



Polk County Library

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

THIS ISSUE

from the directors desk
financial report
by the numbers
coming soon



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Oh, the places you will go! As 2022 fades into 2023, I have been reflecting on the growth libraries have made over the last several decades.

When I began my career in libraries in late 1999, everyone was predicting that the Internet would kill libraries. With search engines like Google and the invention of smart phones, everyone has billions of webpages and information in the palm of their hands, and this, they said, would mark the end of libraries. Instead, libraries changed and became stronger. Neil Gaiman once wrote, "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one."

The end of libraries was again predicted with the invention of the e-book. Instead, libraries once again evolved. Librarians recognized that the story was important in whatever format the person prefers: print, audio, e-book, video, or streaming content. So now, libraries are the biggest buyers of e-books and downloadable audiobooks, and our e-content has been soaring in circulation as a result.

Modern libraries evolved from stuffy, quiet spaces for book storage and deep concentration to light, airy, open concept gathering spots for the community but still with an emphasis on reading and learning. However, we no longer shush, and the library is welcoming to all.

Polk County Library has also evolved over the last 20 years too! 20 years ago, we still used the old card catalogs and had no online presence. Now that is an integral part of our services. It has allowed us to have access to more items than ever before from all over the United States.

In the last 20 years, Polk County Library has tripled the residents who own library cards and has grown in every statistic we keep. While a pandemic hurt us, we are roaring back! Now we begin an improvements and upgrades project for the Rayl Family Library in Bolivar this Spring to allow us to continue to grow and change.

2022 FINANCIAL REPORT



Income

Property Tax	\$804,727
RR & Surtax	\$88,426
Dunnegan Trust	\$16,937
Grants	\$49,130
MO State	\$47,114
Library & Misc	\$24,114
Total	\$1,030,448

Expenses

Capital Purchases	\$6,335
Grants	\$33,522
Insurance & Audit	\$27,393
Maint. & Utilities	\$64,346
Materials	\$100,988
Office Sup. & Misc	\$14,515
Wages & Benefits	\$581,749
Programs	\$4,761
Technology Serv	\$30,518
Total	\$864,128

WHERE THE MONEY WENT



GRANTS

RECEIVED: \$49,130

AWARDED: \$6,400
Outstanding

TECHNOLOGY GRANT \$5,941

photo scanning, computer, barcode readers



SUMMER PROGRAM GRANT \$6,600

books, performers, staff & supplies



AUTHOR VISIT GRANT \$5,000

One County, One Read for Roland Smith



PANDEMIC RESPONSE GRANT 2021 \$17,240

Presentation system upgrade, \$11,493 received in 2022



STRENGTHEN MO GRANT \$11,000

Digital content



TECHNOLOGY GRANT \$12,800

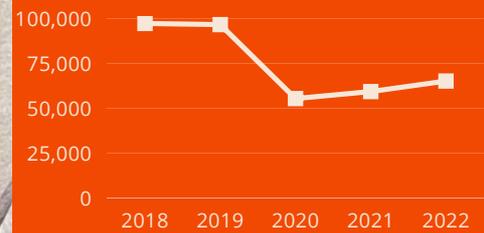
Children's learning stations and tablets: Awarded, 1/2 outstanding



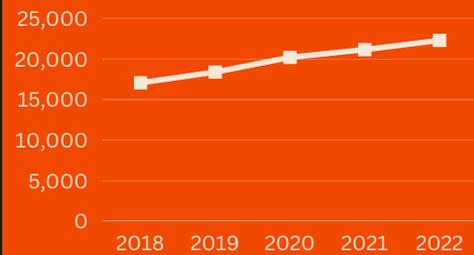


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Library Visitors



Library Cards



2022 BY THE NUMBERS

65297

visitors



22318

library cards



550

programs



7850

attendance



8337

wifi users

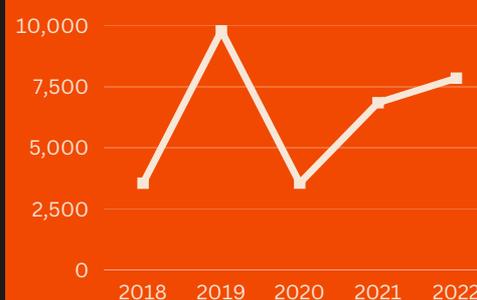
9117

computer users

Items Checked Out



Program Attendance



154920

items checked out



68353

physical items

4714

items added





Rayl Family Library In Bolivar

Improvements and Upgrades 2023

Please excuse our mess and disruptions in service in the coming year as we renovate the Bolivar Library.

When we are done, new services and new layout will improve your experience.

Improvement Highlights:

- Outdoor Patio
- Bigger Children's Area
- More Seating and Conversation Areas
- More Bathrooms
- Community Meeting Room Upgrades
- Better Traffic Flow



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BOLIVAR

**1690 W. BROADWAY,
BOLIVAR, MO 65613
PH: (417) 326-4531**

FAIR PLAY

**104 N. ELM ST.
FAIR PLAY, MO 65649
PH: (417) 654-5013**

HUMANSVILLE

**101 S. OHIO
HUMANSVILLE, MO 65674
PH: (417) 754-2455**

MORRISVILLE

**5308 S. MAIN AVE
MORRISVILLE, MO 65710
PH: (417) 756-2181**



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