

2022 CHAPTER SUMMARY

NEW SERVICES & COLLECTIONS

- Kanopy | In May, Kanopy was introduced to the public. This platform allows patrons to access and stream indie film content, including a special Kids Kanopy feature to provide our youngest patrons with an age-appropriate virtual space to browse.
- Hotspots | EPL began offering hotspots to checkout in November. In just two months, our small collection of 10 hotspots has been circulated 27 times. This will definitely be a collection we will be adding to.
- WonderBooks | Wonderbooks are children's books with a pre-loaded audiobook bound to the inside cover. Kids press play to read along with the story and then switch to learning mode for fun and literacy learning.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- While Director Jennifer Starkey began in December 2021, she has transitioned into her leadership role throughout the year, leading the Library and the community on a collaboration for a new strategic plan set to begin in early 2023. The plan will provide a path for the Library with a focus on an updated mission, vision, and initiatives.

GRANTS

- EPL Work & Outreach Center (EWOC) | The mobile EWOC was partially funded through a grant from The State Library of Ohio's Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program to support workforce development along with community and social services outside of the library's doors. The EWOC, a vehicle outfitted with technology and seating for one-on-one/small group meetings for technology-focused interactions with an emphasis on employment and government assistance programs, will begin its schedule in 2023.
- Community Garden at EPL West River | In the Spring, EPL received more than \$10,000 from the Healthy Places Grant funding by Lorain County Public Health to fully fund the garden. The eight raised-bed gardens will equip our patrons with gardening knowledge and experience in an effort toward self-sufficiency, awareness of nutrition, and as an introduction to food systems.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

- The Pioneer Freedge | The Pioneer Freedge was set up by Horizon Education Center's team of AmeriCorps Volunteers partnered with EPL to establish Ohio's first official "Freedge" on March 16. Freedge is a sharing mechanism aiming to reduce food insecurity and food waste, building a stronger community.
- Pocket Park | In August, the City of Elyria and Leaders of Today held a Community Build Day for the potential Pocket Park in South Elyria, located 1504 West Ave. EPL collaborated with the group to envision a transformation of the open green space into an inclusive gathering place.
- Other partnerships established in 2022 include Elyria Arts Council, Elyria Community Partnership, and Change the Cycle.

While a few paragraphs cannot put into words all of what the Library accomplished and offered, we are excited for a new year as we continue to grow alongside our community. We hope you continue to visit us!



ELYRIA PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

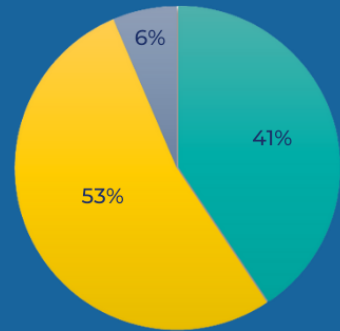
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As we take a look back at 2022, we can also look ahead to a new year. "EPL is enthusiastic to enter a new phase as we seek to meet evolving and newly identified community needs and interests."
-Elyria Public Library Director Jennifer Starkey.



BY THE BOOK FISCAL REPORT

INCOME

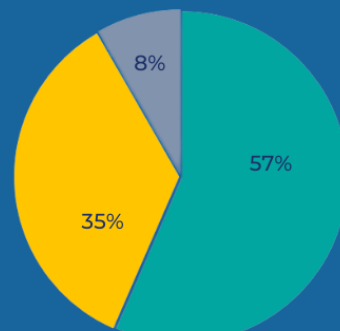


- State Funding
- District Levy
- Other

INCOME

State Funding	\$2,487,962	40.6%
District Levy	\$3,247,807	53.0%
Other	\$392,598	6.4%
TOTAL	\$6,128,366	100%

EXPENDITURES



- Salary/Benefits
- Operating
- Materials

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Salary/Benefits	\$2,812,505	56.6%
Operating	\$1,746,989	35.1%
Materials	\$413,798	8.3%
TOTAL	\$4,973,292	100%

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2503** Library cards issued
- 213** Pick 6 cards issued
- 17,693** hoopla checkouts
- 117,033** Libby checkouts
- 710** Kanopy Plays
- 617,081** Library checkouts
- 222,180** Library visitors
- 2417** Programs offered
- 32,415** Attended programs
- 82,782** Reference questions
- 27** Hotspots borrowed
- 3870** Drive-thru visits
- 600+** Seed Packets Distributed (partnership with Cleveland Seed Bank)
- 392** Tax Returns prepared by VITA/United Way
- \$107K+** Amount of money taxpayers saved using VITA instead of a paid tax preparer
- 211** Passports completed
- 5** Blood Drives hosted by American Red Cross
- 123** Units of blood donated from these blood drives
- 900** KinderKits distributed (partnership with ReadySetGo...to Kindergarten)
- 2500+** COVID tests distributed
- 1** People's Choice Award for EPL Central awarded by the 2022 American Institute of Architects.
- 291,611** Website views
- 67,051** Users visiting website
- 73,858** Computers used
- 51,838** Wireless sessions
- 883** Reference interactions using virtual chat
- 2,748** Facebook followers
- 94,067** Facebook posts seen by followers
- 1,098** Instagram followers
- 3,961** Instagram posts or stories seen by users
- 1000+** Registered for Summer Reading
- 400,000+** Minutes read by children over the summer
- 3473** Books read by teens and adults in summer

MOST CHECKED OUT E-MEDIA OF 2022

- eBook on Libby** *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave
- Audiobook on hoopla** *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- Music Album on hoopla** *Encanto, Original Motion Picture Soundtrack*



After the adjacent parking lot project was completed, Central has been steadily busy, with 62,743 patrons walking through the doors checking out more than 88,000 items along with 39,300 being answered by the information services department.

CENTRAL



The greatest impact of Central's move from Washington Ave. to this downtown location has been the influx of young adult patrons. After school, the Library regularly sees between 30-50 teens utilizing the Library space. Central has a dedicated Teen Lounge where these young patrons gather for video games, homework, board games, and the manga collection. In 2022, Central offered nearly 170 programs for teenagers with over 850 in attendance.

The Outreach Department was very excited to bring family programming to EPLS @ LCCC this fall. The programming schedule began in September with Elephant Appreciation Day. The number of attendees grew at each month's new program! Families enjoyed a Monster Mash Bash in October and Thanksgiving Fun in November.

EPLS @ LCCC



EPL & LCCC are working more collaboratively in promotion and support of each other's events. EPL attended LCCC's Brunch with Santa, offering a story time for families as one of the activities throughout the day.

Keystone's success were very much through interaction between the community and the Library space. A large circular book display was added and has been a popular place to pick up last minute reads or get to know the staff through their recommended reads. Another addition to the Library, in the children's room, was a wall mounted interactive play piece which families have been enjoying. The children's area also received the addition of a new collection of materials called WonderBooks. WonderBooks are children's books with an audiobook player built into the front cover, reinforcing literacy skills. The Seed Bank provided by the Friends of EPLS Keystone had 162 patrons receiving 810 seed packets.

KEYSTONE



During 2022, the Outreach and Bookmobile Department underwent much change due to the pandemic. Many preschool story times returned this year. We now bring story times to all preschoolers, kindergarteners, and first graders in Elyria public schools. We visit Keystone Elementary as well as many independent preschools in Elyria and Lagrange. Also, library materials were delivered to homebound patrons and Lorain/Medina Community Based Correctional Facility.

OUTREACH



The bookmobile visits all five elementary schools in Elyria and both Keystone High and Elementary schools. The bookmobile brings library materials to three senior centers in Elyria and one in Lagrange through lobby stops as well as visits community stops and independent preschools.

In March, EPL partnered with Horizon Education Center's team of AmeriCorps Volunteers to set up the first Freedge to the state of Ohio. Freedge promotes equal access to healthy food through the installation of community fridges that are used to share food and ideas at the neighborhood level. The Freedge supports the slogan "Take what you need. Leave what you can." Donations are accepted during operating hours at EPL South.

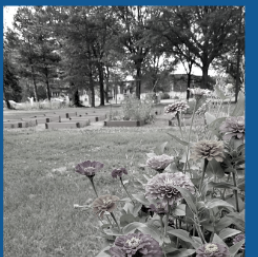
SOUTH



The collection was adjusted to offer more visibility, including shifting a display table closer to the entrance and facing out board books and readers in the children's room.

The West River Branch refresh continued in 2022 with new tables and chairs in our youth and adult service areas. Comfortable seating was added to our magazine/newspaper reading area and shelving was rearranged to better serve our patrons.

WEST RIVER



The West River Branch was awarded The Healthy Places grant from Lorain County Public Health for more than \$10,000 which funded a beautiful garden/green space featuring raised beds and bench seating. A garden club has been established to ensure patron involvement and continuing education. With three community partnerships surrounding the garden, it further embeds the library into the community.