



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Oh, What a Ride!

It is with great sadness that I announce my retirement from the Polk County Library in March of 2025. I have loved being your Director for the past 7 1/2 years, but it is time for me to move on to other adventures. I have been pondering the many changes during my term.

One I am especially proud of is the explosive growth of Missouri Evergreen. I served on the Missouri Evergreen Board for 8 years and was chair during its transition from volunteers to having staff and a generous grant from the MO State Library. Missouri Evergreen gives you access to over 5 million items with your library card!

This year has seen the completion of a 2-year project to renovate the Rayl Family Library in Bolivar. It was a long time coming with many headaches and much stress, but the end result is absolutely wonderful! Whew, I am glad that is over!

2020 was an extremely stressful for everyone, but it was a transformative year for the library. I never thought I would have to close the library for 6 long weeks. However, on the good side, the library went fine-free in 2020. No longer do we punish children because their parent forgot to return! In 2020, we also saw the explosion of downloadable content that is still going on today.

There have been too many changes to list here, but hopefully they have made the Library a better experience for you!

I have been blessed with a wonderful board and staff. I will miss them all. And all of you!

Colleen Knight

# 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT



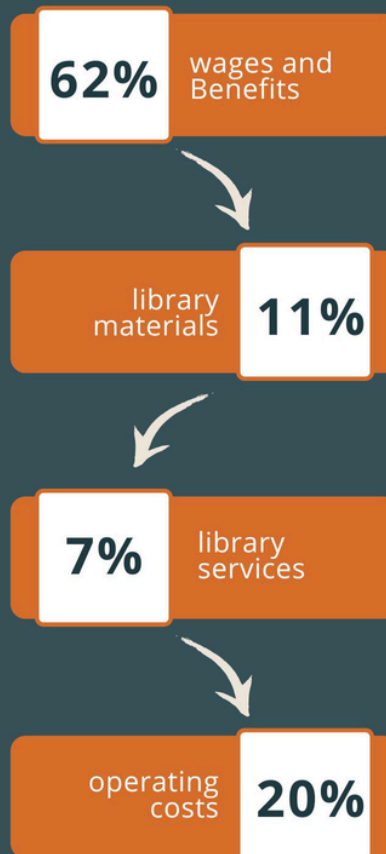
## Operating Income

Property Tax	\$916,546
RR & Surtax	\$91,450
Dunnegan Trust	\$15,514
Grants	\$19,159
MO State	\$64,056
Library & Misc	\$23,093
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,129,818</b>

## Operating Expenses

Grants	\$19,284
Ins., Audit, Lease	\$103,993
Maint. & Utilities	\$81,537
Materials	\$102,074
Office Sup. & Misc	\$21,048
Wages & Benefits	\$599,327
Programs	\$7,323
Technology Serv	\$37,239
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$971,825</b>

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT



## Rayl Family Library in Bolivar Renovation Final Financials

Revenue	
Existing Funds	\$829,671
Donations	\$146,192
Loan	\$500,000
Grant	\$250,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,725,863</b>
Expenditures	
Architect	\$144,351
Furniture	\$96,471
Construction	\$1,485,041
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,725,863</b>





## 2024 BY THE NUMBERS

71561

visitors



11686

library cards



544

programs

11683

attendance



9202

wifi users

9347

computer users

171841

items checked out



62456

physical items

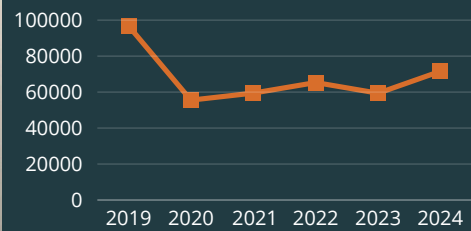
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items added

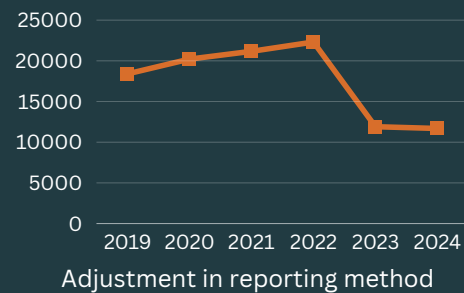


## Trends

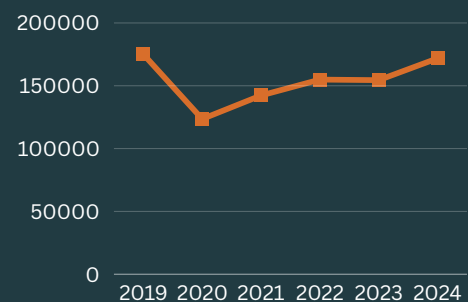
### Library Visitors



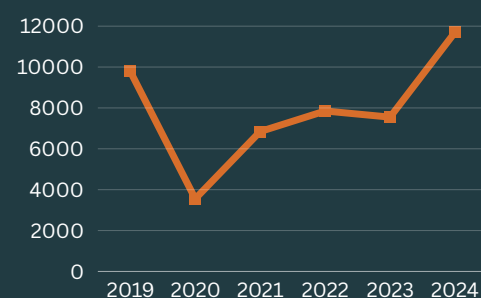
### Library Cards



### Items Checked Out



### Program Attendance



DID YOU MISS THIS?



When our director says it's not a two person job...

## OUR TIKTOK GOES VIRAL

- Over 2.3 Million Views
- Over 40,000 Followers
- Invitation to Appear on Kelly Clarkson Show



## OUR FIRST EVER CAR SHOW

- Over 30 Entries
- Over 160 Attendees



## BUTTERFLIES!

- We hatched butterflies in the library
- Released them to fly free



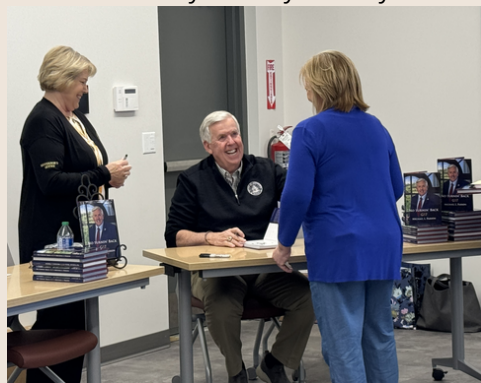
## "CAMPFIRE" STORYTIME

Sang songs and told stories around the "campfire" under the "starry" skies



## STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Children's favorite stuffed animals spent the night at the Humansville library and had an adventure.



## GOV. PARSON'S BOOK SIGNING

Held during our Grand Reveal of the Rayl Family Library



### BOLIVAR

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