

Southeast Steuben County Library

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online and in the community



2023

Annual Report



Vision

The Southeast Steuben County Library is a community space in which everyone is welcome and provided an opportunity to explore their intellectual and creative curiosity.

By partnering with individuals and community organizations, we provide access to information and empower people of all ages to contribute to a more equitable community. We affirm the American Library Association's Bill of Rights and denounce all forms of censorship.

Mission

The Southeast Steuben County Library provides free and open access to collections, electronic resources, and innovative services which anticipate, support, and respond to the ever-changing informational, cultural, and leisure needs of all people in our community.

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Dear Patrons,

The library has truly evolved into a vibrant hub of creativity and community engagement, catering to and providing a wide range of programming and services. From traditional library service to the rising demand for diverse programs and materials it is a testament to the importance of libraries as spaces for lifelong learning and cultural enrichment.

For children, libraries offer story times, craft workshops, and STEM activities that not only entertain but also educate and foster early literacy skills. These programs are crucial in developing a child's love for reading and learning, setting a strong foundation for their educational journey.

For teens, library programming often includes maker space activities, STEM workshops, book clubs, and art/craft sessions, which are instrumental in supporting their transition from school to the real world.

These programs not only provide valuable learning opportunities but also a safe space for teens to express themselves and explore their interests with peers. This is particularly significant during the formative years of adolescence when social interaction and acceptance are crucial for personal development.

Adults are not left behind in the vibrant spectrum of library programming. From resume writing tools, crafting programs, gaming, digital literacy assistance and online author visits, these programs are designed to enhance life skills and promote continuous personal and professional development.

Furthermore, your library hosts discussions and workshops that delve into local history, art appreciation, and other cultural topics, enriching adults' lives and fostering a sense of community. As libraries continue to adapt and expand their offerings, they affirm their role as essential pillars of community well-being and lifelong learning.

Sincerely,

Pauline Emery, Library Director

2023 Statistics vs. 2022

136,790

Patron Visits 14% increase

Tech Help

3,439 45% increase



Creation Station 156
14% increase

51,959 **WIFI**
23% increase

Program Attendance

25,521

18% increase

141,558 Material Checkouts

8% increase

56,929 Digital Checkouts

16% increase

Reference Questions 15,879 46% increase

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE NEW



MARY LU WALKER CHILDREN'S ROOM

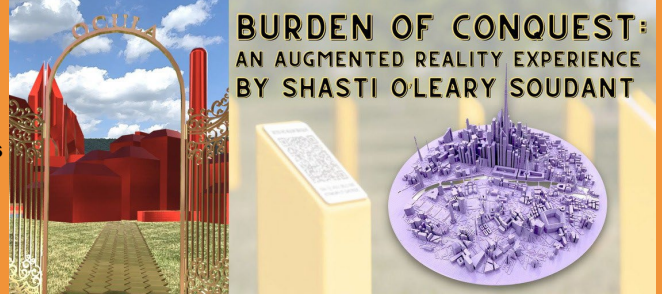
The Mary Lu Walker Children's Room was finalized in March 2023. Mary Lu Walker was a well loved member of the library community. The Walker Family memorial donation inspired the creation of a magical children's room. We want to recognize the generous contributions of The Friends of the Library, The Library Board of Trustees, Ken and Janice Freeman, James B. Flaws & Marcia D. Weber, Corning Incorporated Foundation and New York State Public Library Construction Aid. Special thanks to Senator Thomas O'Mara, Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, and Assemblyman Christopher Friend.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Thanking The Rockwell Museum for partnering on an augmented reality art game with Artist Shasti O'Leary Soudant. The game, "Burden of Conquest," features 11 virtual cityscapes with hidden digital sculptures leading to physical 3-D printed versions at the Southeast Steuben County Library.



1,380 Teen Attendees 38% increase over last year



Houla Hoop/painting with Filomena Jack



Teen GATLAS painting windows for Pride





2023 Adult Programming was creative, engaging and fun!

3,771 adults attended programs- 18% increase over last year

Featured programs were the very popular Crafting with Kimberly, Adult Service Librarian Michelle Wells welcoming Summer Readers and the very popular game Mah-Jong.



Children's Programing

20,370 Attendees 18% increase over last yr.



We celebrate reading,
programming and
being a special place
for
Children and Families
to explore and learn



These are a few of our favorite things...

The library staff make a difference in the lives of the patrons they serve. Here are a few of their favorite moments of 2023.



"It was wonderful seeing children and families response to the Mary Lu Walker Room!" Sue McConnell, Children's Librarian

aka Miss Sue



"It was nice meeting in person with Coffee Tea and English members but we still stay connected online with friends from all over the world"
Maryalice Little, Volunteer Coordinator



Eric House, Circulation Supervisor

"I can hardly believe that it's been a year already! My time at the Southeast Steuben County has been wonderful, and challenging in the best ways possible.

This has included learning new procedures (and helping develop some as well). Being the new person in leadership with an established team is always an exploration of getting to know each other, finding our strengths, and using those strengths to help create new ways to help the public. I'm glad to be working with the circulation team, and hope to keep doing it for a long time."

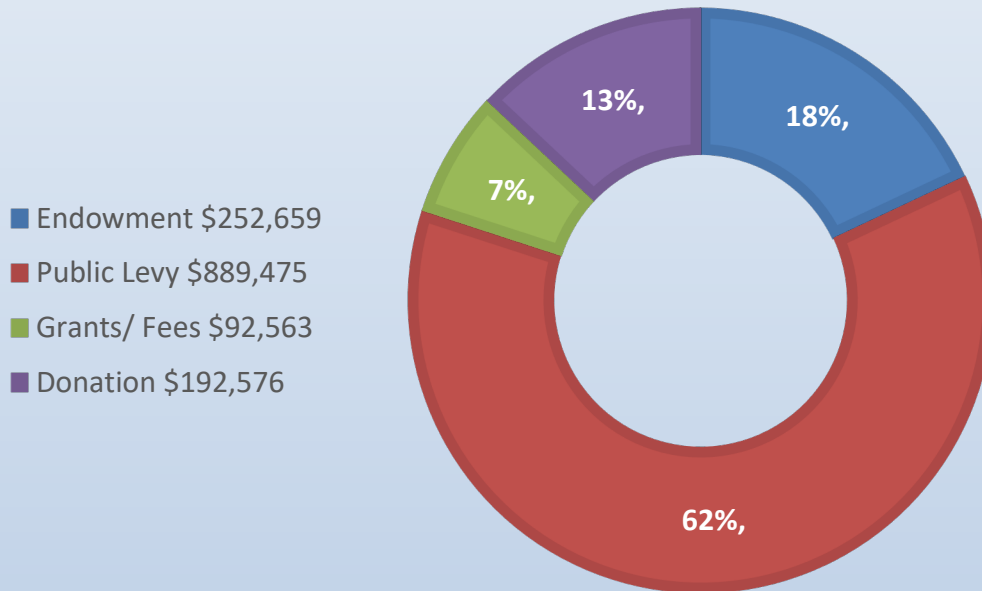


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The SSCL Board of Trustees is committed to the fiduciary oversight of the Library's operational budget. We seek to secure sustainable public funding to ensure a strong library for future generations.

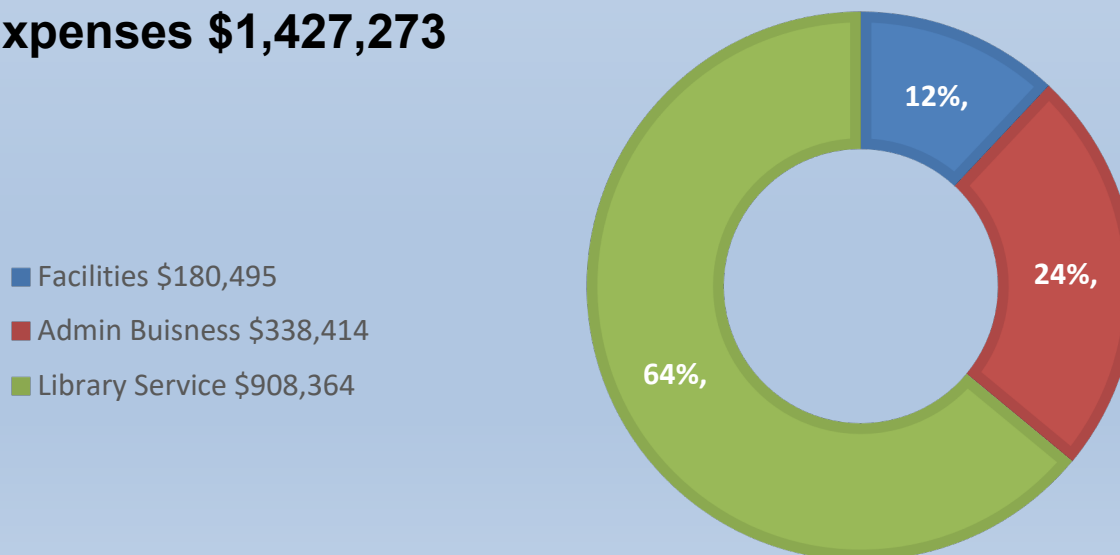
Library Income

Total Income \$1,427,273



Library Expenses

Total Expenses \$1,427,273



The majority of, Library expenses directly support public service.

Looking Forward



Sustainable Funding

1. Provide strong library advocacy efforts
2. Secure sustainable operational funding
3. Establish a new strategic plan



Marketing

1. Develop a new Website
2. Create effective marketing content

Programming/ Services

1. Develop programming and services that support Diversity, Equality and Inclusion
2. Enhance Digital Resources

Facilities:

1. Develop a Conceptual Design for a Teen Space
2. Renovate the staff parking lot to address drainage, utilities and accessibility issues
3. Repair façade issues



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