



Loveland Public Library

ANNUAL REPORT



2023

MESSAGE from the LIBRARY DIRECTOR



The Loveland Public Library is a crucial part of our community. In 2023, the library had more than 800 daily visitors. We offered essential services to the community. We hosted popular storytimes, including yoga and bilingual sessions. Over 17,300 people attended 390 storytimes. The Teen Hangout provided a safe space for teens to socialize, especially important post-COVID. The Hangout had over 56,000 visits. The Adult

Space was favored by those working from home, providing a welcoming environment for collaboration and Zoom conferences. The Library caters to all age groups.

Our strong community partnerships with over 40 organizations continued. We collaborated with the Larimer County Workforce to assist job seekers and the Loveland Boys and Girls Clubs for outreach programming. The Thompson School District partnership remained robust. We hosted KidsPak kits, the Larimer County Foodbank Lunch Lab, and the Mobile Laundry to support families and individuals in need.

Recognizing the need for digital literacy during COVID, the Library sought ways to support people lacking digital skills. The Library received two grants from the Public Library Association to offer computer classes. Our bilingual computer classes were very successful. The success of these classes was celebrated by the Public Library Association in October. Seeing the need to go beyond classes and provide one-on-one tutoring, the library secured a competitive grant in 2023 to hire digital navigators. We were one of two locations selected in Colorado. The grant allowed us to create a partnership with other Larimer County libraries. This partnership will allow us to provide robust service to the Loveland community for much needed digital training.

The Loveland Public Library continues to be an essential part of Loveland. We serve families, teens, adults, and seniors in a variety of ways. I invite you to step into the Library if you haven't visited lately and see what there is for you.

Sincerely,

Amy Phillips

Loveland Public Library
Director



NUMBERS

2023



210,837
patrons visited the
library and borrowed
1,017,400
digital & physical items!



6,839
library cards
were issued



1,886
volunteer
hours

More than
56,000 VISITS
to the
TEEN
HANGOUT

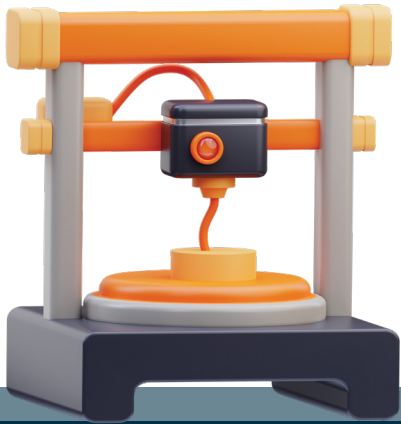


71,703 Library
computer users
27,822 hours
of computer usage



39,293 WiFi
connections

>400,000
website visits



In the makerspace...
644 users spent **1,746 HOURS**
CREATING!

Patrons 3D-printed for
99,003 minutes, a total of
20,401 grams of filament



33,756 program
attendees went to...

1,066
TOTAL
programs!



Over **40**
community
partnerships

77.2 K Facebook reach
+55% content interaction
569 new FB followers
266 new Instagram
followers

45,812 TOTAL
database users

119,252
views of the

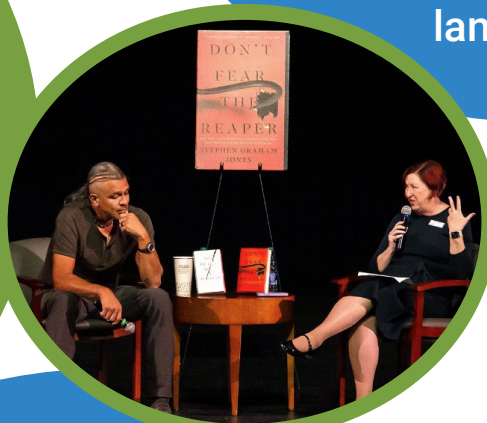
28,454
searches on
EBSCO Host



Stories of 2023



The first "Mosaic" presented a captivating series of programs celebrating diverse experiences, culminating in a keynote author event featuring Stephen Graham Jones, a brilliant Native American author. Attendees engaged in thought-provoking discussions, cultural showcases, and interactive workshops.



Bonjour. Kon'nichiwa. Boozhoo. The children's division added more options to the World Languages collection. Families can read books in Japanese, French, or a number of indigenous dialects. Families can share cultural customs and history, or learn a new language!



The library introduced a new board game collection to their selection. This expansion offers patrons an exciting array of options for socializing, strategizing, and unwinding. From timeless classics to contemporary favorites, the board games collection provides a diverse range of entertainment opportunities for the community.



In order to reflect the growing diversity of the children and families we serve, the children's division asked for a new mural. With the assistance of the Arts Commission, we hired Jeremy Jarvis, who created a mural so lifelike that a toddler pointed at the painting of a girl on the wall saying, "Mommy, me!"



The library's technology department was selected by the state of Colorado to survey Larimer County's digital equity. We assessed the community's comfort with technology and their access to it. Our findings shed light on disparity in digital resources and proficiency, informing efforts to promote inclusive policies and to bridge the digital divide.

The Teen division added several new programs focused on teen engagement with peers, exploring creative and technological pursuits, & building support for mental health. Throughout the year 6,293 teens attended 188 programs.



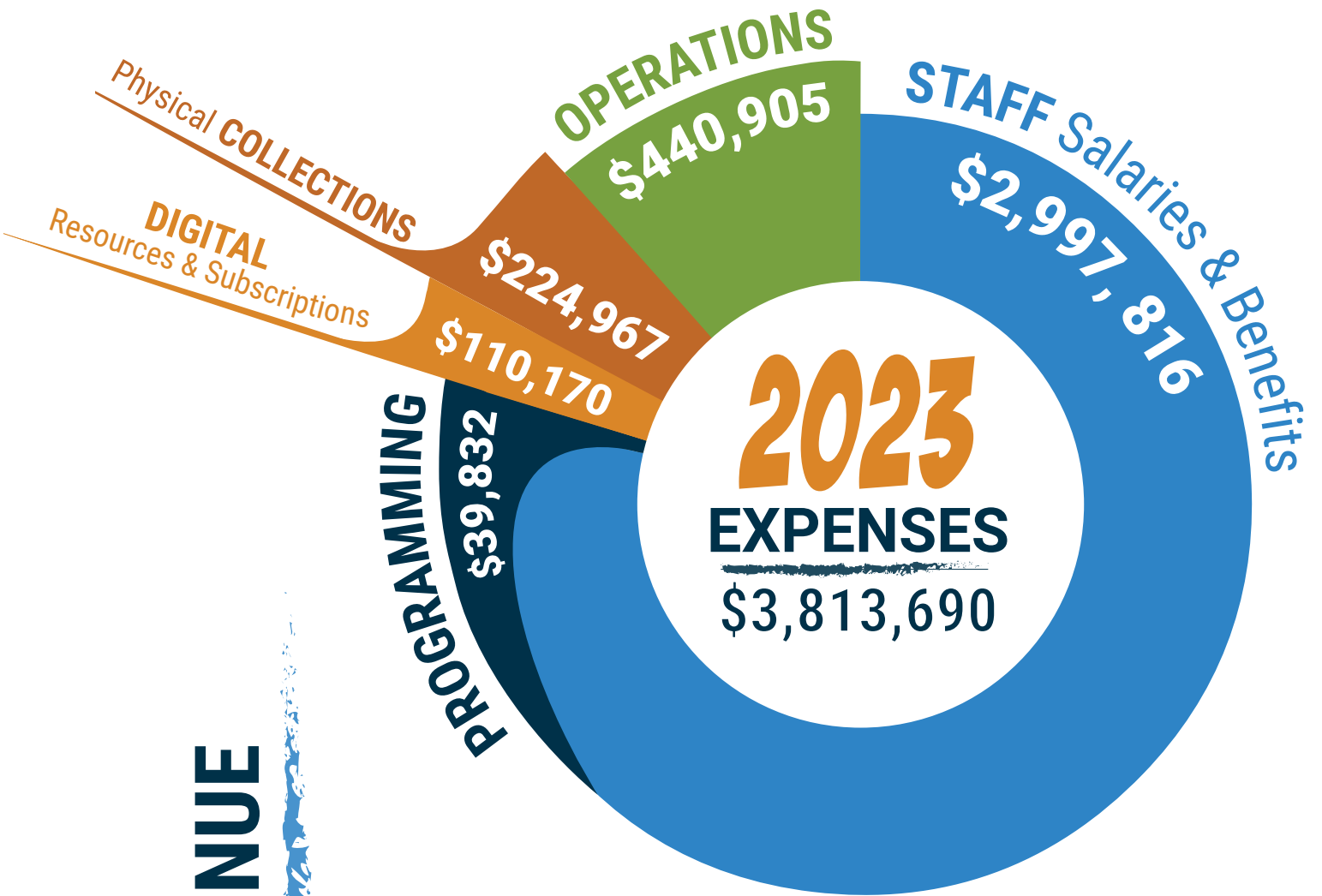
This year, we proudly celebrated our inaugural cohort of Career Online High School graduates! These exceptional individuals not only earned their high school diplomas but also received specialized career training in their chosen fields, equipping them with valuable skills for future success.



Volunteers from Otterbox played a memorable role in our summer learning program by introducing students to the innovative world of OnShape 3D design software. They demonstrated the power of this tool in shaping creativity and problem-solving skills. Also, Robotics 4 All, facilitated a dynamic four-class series on robotics. Students delved into the fundamentals of robotics, honing their technical acumen and fostering a passion for STEM fields. This collaborative effort not only enriched our summer curriculum but also empowered students with valuable skills for the future.

The Teen division tabletop roleplaying program became so popular we had to split it into two sessions per month, one focused on storytelling and character development and one teen-led focused on engaging all players..

BUDGET

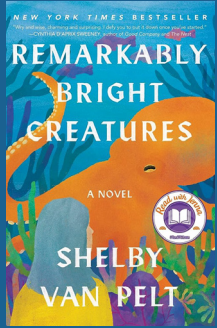
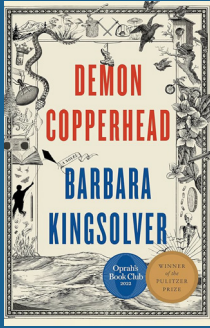
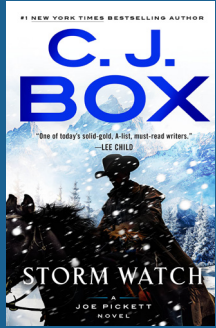


2023 REVENUE

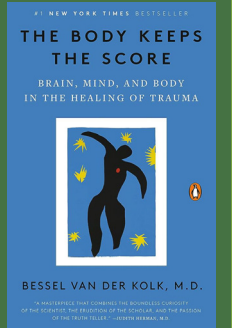
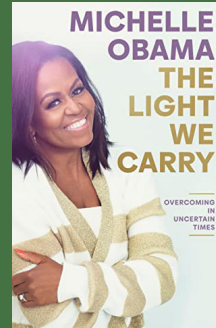


TOP ITEMS 2023

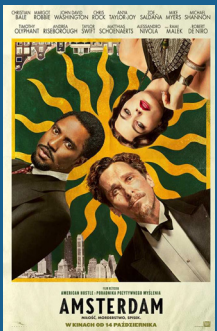
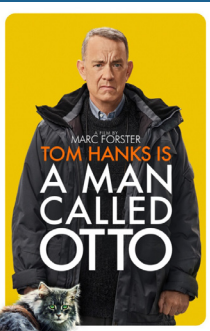
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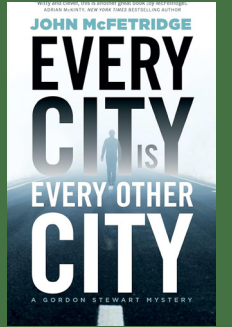
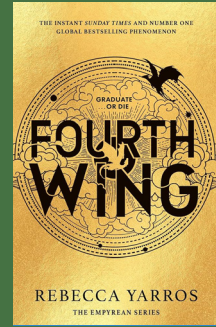
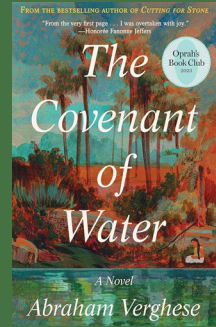
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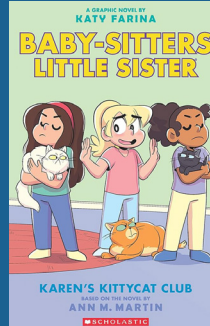
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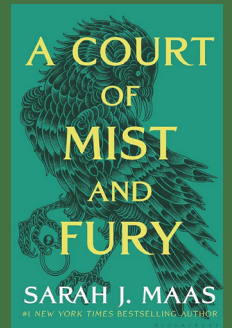
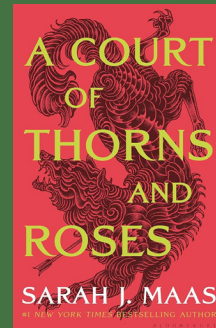
AUDIO BOOKS



CHILDREN'S



TEENS





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The Friends of the Loveland Public Library generously support many of the programs and events offered at no cost at the Library. Their kind contributions support the Loveland community by making it possible for the library to offer more events and programs! Donations and membership dues go toward a range of programs, services, and materials that otherwise would not be available, such as:



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Apply online at www.friendsofthelovelandlibrary.org, or fill out an application in person next time you are in the Library. Memberships are available for individuals, business, families and more - starting at just \$10!

Benefits of a Friends of the Library Membership include:



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