



Royal Oak
PUBLIC LIBRARY

FY 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT

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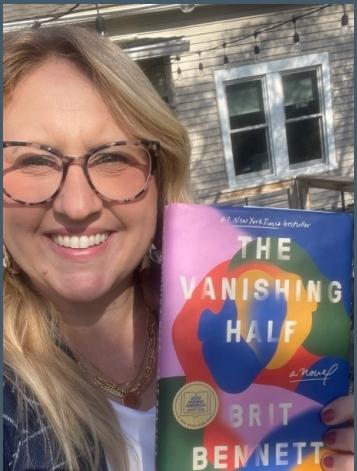
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Mission:
The Royal Oak Public Library provides opportunities for all to learn, connect, create, and innovate.

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our year began with the passage of our FY 2023-33 millage in August 2022, which went into effect in July 2023. We received continued generous support from the Friends of the Royal Oak Public Library, whose “I’m With the Banned” banned books t-shirts went viral in the fall. Among other donations from various individuals and organizations, we received a \$50,000 donation from the estate of former Board President Victoria Dickinson. We are truly grateful for the support from our community.

We conducted a survey on the fall of 2022 as we sought ways to hear from you and improve your library experience. We joined the MeLCat Visiting Patron program, increasing the availability of libraries to you across the State of Michigan. We started leasing books (aka the McNaughton program) to improve the number of popular and trending adult fiction titles available to you. We continuously seek ways to improve your access, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

In the fall of 2022, we completed our interior remodel. New furnishings, a laptop bar, and a fireplace have all added to the improved ambiance of the building. We hope you are enjoying the space. And... the terrace was completed! The railings were installed and the lighting is working properly. It looks great in the dark - stop by one evening and see for yourself!

Josh Sipes joined the Board in October 2022, and Kathryn Ribant Payne stepped down from the Board in December. We want to thank Kathryn for her many years of service. Our staff changed as Danis Houser joined the team as our new Access Services Supervisor in January. With some part-time positions becoming vacant, three librarians moved to full-time, helping to reach the Board’s goal of a full-time staffing model.

We are approaching and, in some cases, surpassing pre-pandemic levels of use. The Library’s success is due to the hardworking and creative staff and the innovative and dedicated Board. On behalf of the Board and the staff, thank you for simply being a fantastic community!

Sandy Irwin
SANDY IRWIN
LIBRARY DIRECTOR



REVENUES

Categories	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Millage	\$2,548,308	\$2,626,797	\$2,765,417
Penal Fines	\$98,572	\$101,064	\$86,983
State Aid	\$47,717	\$53,436	\$58,113
Local Community Stabilization	\$64,143	\$72,079	\$84,764
Fines, Fees, Misc.	\$11,838	\$9,810	\$9,710
Grants/Gifts	\$78,219	\$36,764	\$227,986
Interest	\$6,124	\$3,977	\$44,342
Employee Retirement Repays	\$0	\$53,563	\$0
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$498,700	\$157,701	\$22,732
Total Revenues	\$3,353,621	\$3,115,190	\$3,300,048

EXPENDITURES

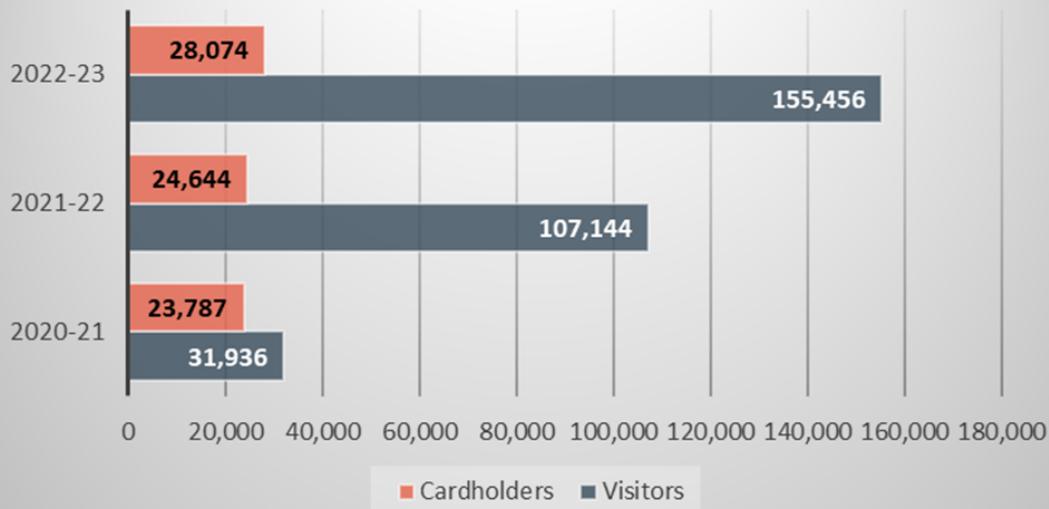
Categories	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Personnel	\$1,638,736	\$1,478,039	\$1,941,478
Materials	\$316,840	\$326,142	\$307,219
Capital	\$491,496	\$89,600	\$184,565
Other	\$906,549	\$1,221,409	\$866,786
Total Expenditures	\$3,353,621	\$3,115,190	\$3,300,048



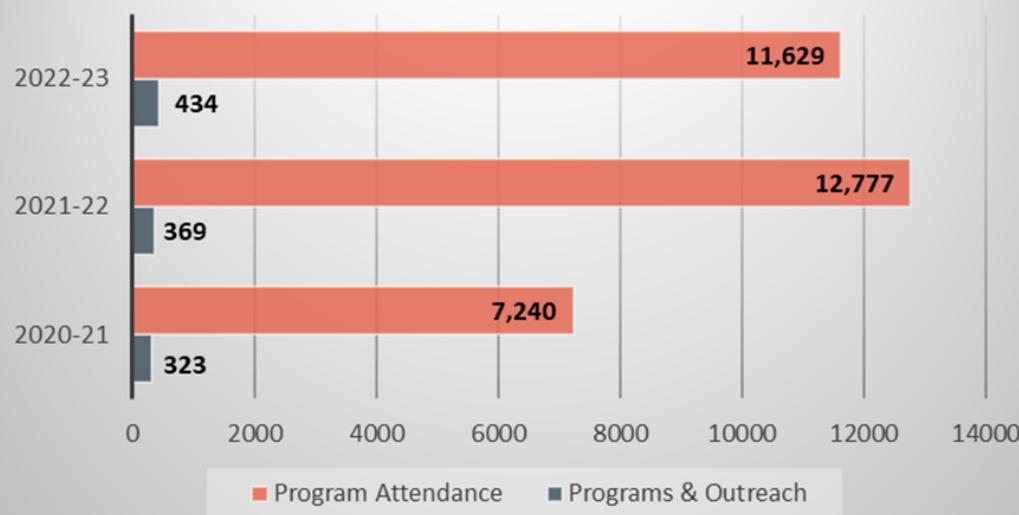
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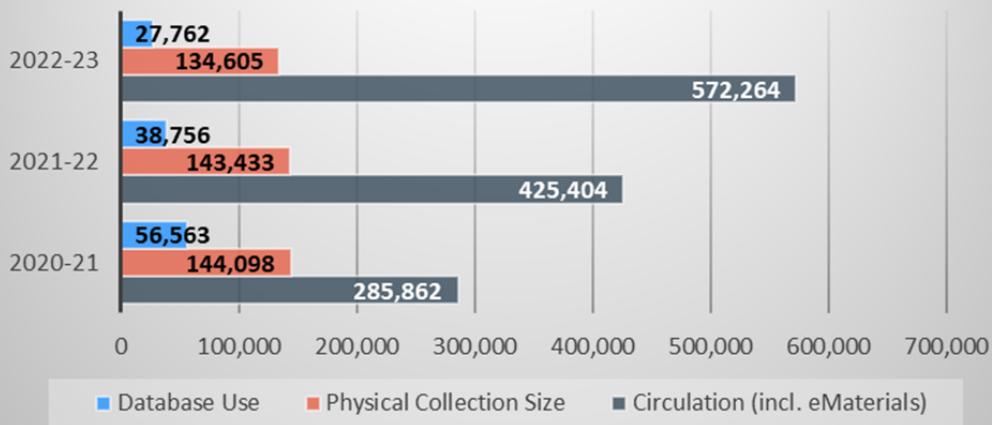
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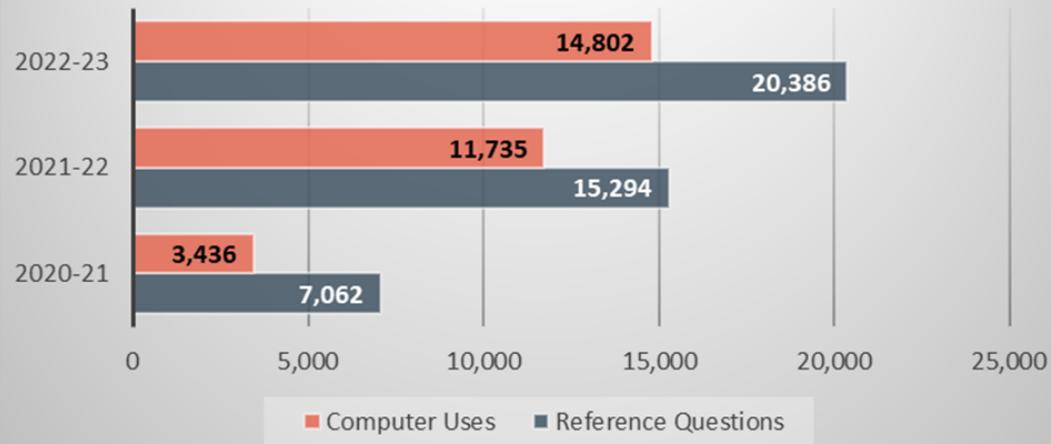
Programs & Attendance



Database Use, Physical Collection Size, Circulation



Computer Uses & Reference Questions



2022/23 HIGHLIGHTS

- 2023-33 Millage approved by the voters
- The Board completed a systematic review of all policies.
- Remodel completed
- New newsletters premiered, designed for specific audiences
- Library use survey completed, with ongoing efforts to improve access and services
- Active library cards are at their highest level since 2016
- The Board approved temporary library cards to assist the unhoused in gaining access to library materials.
- The Board approved becoming a MeLCat Visiting Patron library, increasing access to libraries across the state.
- “Edu-Skate” partnership with The Rink for free skate rentals with a library checkout
- Upgraded the wifi
- Celebrated the building’s 60th Anniversary
- Conducted outreach to various senior living facilities
- Received a grant from Michigan Humanities to host the Black History 101 Mobile Museum
- Hosted the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection in June
- Buddy Bench donated by Girl Scout Troop #76359
- Bench donated in memory of Gregg Bowser

FROM 2023/24

- Premiered our exclusive Royal Oak Public Library app, which you can find on the App Store or Google Play
- Began offering access to ComicsPlus - use the LibraryPass app to access on your device
- Home delivery of materials to homebound patrons began in September
- A youth librarian and our administrative assistant became full-time in July.
- Two part-time librarians, a part-time computer aide, and two part-time library aides joined the team, filling vacancies
- The Board approved a 2024-2030 Capital Improvements Project plan

