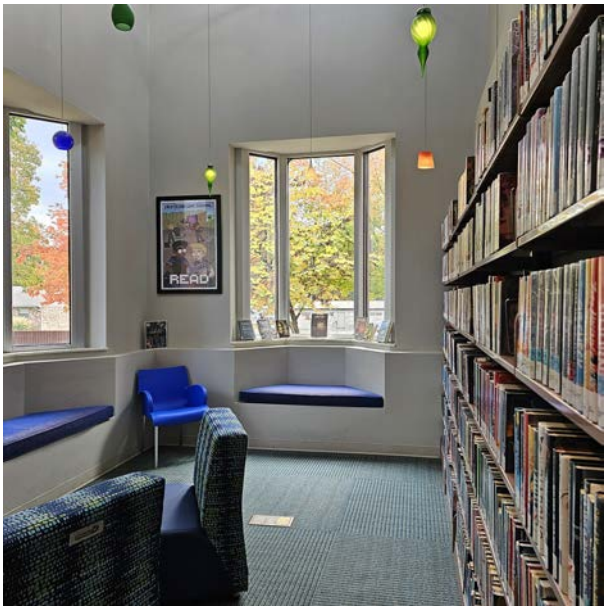
items this year.

We have **10,883** cardholders.

17,316 physical items were placed on hold.

We borrowed **564** items for patrons through interlibrary loan.

We shared **1,318** items with other libraries through interlibrary loan.











> We love the Children's library.

This year, we hosted

18,772

patrons at 948 programs.











> Thank you for putting together such an interesting and informative program. I learned a lot! I brought my ESL student as my guest and she also enjoyed it.



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Amazing Adult Programs

- #Rogers Reads Reading Challenge
- Achieve It series in English & Spanish
- English Conversation Group
- 2nd Tuesday Lunch & Learn
- Community Plant Exchanges
- Gardening 101
- Autumn Vegetable Gardening
- Mother's Day and Father's Day gift making
- Painting with Coffee
- Asian Herbal and Spice Teas Workshop
- Puzzle Tournament
- Stitch Together
- Hispanic Heritage Month celebration
- Photo Preservation
- Documentary screenings
- Alzheimer's care













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Fantastic Children's Programs

- Buddy Pegs Bicycle Playground
- Balinese Shadow Puppet Show
- Center for Aquatic Sciences-All Together Now in the Reef
- Crafts celebrating holidays and seasons
- Full STEAM Ahead
- Halloween Costume Parade
- Performances by Opera in the Ozarks, Will Parker, BenAnna Band, Aaron Fowler
- Magic shows with Tommy Terrific, Presto the Magician, and George Reader
- Drawing with Rich Davis
- Cartooning with Rick Stromoski
- We Write for You IV











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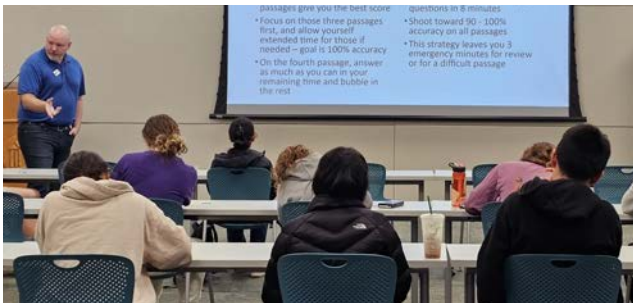
Fun Teen Scene Programs

- Movie Nights and Marathons
- Manga Drawing Workshop
- Teen Boating License Class
- Yoga and Self-care
- Storytelling 101
- Write Like an Author
- Game Nights
- Crafts and DIY Nights
- Teen Escape Room
- ACT Study Bootcamp
- Fandom Nights
- Murder Mystery
- Trivia Night
- Engineering & Coding Challenges
- STEM

















> Customer service is beyond amazing! I emailed with a question and got a call back in less than 15 minutes walking me through my issue…





Financials

Revenue:

- Property tax: $1,696,511.72
- Printing & Copying: $12,499.55
- Non-resident fees: $23,695.95
- Book request fees: $487.05
- Library fines: $7639.49
- Lost & damaged: $977.75
- State Aid: $126,512.00
- RPL Foundation: $21,117.52
- Friends of RPL: $35,338.05
- Glotzbecker Trust: $19,214.70
- Gifts & Memorials: $1133.48

Expenditures:

- Personnel: $1,750,141.25
- Materials: $336,695.49
- Other operating: $223,721.63
- RPL Foundation Expense: $17,364.67
- Friends of RPL Expense: $34,131.26
- Glotzbecker Trust: $7861.07
- Gift & Memorials: $1495.46

