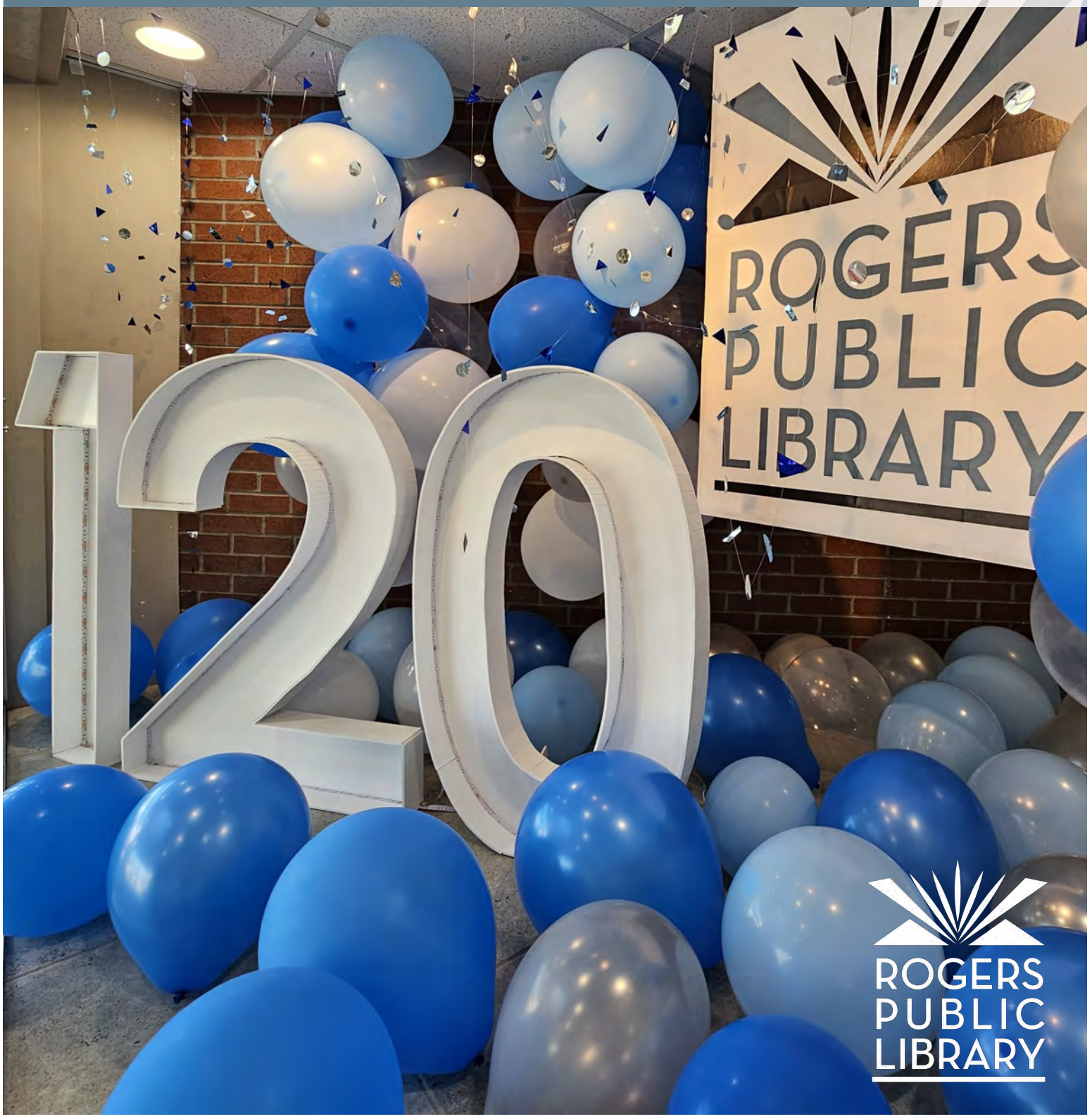
Rogers Public Library

Annual Report 2024





Director's Note:

Despite the unforeseen challenges of 2024, we proudly marked 120 years of serving the Rogers community with resilience, adaptability, and unwavering dedication to our patrons.

We remain committed to offering enriching learning and entertainment opportunities, exceptional materials and collections, expanded outreach efforts, and improved access to information. With a strong focus on inclusivity, we reaffirm our efforts to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Thank you for your patience and support while we work to restore your library. Keep reading, learning, and exploring.

Hannah Pearce, Library Director

Mission:

The Rogers Public Library provides materials, services, and activities to enrich life, foster literacy, stimulate imagination, and inspire lifelong learning.

Core Values:

We are committed to:

- Providing equal access to outstanding library collections, services, and programs.
- The freedom to seek, receive, and share information.
- Serving and responding to community needs with courtesy, initiative, creativity, and flexibility.
- Fostering literacy and a lifelong love of reading for all ages and backgrounds.
- Continuously evaluating, adapting, exploring, and innovating library services.
- Building community connections and celebrating diverse experiences.



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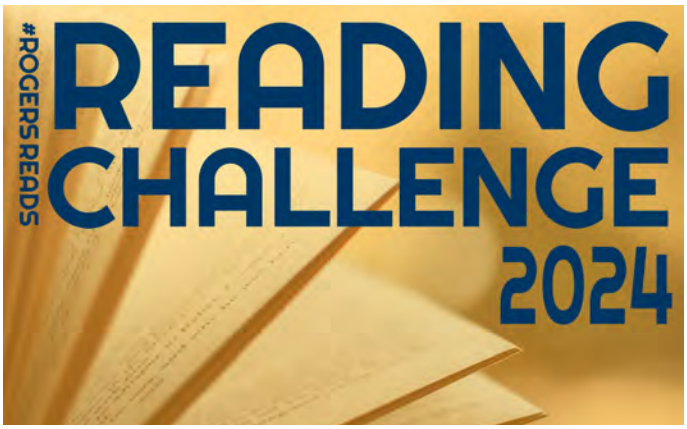
ROGERS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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

- Top Chef fundraiser
- Tutor.com digital resource
- Reserves Locker installation
- Outdoor benches
- Billboard Advertising
- #RogersReads Reading Challenge prizes
- Aquarium supplies
- 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 digital resource
- Reserves Locker wrap design
- Books & Brews Book Club materials
- Professional library organization memberships for staff
- Library program refreshments
- ALA Conference attendance for Children's Librarian











2024 Statistics at a Glance:

Overview

Visits: 98,325
Reference Questions Answered: 30,457



Circulation & Collection

Card Holders: 14,673
Total Circulation: 150,949
- Adult: 66,098
- Children: 76,312
- Teen: 8,539

Digital Media Circulation: 142,285
Total Reserves/Holds: 31,217
Total Materials Owned/Holdings: 171,647
Interlibrary Loans:
- Borrowed: 547
- Lent: 1,699



Technology

eResources (databases, learning tools, entertainment): 97
Public Computers: 28
Public Laptops: 6
Children's iPads: 6
Children's Launchpads: 125
Computer Sessions: 4,039
Wifi Sessions: 110,842
Website Visits: 122,658

Educational Activities

Programs: 842
Program Attendance: 13,298
Summer Reading Registrants: 463
Outreach Visits: 86



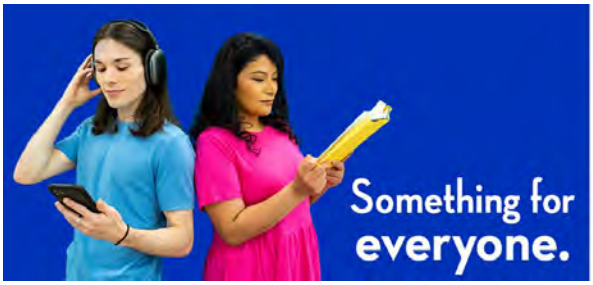
Additional Community Value

Meeting Room Reservations: 687 (January-May)
Total Volunteer hours: 1,065
Craft packets disbursed: 15,509
Seed Library: over 2,055 packets taken
Solar Eclipse Glasses disbursed: 9,000
Mister Rogers Sweater Drive: 70









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Financials

Revenue:

- Property Tax: $1,809,283.75
- Printing & Copying: $13,075.51
- Non-Resident fees: $22,089.90
- Book request fees: $311.60
- Library fines: $4,841.01
- Lost & damaged: $6832.79
- State Aid: $128,410.00
- RPL Foundation: $15,350.00
- Friends of RPL: $41,733.84
- Glotzbecker Trust: $17,478.03
- Gifts & Memorials: $798.12

Expenditures:

- Personnel: $1,824,721.64
- Materials: $351,366.94
- Other operating: $272,499.08
- RPL Foundation Expenses: $18,422.63
- Friends of RPL Expenses: $40,275.96
- Glotzbecker Trust: $30,147.08
- Gifts & Memorials: $2,399.50









> Thanking all who work for and have been a valuable part of the Rogers Library for maintaining this valuable resource. And a special thanks to you for your efforts of inclusivity at the library.











> I really like the events and learning classes.









> My family is anxiously awaiting the reopening of the Rogers library when you guys are ready; we miss it SO much. We've definitely made much use of the new kiosk. It's like Redbox for books. We love it!













> …I am extremely impressed and so appreciative of the work you did to find what I was looking for…





















> I am grateful that the RPL is letting me use curbside pick-up to obtain reading material while the building is closed to the public due to damage from the Memorial Day storms. I get a prompt reply to my email requesting books. Everyone is always so nice.


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