

What's Something Your Library Did That You're Proud Of?

- Responses (mostly)
from the 2023
Annual Report



Adams Public Library System

- We provide an outreach program to the local Amish Schools in the county - 44 of the 46 schools.... The program has been funded through grants to allow us to serve these schools which are all outside of any library district. We are fortunate to be able to help inspire reading and encourage learning throughout the county.





Akron Carnegie Public Library

I think our greatest venture this year was to create a life-sized Candy Land Game for our community to enjoy! All the staff took part in creating this giant playing board, complete with the Candy Castle, Lollipop Woods, Molasses Swamp, Rainbow Trail and Gumdrop Mountain. We had over 150 people who played our game and everyone truly seemed to enjoy it!



Alexandria- Monroe Public Library

We celebrated 120 years of service in our current location! We recreated the library's first open house back in 1903 when the new Carnegie building was completed. We had live music from our community band, cake and punch, and our staff even dressed as the past head librarians through the decades!





Alexandrian Public Library

- Lots of building improvements
- Signed a contract to replace HVAC air handler
- Tons of tween programming added;
- ...continuing to survive every day.

Allen County Public Library

- Within a six month period in 2023, ACPL migrated to a new ILS, a new mobile app, and a new website. It was an extraordinary effort from across the entire organization.
- Another proud moment was when in December 2023 our Board of Trustees approved paid parental leave for employees.






Anderson Public Library

- We worked hard to increase employee satisfaction with the work environment.
- We participated in Christmas in Lapel.

Andrew
Dallas-
Township
Public
Library



We began a monthly library book subscription box for 2nd - 5th graders. We include at least 3 books in each monthly box check-out: 1 nonfiction, 1 chapter book, and 1 picture book. The books are typically connected by a theme, and the choices are tailored to the specific child.



Aurora Public Library District

We went fine free!



Avon-
Washington
Township
Public
Library

We weathered a flood.

Bartholomew County Public Library

Completing our strategic
plan.



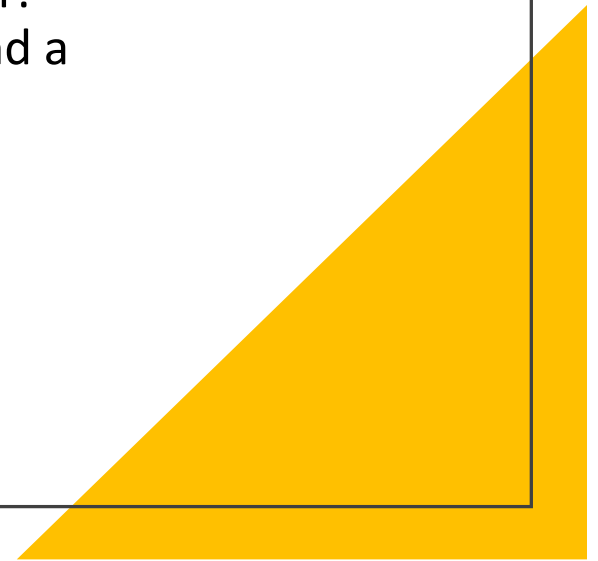


Batesville Memorial Public Library

Our library has been hard at work planning for our future. Over the past two years we have developed a plan for an Arts & Innovation Hub, developing community partnerships along the way. In November, the Batesville City Council approved our request to issue bonds for the project. The Batesville Memorial Public Library has never had debt and our board and staff worked hard to prove the need for these funds with the future in mind.

Bedford Public Library

We offered two new programs/events this year: a civics camp for teens and a community culture crawl.



Bell Memorial Public Library

[We] improved the exterior of the Library by having it painted a different color and making our parking lot MUCH more ADA compliant. We also added a new electronic outdoor sign.



Berne Public Library

[We] improved our adult and "all ages" programming by creating new events such as a "Carriage Ride and Cocoa" event and an Ancestry.com class. We also began working with the local Purdue extension office to provide educational (and fun!) classes for all ages.



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Bicknell-Vigo Township Public Library

We have greatly increased advocacy in the community, leading to invitations to set up booths at events hosted by several community organizations.



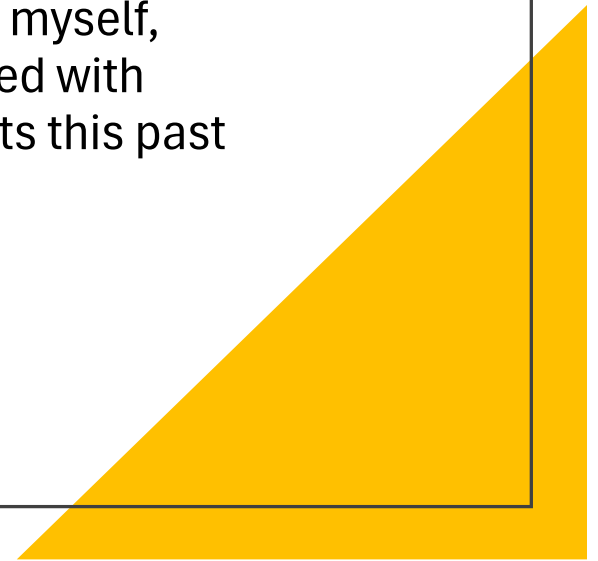
Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library

We started a Community
Garden.




Boonville- Warrick County Public Library

My staff worked very hard to increase the numbers in all areas of programming. They also all stepped up to help each other, and myself, when many of us were faced with some devastating moments this past year.





Bourbon
Public Library



We expanded the reach of our Summer Discovery Program by visiting two daycare facilities weekly during the program.



Brazil Public Library

We supported the community with multiple programs and activities.

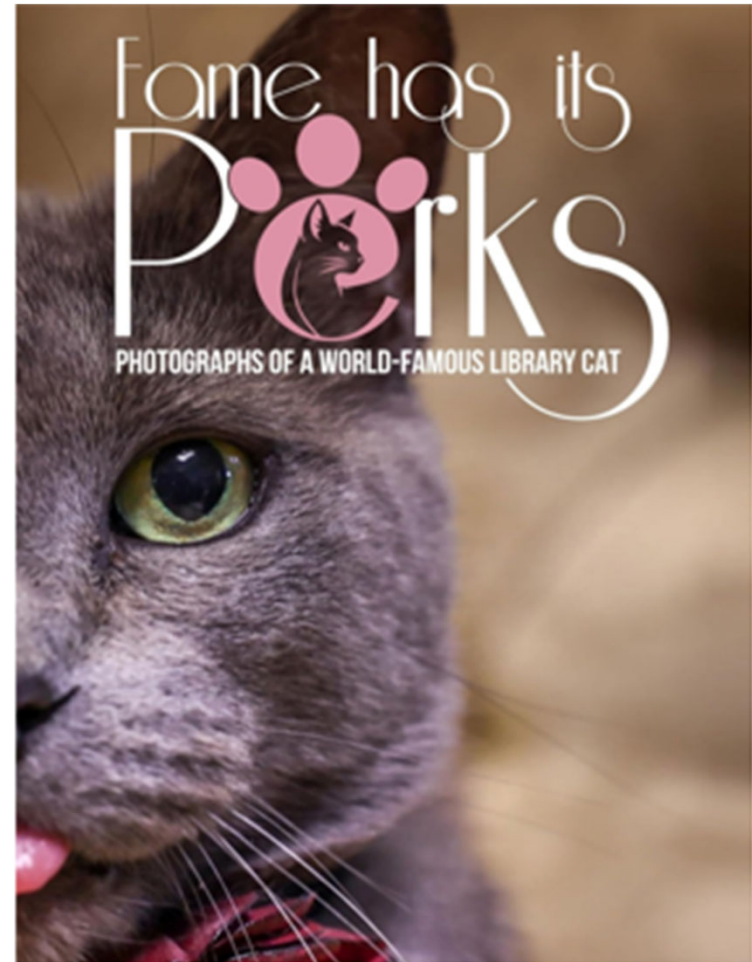


Bremen Public Library

- Weathered a significant book challenge (*Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe) that made its way to the county prosecutor's office.

Bristol-Washington Township Public Library

- Page Turner has been a valued member of our staff for the past 6 years and **continues to grow her fan base**, as we use her for most of our promotions!
- Page wrote a book this summer with lots of pictures of her life at the library, and it's available on Amazon for those living too far away to come in and see her!






Brown County Public Library

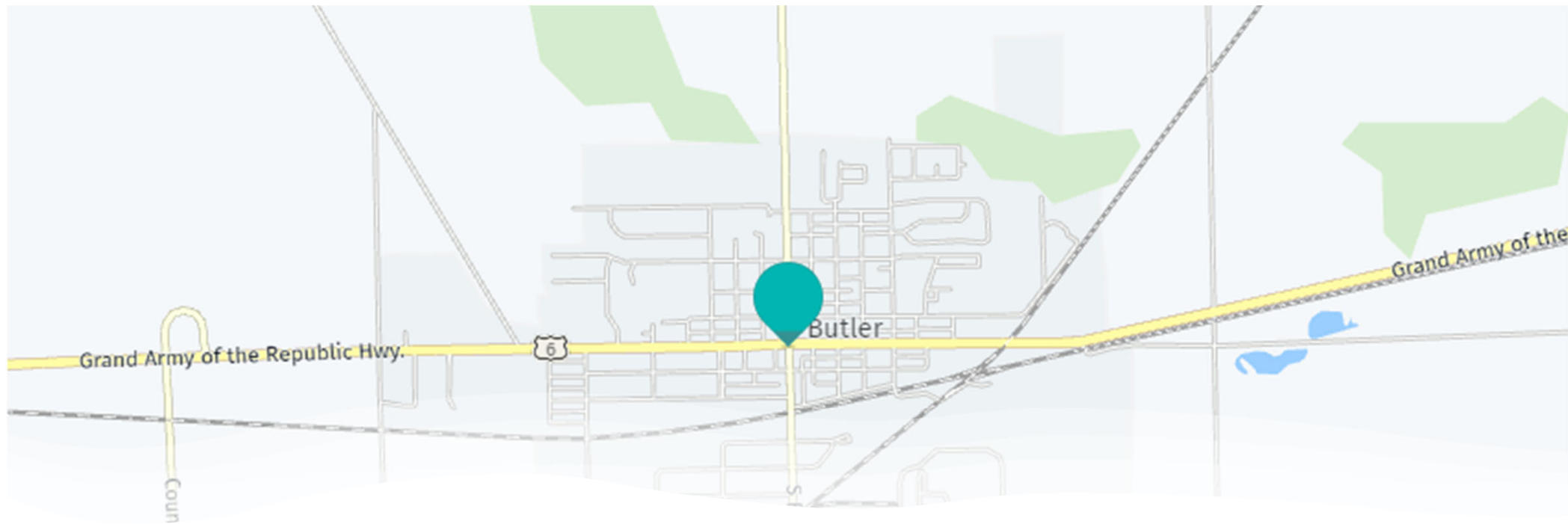
- We only paid **\$300 in electricity bills** (purely connection fee only) because our solar carport paid for the rest.

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Brownstown Public Library

We started programming with the independent learners (special needs) with the middle and high school students.

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Butler Carnegie Public Library

- Expanded our newsletter and program reach to those outside of our taxing district. Our Board is beginning to be asked by rural residents how their township can become part of the library district.



Cambridge City
Public Library


I'm proud of our partnership with Richmond Adult Education to provide GED / High School Equivalency classes. I believe this is an excellent use of our board room and will be very beneficial to our community.


Camden-
Jackson
Township
Public
Library

[W]e did a ton of public outreach. We worked a lot with the local school and brought in so many kindergarteners that have never been our library before. We have done almost double the programming than our previous years.




Carmel Clay Public Library

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- CCPL now hosts local authors through our Foundation with Saturday signings.
 - We've begun a Youth Library Council to prepare our younger patrons for the ever-popular Teen Library Council.
 - Our library card registrations have more than doubled.



Carnegie Public Library Of Steuben County

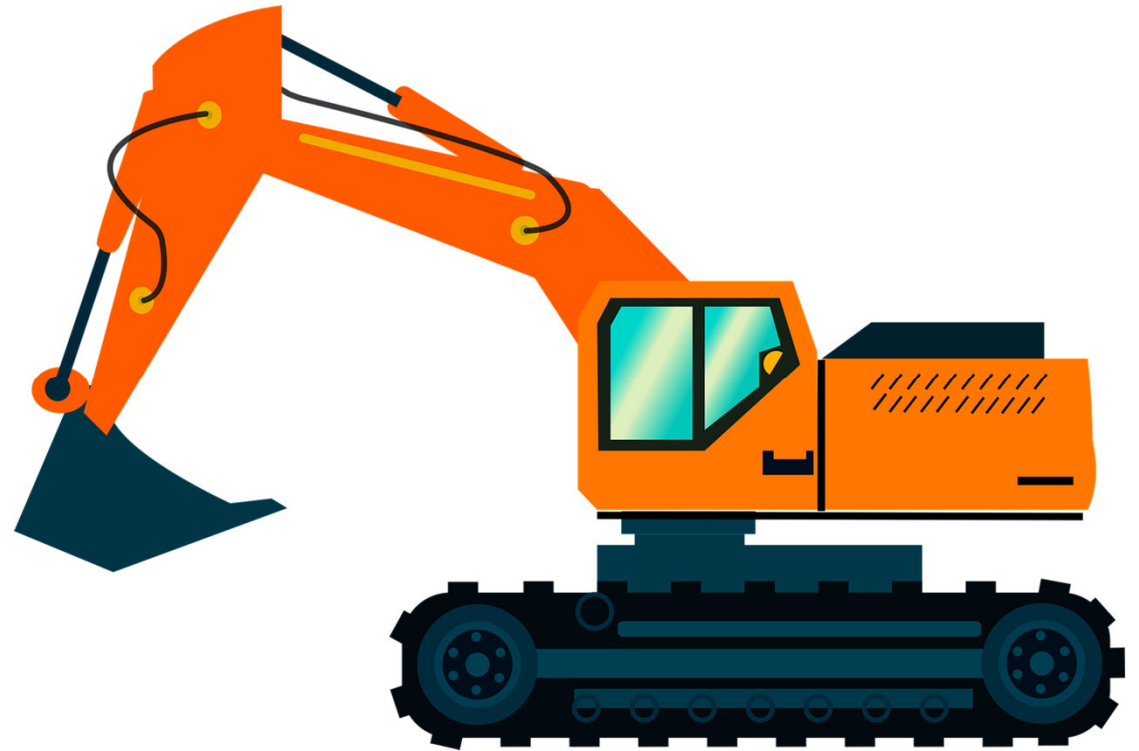
This felt like the first year things were back to something similar to pre-pandemic normal. [T]raffic in the library is high and our children's department is thriving under new staff.





Centerville- Center Township Public Library

We finally started our
renovation project last year.






Clinton Public Library

As always, I am extremely proud of our staff. We are blessed with a small but mighty staff. Our staff went above and beyond in 2023 with our outreach programs. I know the staff enjoyed working on and presenting our 2nd Annual Cemetery Walk. The community really has enjoyed this program.



Covington-Veedersburg Public Library

We were able to create an inviting outdoor space at our Veedersburg Library with the help of the community and a grant from our local Community Foundation. We built a beautiful pavilion and added new sidewalks and landscaping. The community is very pleased with this addition to our library.



Crawfordsville District Public Library

We [made] lots of technology updates. We updated the computer and projector technology in our meeting rooms. We've also added wireless printing, upgraded our Internet bandwidth in both buildings, and just received a grant to fund a mobile laptop lab for technology classes and hotspots/Chromebooks to circulate.



Crown Point Community Public Library

The library was named the
2023 Nonprofit of the Year
by the CrossRoads Regional
Chamber of Commerce in
March of 2023.





Darlington Public Library

We...

- replaced the sidewalk in front of both buildings
- provided in-house crafts and kits to children to make things at home
- added items to the library museum
- expanded circulation of the library newsletter
- delivered books to patrons with physical disabilities


Dunkirk Public Library

We had a back to school party, participated in Glass Days, [had a] free movie night in the summer, and also had a Polar Express movie and fun night.

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Earl Park- Richland Township Public Library

I gave the children's nonfiction area a refresh. Many books were old and the information was outdated. Several books were purged and replaced by approximately 100 new titles that are high interest and appealing to the eye. In addition, the nonfiction area itself was rearranged and expanded giving it a warm inviting appearance.

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East Chicago Public Library

[We're proud of] our cultural programs, Halloween,
Christmas, and dinner play programs.



Eckhart Public Library

- Successful use of mobile library services including printing, internet, activities, card sign-up and more at summer outreach events.
- The library participated in a hugely popular community event called **Strawberries Around the Fountain**, organized and conducted by the Friends of the Library.

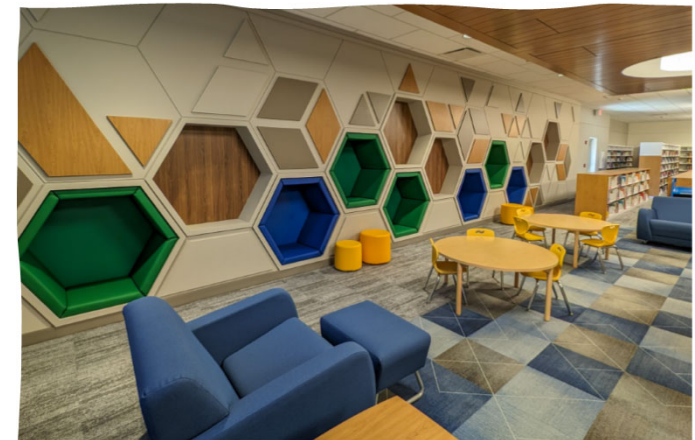
Elkhart Public Library

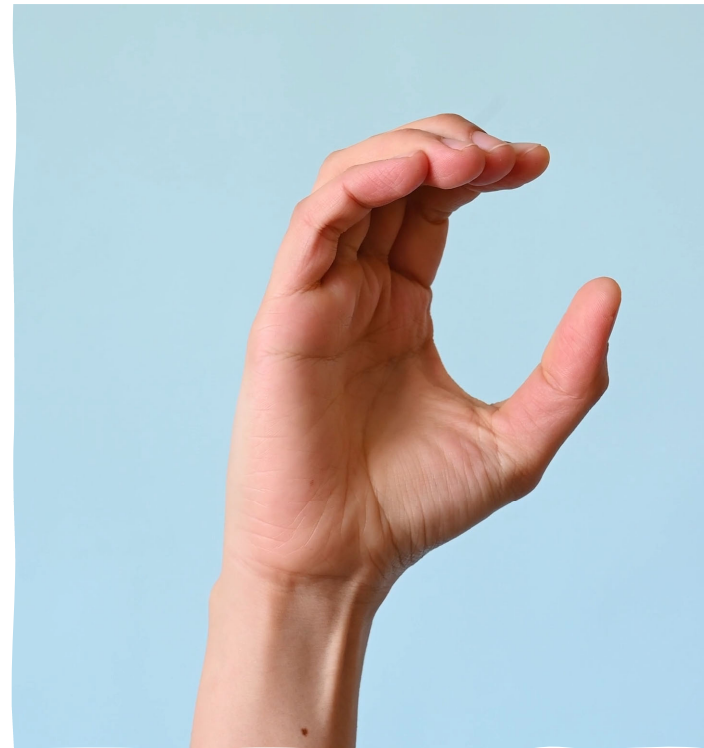
Completed the
renovation/expansion of
all four branches.



Evansville- Vanderburgh Public Library

Started our first location renovation from our Facilities Master Plan. Bonded for a \$4 million renovation of [EVPL McCollough](#).





Fairmount Public Library


We have begun learning ASL so we can better communicate with our Deaf and hearing-impaired patrons.

Farmland Public Library

FPL received a \$10,000 gift from a former resident of Randolph County who was rewarding library services received in the 1980s!



Flora-
Monroe
Township
Public Library



We added a library of things room to our children's area and hosted a community read prize during summer reading to fill it with different games, a smartboard, seating, and new shelving for graphic novels. It was a hit!

Floyd County Library System

[We] hired a certified Social Worker. She has done an incredible job of working with our staff on... [navigating] services to individuals struggling with mental illness and substance abuse, as well as working closely with our unhoused patrons, and collaborating with community agencies to connect our library visitors with community resources.



Fort Branch- Johnson Township Public Library

We were able to open a 12,000 square foot addition to our 1917 central library.

Our open house brought in 350 people on a Sunday afternoon.



Francesville-
Salem
Township
Public Library

- Our one township library is located in a small rural area. Our Summer Reading Program continues to grow in participants even though we are small. 2023 Summer Reading Program had 147 participants!



Frankfort- Clinton County Contractual Public Library

We have really been
expanding our programming
and getting a lot of positive
feedback!



Fulton County Public Library


As part of her Fulton County Leadership Academy group project, Library Director Andrea Roe helped plan and install StoryWalks in Fulton County featuring bilingual picture books.



Gary Public Library

The Gary Public Library opened a "MakerSpace Room". You'll find 3D printers, Cricut Smart Cutting Machines, and sewing machines, along with an assortment of handy tools and equipment where you can transform your designs into reality!





Every other year we transform our entire library as a program offering to our community. In 2021 our theme was Harry Potter and in 2023 our theme was The Wizard of Oz. We had an incredible turn out with each, and both the staff and community were in awe of the final transformational products!



Gas City-Mill
Township
Public Library

Goshen Public Library

- In keeping with our strategic plan, we prioritized Spanish fluency for new hires whenever possible. We now have a more diverse staff that better reflects the community while it **reduces barriers** for an underserved population.



Hagerstown- Jefferson Township Public Library

We greatly expanded our Library of Things
to make items available to patrons.

Hamilton East Public Library

Building bridges with local leaders to
more effectively serve our
community.





Harrison County Public Library

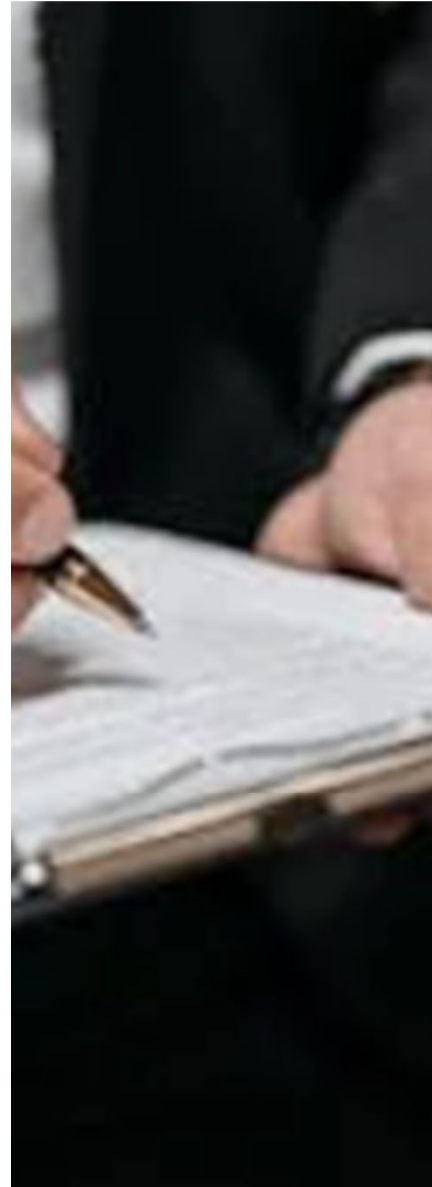
HCPL held a Winter Reading Challenge - Read to Feed Harrison County. Businesses pledged support to our local community services organization if the community reached the reading goal of 10,000 books.

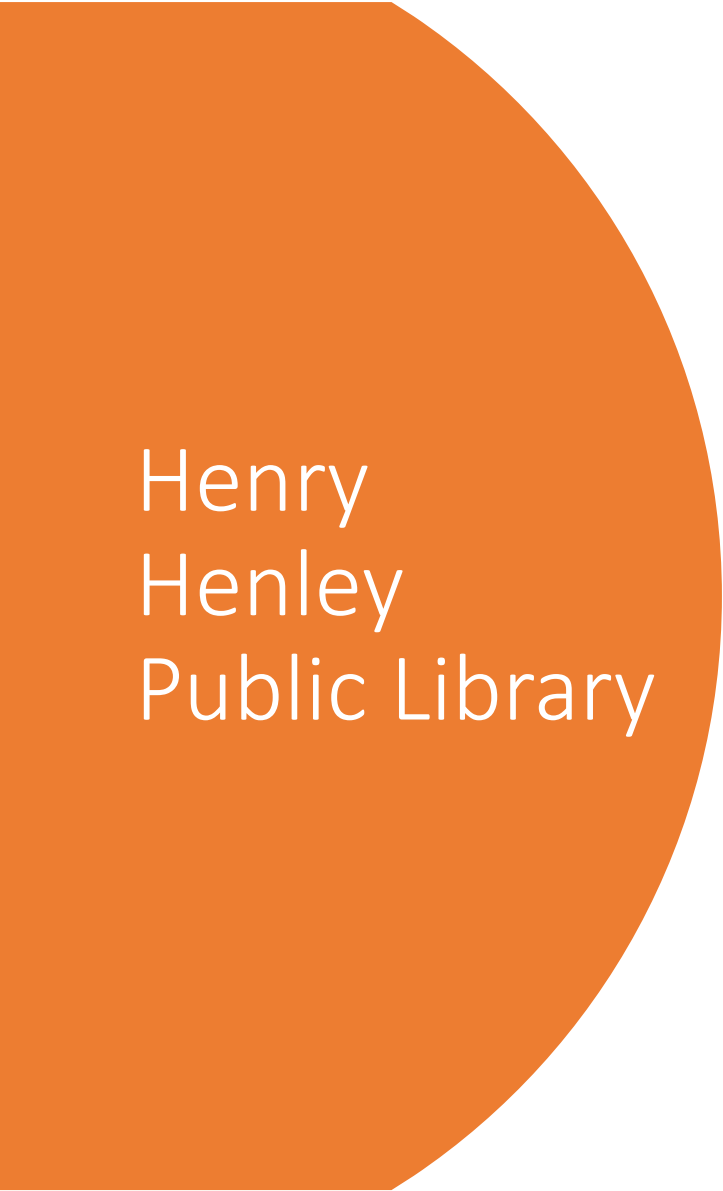
30,418 books were read and logged.



Hartford City Public Library


First inventory of physical
since joining Evergreen
Indiana.



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Henry Henley Public Library

We formed a library endowment foundation. To promote [it], we held a [Night in the Stacks](#) and served refreshments made by a local chef....Many attendees hadn't been in the library for years and the evening resulted in many positive remarks and donations.

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Huntingburg Public Library

The [Fuertes Together Dual Language Program](#) continues to evolve. We continue to expand the Spanish collection for our community.



Hussey-Mayfield Memorial Public Library

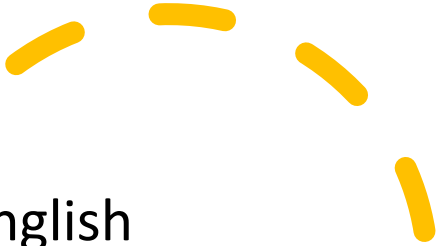
- We added a musical sensory garden outside and added new equipment to the makerstudio.
- We continued construction on the new Whitestone Branch.

Indianapolis Public Library

We completed a multi-year Climate Improvement Process. IndyPL staff, leadership, and board members implemented the climate study recommendations, working toward positive, equitable experiences for both staff and patrons.



Jasonville Public Library


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- Jasonville Public Library implemented Spanish\English classes through the Greene County Literacy Foundation.

Jasper County Public Library

- [W]e offered programs at an agency serving adults with developmental disabilities. Our librarian meets monthly with approximately 40 adults to engage in life enrichment activities. The positive impact this program is having is evidenced by the smiles, cheers, and applause that our staff member receives when they arrive each month.



Jasper-
Dubois
County
Contractual
Public
Library



As a focus of our strategic plan, programming staff visited a variety of places and organizations to offer programming. We are happy to see those outreach numbers continue to increase.

Jeffersonville Township Public Library

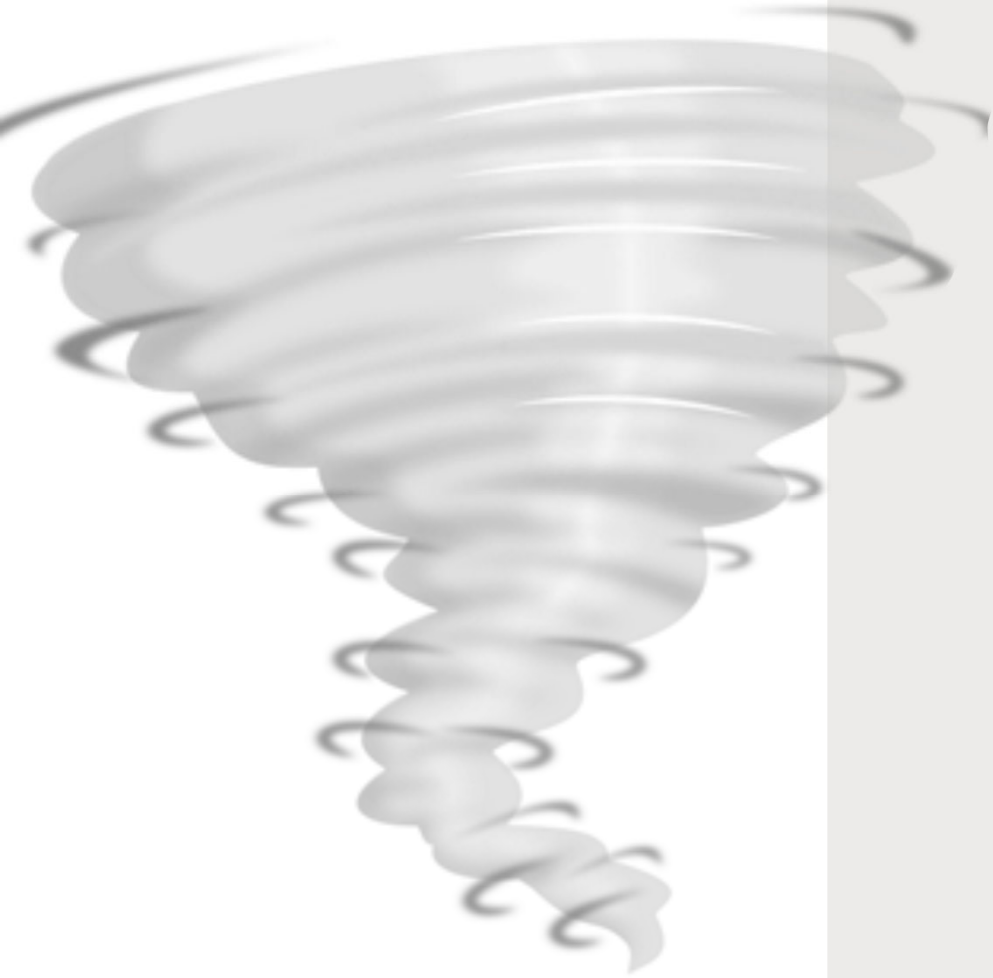
We opened a **fully accessible playground** at one of our locations. We reimagined our outdoor terrace space into a fully immersive, educational, and art space with five distinct activity stations documenting the history of the transfer and preservation of knowledge over time from cave paintings to computers.





Jennings County Public Library

We launched our WOW bus (bookmobile) and in 9 months we served over 2700 patrons, had 3900 checkouts, 187 stops and 82 programs.



Johnson County Public Library

- We recovered from not one but *two* building disaster events - a water pipe burst at one branch and a tornado at another
- We opened an Exploration Walk for children to explore STEAM activities along a local fitness path.
- We launched a bookmobile - JCPL on Wheels



Jonesboro Public Library

Maintaining up-to-date materials for patrons to
read and enjoy.

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Joyce Public Library

As part of our SRP, the children painted Kindness Rocks and distributed to the town's businesses. This activity was met with much support from the business owners.

18 months later, these rocks are *still* displayed, while anonymous donors have added others in town.

Kendallville Public Library

We have been working
on our infrastructure as
a whole and seeing
improvement.



Kewanna-
Union
Township
Public Library

A successful Summer Reading
Program.





Kingman- Millcreek Public Library

To expand our community outreach to serve our aging population, we hosted 2 vaccination clinics with the Health Department [for] flu season, as well as having a SHIP representative assist patrons during the Medicare enrollment period.

Kirklin Public Library

We also adopted a library cat and named him C.S. Lewis. He is an amazing addition to our building and services. Our patrons love him and he is the absolute best!



Knightstown Public Library

The town rallied behind us during a renovation. The superintendent space to store our collection, cheerleaders to help pack and the football team to move boxes. Various businesses provided packing material, trucks and trailers, and support. The Cary Center offered us three rooms in their basement to set up a temporary library. The library was closed for only about one week during the move.



Knox County Public Library

- We're proud of the awards received by the library in 2023: Indiana Library Federation Collaboration Award; Knox County Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year Award; Vincennes Sun-Commercial Readers' Choice Awards: Best Place for Family Fun; Best Non-Profit.
- The Dino Invasion programs by Feller Express drew largest attendance in the history of the library: 800 attendees over two programs.



Kokomo-Howard County Public Library

Our Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit was a huge success. It brought visitors from across Indiana and even from out of state, and encouraged thoughtful discussion. The curators from the museum described our exhibit as "what we envisioned for the exhibit."

La Crosse Public Library

- [LCPL] has really worked on making a space in the library for all individuals. We gave teen and tweens with a new lounge area with comfortable seating, tables, books, and activities. We added educational play and STEAM play to the juvenile section.

La Grange County Public Library

Outreach Services delivers books to more than 60 Amish schools throughout the service district (LaGrange County).



La Porte County Public Library

We worked very hard
to rebuild program
attendance to pre-
pandemic levels.

Ladoga-Clark Township Public Library

- We restructured our Summer Reading Program. We doubled our kid involvement from the previous year and had successful first time programs for teens and adults!
- We facilitated a renovation of our Children's/Community room to make it more inviting and comfortable.

Lake County Public Library

Installed an elevator at our Hobart branch, creating a more accessible building. It did not require an addition to the building; the architect and engineers made minor interior changes to include the electric elevator.






Lawrenceburg Public Library

We officially became Fine Free.





Lebanon Public Library



Approved a construction bond to increase the number of study rooms. Added circulating wifi hotspots.

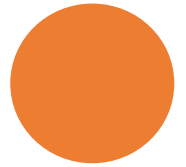
Ligonier Public Library

We created a Little Art Gallery and a Little Free Library on our property so patrons would have access to culture and reading materials 24/7.



Lincoln Heritage Public Library

We expanded our Library of Things collection and created a MakerSpace room.



Linden Public Library


Our partnership continues
to grow with the schools!





Loogootee Public Library

Hired a part-time programmer/Clerk. She designed a traveling the USA summer reading program that the kids loved.



Lowell Public Library

LPL celebrated 30 years in our main building. We had displays from the groundbreaking and construction (horses were used to remove trees). We also displayed two Lowell Town community quilts that were created for the town's sesquicentennial celebration.



Marion Public Library

We began to distribute
Comfort Care kits to those in
need (shampoo, deodorant,
toothpaste, etc).





Melton Public Library




We scheduled more programs in the library that brought people from our community that do not normally come into the library. We also scheduled more general programs that would allow different ages attend together.



Michigan City Public Library


We replaced the old, electric baseboard heaters around our courtyard with a high-efficiency hot water boiler system, providing much more affordable warmth for patrons and staff throughout the winter.



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Middlebury Community Public Library

The Hamilton summer reading video post received more than **1.3 million views and 64k likes**. Author Leigh Bardugo commented on a post, B&N follows us, and ALA reposted two of our videos.

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Milford Public Library

- We had as many programs as possible outside.
- With Mini Masterpieces, patrons of all ages could get a small canvas, easel, paint brush and paint and paint something they loved. They returned the paintings and we had a week to pick our three favorites (patrons voted).
- For Socktober, we collected 323 pairs of new socks to be donated to local people in need.





Mitchell Community Public Library

Increased our door count numbers by
offering expanded programming and
reference services!



Monon Town & Township Public Library

We started a few [new collections](#) for adult Spanish items as well as adult graphic novels. We're also proud of our community presence in that we take an active role in community events.



Monroe County Public Library

MCPL opened our first new branch since 1991 with the grand opening of the Southwest Branch Library on June 9, 2023!

Monroe County Public Library

- MCPL opened the Southwest Branch Library on June 9, 2023!
- MCPL completed a comprehensive compensation study resulting in a significant increase in overall wages, benefits, and workplace culture improvements for Library staff.

Monterey- Tippecanoe Township Public Library

- We had a big weeding project, which has our shelves looking so nice. We have cleaned up and organized our book sale and storage room and now have an ongoing booksale. Along with that we organized a book sale for our town wide yard sale over Labor Day Weekend.

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 - - Monticello-Union Township Public Library

The library partnered with our parks department to install a storywalk on the nature trail and it was funded by our Friends of the Library, Kiwanis club and Tri-Kappa.



Montpelier-Harrison Township Public Library

Our summer reading program was a success with more children attending the programs. We registered several new patrons with Evergreen cards.





Mooreville Public Library

- Our lease rental retires in 2025. We presented a proposal to our fiscal body, to seek a \$5.7 million dollar General Obligation bond. We were told by the Council in a 5-0 vote yes that our library was a value to our community and that they found the presentation of services and projects as a means to extend services and programming to our community.



Morgan County Public Library

We faced the challenge of having little to no delivery of Evergreen holds/transits for the second half of 2023. Staff did a great job of "rolling" with the uncertainty and communicating positively with our patrons about the situation.



Morrisson
Reeves
Public Library

We completed our 2023-2027 strategic plan; this was a nine-month process and we received over **1000 completed surveys** from the community in addition to multiple focus groups and listening sessions.



Muncie- Center Township Public Library

MPL was awarded \$100,000 from the Patricia Schafer Foundation towards the Renovation of the Historical Carnegie Library.

Nappanee Public Library

- Helped the Friends group set up a Friends Book Shop in the library.
- [W]e hosted our first craft fair for local people who make food or craft items. They could come and sell their wares at no cost for booth space.
- The birdhouse decorating contest was a huge highlight for us with 64 entries
- We had 1226 listens to our local history podcast and a lot of our previous years episodes were listened too.



New Carlisle & Olive Township Public Library

- We partnered with our local Historic Society for a "Girl of the Limberlost" month. We hosted a book club, visit to local Spicer Lake and Historic New Carlisle hosted an impersonator of Gene Stratton Porter. * Our senior exercise classes were so successful we found a way to continue this program after the grant money ran out. We are continuing this program into 2024.



A Visit from
Gene Stratton-Porter

Thursday, September 7

7:00 p.m.

at
Historic New Carlisle



New Castle- Henry County Public Library

- We had a really great summer reading program last year. We thought we were going to be under construction, so we planned to do the programming offsite and it turned out great. Programs were really well attended and we were able to do some things that we haven't done before (storytime in the park, foam days every week, etc.)



Newton County Public Library

Morale has boosted!



Noble County Public Library

- Local "Creator" Vendor Fair - we held an event in our libraries for local entrepreneurs who create (jewelry, garden, crafts, clothes, soaps, and so much more). This was an amazing event that showcased many entrepreneurs with and without storefronts. * Bridge Webinar - The State Library held a makerspace webinar in our Bridge to showcase all that we offer our community and especially entrepreneurs. Our Bridge is even part of the Noble County Economic Development Corporation's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem. * KiPS - We continue to offer our Kindergarten Prep School in collaboration with our local school system. We created this program 15 years ago to help ensure ALL incoming kindergartners were ready for kindergarten. We have consistently enrolled about 70% of the incoming class every year.



North Judson-Wayne Township Public Library

- We opened a Community Care Corner, providing personal care products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, and feminine products to patron in need.

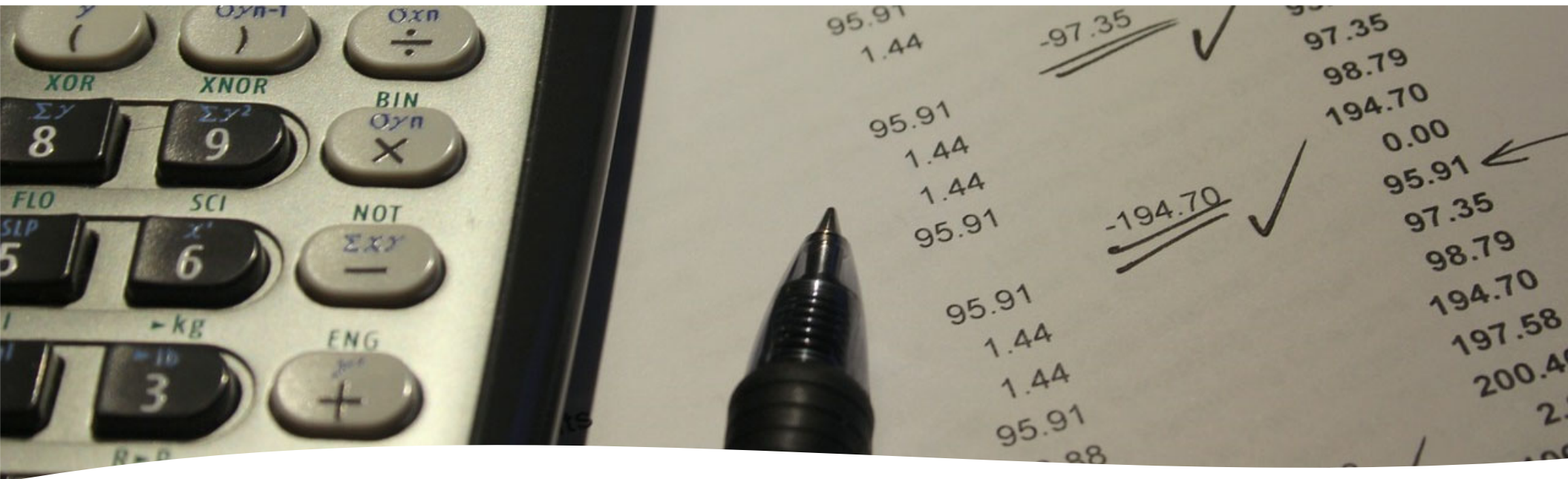
North Madison County Public Library System

- Received \$100,000 from the Hazelbaker Family to build a covered pavilion off the south side of the Ralph E. Hazelbaker Library.



North Manchester Public Library

- Began translating our electronic sign into Spanish for our Spanish speaking community members.
- Developed a Future Librarians of NMPL program to introduce young patrons to the ins and outs of being a librarian and to provide them with training in basic library processes.
- Made a reciprocal agreement with South Whitley Community Public Library.




Oakland City-
Columbia
Township Public
Library

We participated in the Wood Memorial Internship Program and introduced a future accounting major to library bookkeeping.



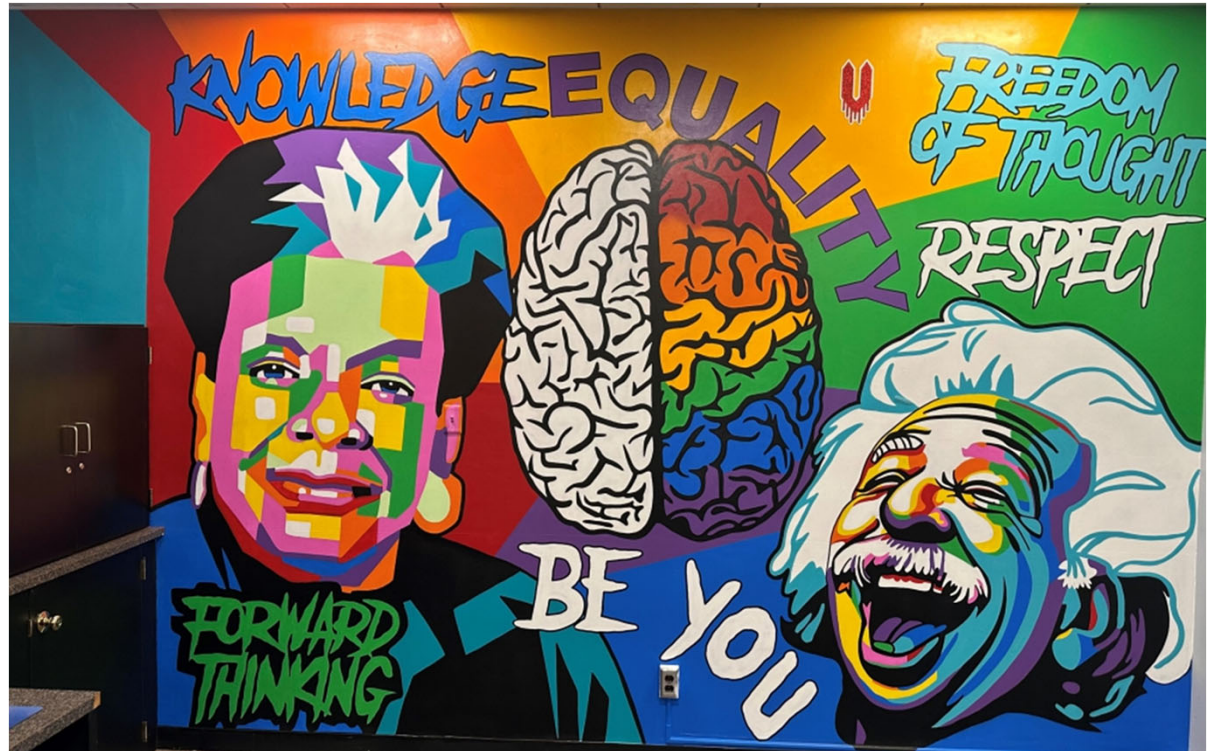
Odon Winkelpleck Public Library



- We added a story trail in the local park in memory of our a 10 year old patron who passed away.
 - We expanded our library district from a population of 3,018 to 9,450.
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Ohio County Public Library

After years of trying we had a huge inside mural done by a trending greater Cincinnati mural artist. It is **huge, bright** and **beautiful!**





Orleans Town & Township Public Library

- We have steadily increased the number of programs that we have offered and increased the number of partnerships with other organization. We did all of this with fewer staff hours through a significant staff transition during the summer of 2023. We have wonderful staff members who care about the library and its patrons!

Otterbein Public Library

We finished our building
project!



Owen County Public Library

- Our new coordinator for our Adult Learning Center met all her goals for the year, ensuring funding for next year.
- Our Bookmobile had the highest door count ever.
- We just started a care-giver support group that is being very well attended and seems very much appreciated.





Owensville Carnegie Public Library

The Owensville Library has totally revamped our adult and children's programming schedule. We have had consistent double-digit attendance for nearly all programs, and our guest speaker on Bigfoot drew over 250 people and the Evansville news station!



Paoli Public Library

We hired a new
person to coordinate
activities in the
children's room



Parke County Public Library

We moved our genealogy section and turned the old space into a Teen Space! Our theme is classic 1980s arcade, chosen by our TAB. We've seen a huge increase in teens hanging out in the PCPL Teencade....We went from maybe 2 teens a day to a solid dozen regulars every day after school.

Peabody Public Library

Recognized Pride month for the first time as a library. While very controversial in the community... there were a significant number of individuals that supported our efforts for inclusion and thanked us.






Penn Township Public Library

We do **give a new book**, of their choice, to every kid that attends the Pennville Pumpkin Festival in October. The give away is for any child birth through high school senior. We feel it is important for children to own a nice new book.



Perry County Public Library

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- We completely rebranded, launched our new website, and became more prominent out in the community, [with] our Director now on the board ...of multiple local organizations
 - [We] finished Phase 1 of the Perry County Historical Newspaper & Yearbook Archive,
 - Our numbers in almost every category was the highest it's been since pre-Covid



Peru Public Library

We partnered with our local parks dept. to give quality free, family programming during June and July. We had animal shows, magicians, a drum circle, a science show, a petting zoo, and multiple foam parties. We had people coming from different communities to enjoy our programming.



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Washington
Township Public
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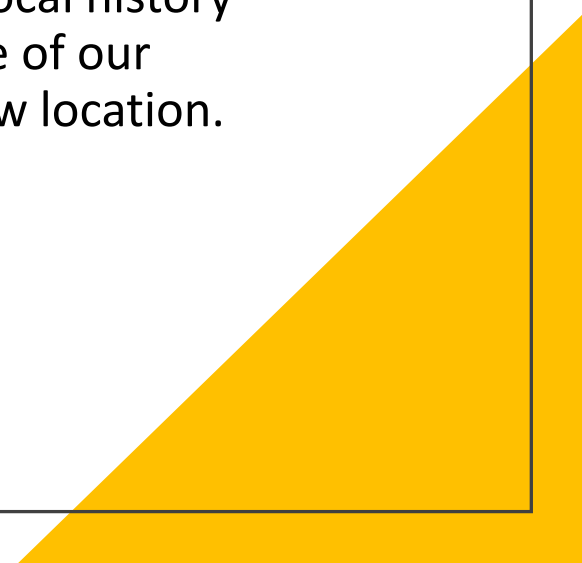
We joined Evergreen
Indiana!



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LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

Pike County Public Library

We were awarded an IDDC grant to add a mural celebrating local history and the library to the side of our newly remodeled Winslow location.



Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library

- Renovation of the first floor of the library and the resiliency of all library staff in successfully dealing with the resulting disruption to normal routines over several months
- Youth Services presented Sing Me A Story program with the Indianapolis Opera.
- We hosted our first Human Library event



Porter County Public Library System

- [We] began a plan to expand our outdoor library garden spaces so that each of our 5 branches will have an outdoor space.



Poseyville Carnegie Public Library

We have done a "Book Expo" [with a local school] where we took 300 books of different genres to the multipurpose room and invited all English classes to attend to discuss what types of books they might like.

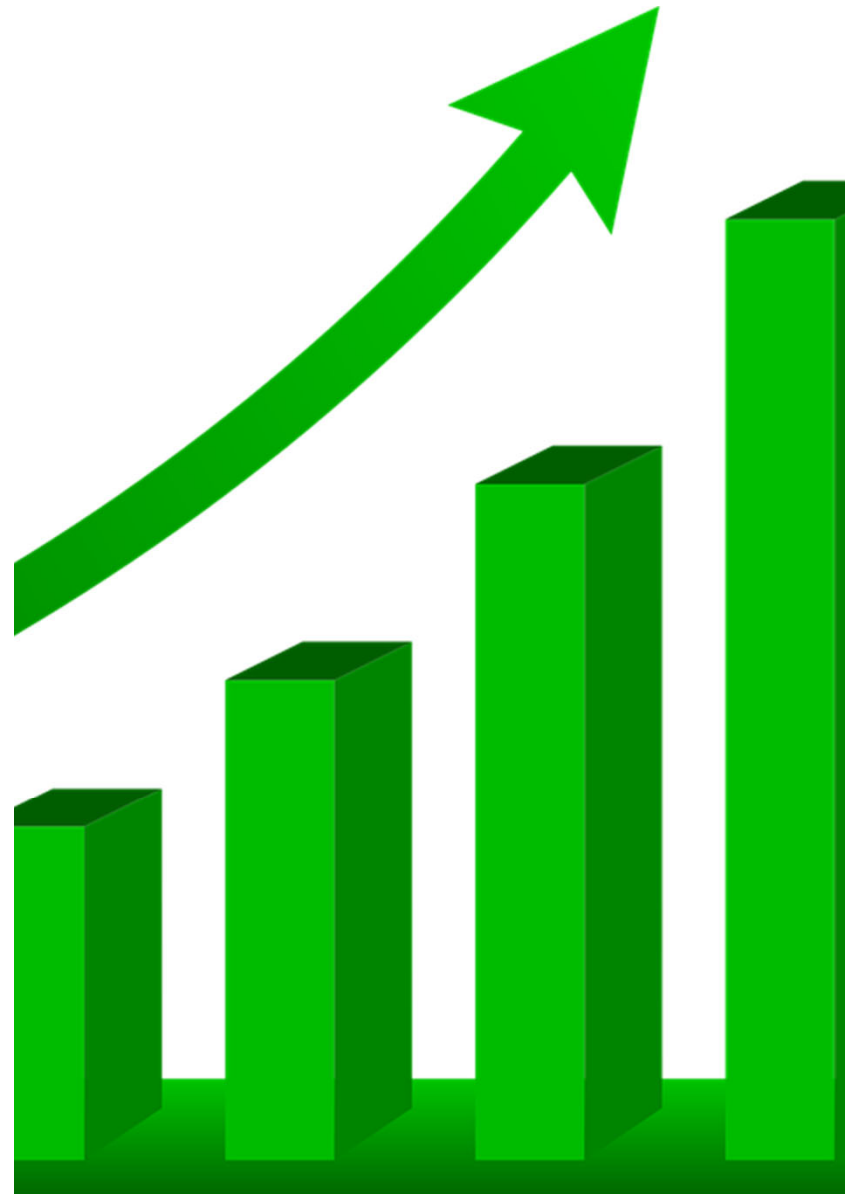


Princeton Public Library

We have created our Novelty Nook, which includes cake pans, cookie cutters, knitting kits, and crocheting kits. We provide books to go with the items. Also, we have created our Toy Box which offers puzzles; outdoor games, board games, and toys for all ages.

Putnam County Public Library

In looking at this report, we increased library usage in several key areas that we emphasized in 2023.




Ridgeville Public Library

- We increased our Reading Program to three (3) sessions of 6 weeks each. Our program is growing.
- We partnered with the Masonic Lodge for a day of reading and crafts at the Winchester Community Park for all ages.



Roachdale-
Franklin
Township
Public
Library

- In 2022, we began a Reading Challenge at our local elementary. We had expected it to fizzle out through the year. Instead, the kids read 19,220 books and chapters! We started the program up again in the fall of 2023, and the students have already read [10,639](#) from September-December!
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Roanoke Public Library

- We became one of the few places in town to pick up the local free newspaper since they decided to stop delivering. This allowed a lot of people who never visited the library prior to visit and see what the library has to offer.
- We hosted "reading buddies" out of the Purdue extension.



Royal Center-Boone Township Public Library

- We are proud of our "constant" patrons; they keep us on our toes! We had a great summer reading theme and loyal kiddos. We have some awesome ladies who come to see us every Tuesday morning for coffee.





Shelby County
Public Library

We received a grant to bring a "Library of Things" to our community and have diligently worked at curating and cataloging items for our patrons to check out.




Sheridan Public Library

We held free weekly summer concerts for the public




Shoals Public Library

We received a \$500,000.00 OCRA Public Facilities Grant! This combined with a USDA Rural Development Loan will allow us to move forward with a much needed expansion and renovation.



South
Whitley
Community
Public Library



We were able to nearly double the amount of interactions we had during our summer reading program in 2023 from the numbers we did in 2022.



Speedway Public Library

We started a stretching/chair yoga class. It's very popular!

Spencer County Public Library

We designed and installed a 1/8th mile StoryWalk at our Hatfield Branch. It has a concrete path to allow for handicapped accessibility.





Spiceland Town- Township Public Library

For Halloween trick-or-treating we provided each visitor with a new bookmark and candy. We had 100+ visitors and received more compliments on the bookmarks than candy.

This was a treat as many of our local neighbors had not previously visited our library.



St. Joseph County Public Library

The SBREADy program, in which all kindergarten students in the South Bend School Corporation received a SJCPL library card and visited the Main branch for a fun-filled group tour with their teacher.

Starke
County
Public Library
System

- We went **FINE FREE!**
- We had our first Book Festival and will be making it an annual event.



Sullivan County Public Library



We organized [SConPL](#) – a "local Comic Con" of sorts. It was a group effort featuring a guest speaker, vendors, games, lessons on Dungeons & Dragons, a cosplay showcase, a photo booth, food trucks, and prizes.

Swayzee Public Library

We had a record number
of [non-resident members](#).



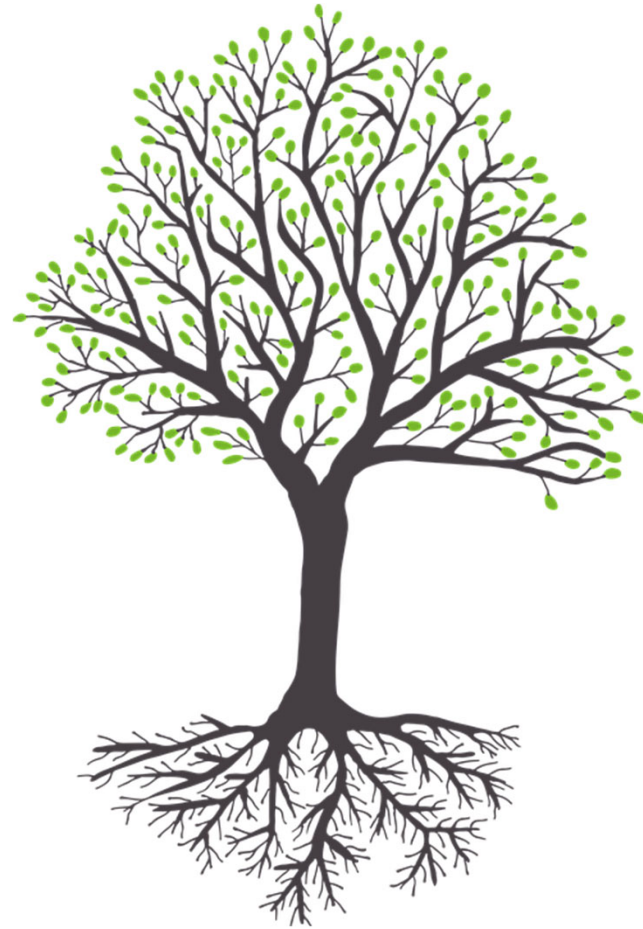
Switzerland County Public Library

We had a book bench decorating contest; the two local artists who won painted them before they were installed in the new outdoor lab. We held a ceremony where we unveiled the benches. More than 70 people attended, including board members of local foundations and government officials.



Syracuse-Turkey Creek Township Public Library

We finished building an outdoor programming area with a pavilion and garden area on an empty lot. The community chose the name "**Community Roots**" for this area.




Tipton County Public Library

- TCPL underwent a [building remodel](#) while staying open to the public to provide services. We added four study spaces, transformed the old computer lab into a makerspace, and updated the carpeting, shelving, and furniture.

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Tyson Library
Association
Inc

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We have updated our children's area
and have also had more teens
become involved with the library.


Union City Public Library

We restructured our Story Time reading program at the to include additional interactive and child physical, cognitive, and social development content. We partnered a pre-school Child Care service facility, a local Head Start facility, and local kindergarten and first grade classes of the local Elementary School to provide monthly outreach reading programs at each location.



Union County Public Library

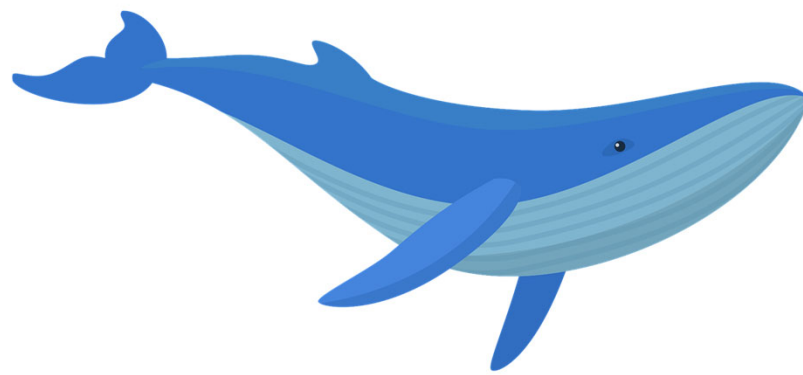
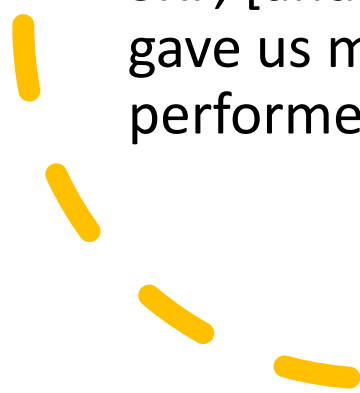
We made significant steps to getting closer to starting our building project which will begin in 2024.





Vermillion County Public Library

- [W]e had the Whale Mobile visit the library. The funds for this program were made possible from the International Paper grant.... [M]any of the patrons who attended this program told employees of International Paper how awesome it was that they were able to support the library and programming. IP has actually funded our 2024 SRP, [and due to] the positive response from the Whale Mobile, they gave us more than requested, allowing us to bring in more diverse performers.



Vigo County Public Library

We broke ground on a
NEW LIBRARY BRANCH!



Wabash Carnegie Public Library

- We began a renovation and expansion project that will add 4,900 square feet to our library building by the end of 2024.
- We started partnerships with two local assisted living places and which we supplied reading material.
- We have a very strong podcast program that reached 2 years running.

Walkerton-Lincoln Township Public Library

Added **sidewalks** to our
Unity Garden through
multiple ALA/ARSL grants.



Walton & Tipton Township Public Library




- We developed a YA reading area where teens may gather. We provided new furniture, along with a charging station. We also increased Young Adult books by acquiring hundreds of new materials, focusing on manga, rom-com novels, and paranormal, which were highly sought-out genres in our community. We also added a hot tea/coffee station for our patrons.

Wanatah Public Library


We rehabbed a room as
a cooperative display
and research space with
Wanatah Historical
Society.

Warren Public Library

- Radically improved our social media outreach.
 - More efforts with contacting local groups and organizations to share library mission and beneficial resources.
 - Borrowing the Oculus set from the State Library improved interest from local youth.
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The logo for the Warsaw Community Public Library features a large orange circle with a smaller blue circle at the bottom left. The text "Warsaw Community Public Library" is written in white inside the orange circle.

Warsaw
Community
Public Library

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- We offered a summer & winter reading program for all ages. Children, teens & adults enjoyed the additional games & challenges added to the summer reading program.



Washington Carnegie
Public Library

- We obtained a community engagement van.

Washington
Township
Public
Library



We held an open house at Christmas. 400 people attended crafts for children and cocoa cookies.



Waterloo-Grant Township Public Library

- Our Friends group held their **first** annual fundraiser.
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten has had **over 50 children** sign up in the past two years.

Waveland-Brown Township Public Library

- One of my favorite things our library did last year was partner with Duke Energy, Tree Line USA, and **planted seven trees** in our local park.



West Lafayette Public Library

- Our library director of 42 years retired in May of 2023. The staff, Board of Trustees and community participated in the search for someone to fill that role.



Westchester Public Library

- We not only survived, but thrived, during a year-long renovation Main Library branch. We did this work in four phases over the year, so only one quarter of the building was affected at a time, and we were able to stay open to the public throughout the entire renovation.



Westfield Washington Public Library

- We continued the construction of a new 43,000 square foot library building.
- We collaborated with Hamilton County and offered a program for the Hamilton County Bicentennial.


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Westville-New Durham Township Public Library

- We started collaborating more with our local school. A librarian has been visiting with the three first grade classes. We share a story, do an activity, and leave a basket of books on the particular topic we were discussing. The classes either visit the library or the librarian goes to the classroom.



Willard
Library Of
Evansville

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- We were able to enhance our offerings, providing our community with access to a wide range of e-books, audiobooks, digital magazines, in person programming, and databases.

Williamsport-
Washington
Township
Public Library

Our library received a donation of a scaled model of Mudlavia, a resort that existed in our County from 1890-1920. We held an open house dedicating it and four programs featuring its history; we had over a hundred in attendance.

Wolcott Community Public Library

We held our 6th annual Jan Wright Memorial Program in memory of a local woman who enjoyed crafts.



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York Township Public Library

We greatly increased the number of programs and the number of patron visits to our library.

Yorktown-
Mount
Pleasant
Township
Community
Public Library

- Created the position of Adult & Teen Programming Librarian and hired an energetic, young librarian who has increased the number of programs we offer these age groups exponentially.

