



Royal Oak  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# FY 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

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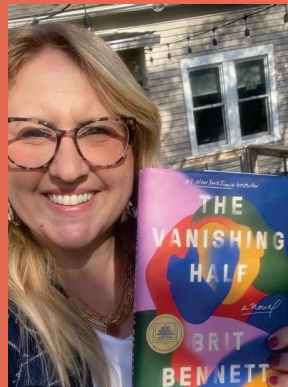
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# 2023-24 LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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



## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Royal Oak Public Library staff and Board should be proud of all of their work that led to another annual report that reflects a successful and very busy year. Key highlights include:

- **Capital Improvement Plan:** The 10-year millage, which began in July 2023, will fund a 6-year Capital Improvement Plan to upgrade library facilities, which was approved by the Board in October 2023.
- The boiler room was waterproofed in the spring of 2024.
- **New Board Members:** Shannon Tierney and Amanda Woods joined the Board, while Sharon Stanton stepped down. We thank Sharon for her service!
- **Digital Initiatives:** The library launched a mobile app for easier account access, and implemented a new event and room reservation system. ComicsPlus, an eBook platform, was added for comic book enthusiasts.
- **Community Partnerships and Programs:** The library partnered with the Automotive Hall of Fame to host their “Achievement” exhibit, highlighting African American achievements in the automotive industry. We also hosted a Local Author Fair, and collaborated with Royal Oak Schools on a student art show.

None of this would happen without the oversight of and collaboration with the Library Board, the ingenuity of the Library staff, and the support from the community, including the Friends of the Library and the many library volunteers. Thanks to all of you for another successful year!

**SANDY IRWIN**  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR



## REVENUES

Categories	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Millage	\$2,626,797	\$2,765,417	\$3,616,053
Penal Fines	\$101,064	\$86,983	\$78,082
State Aid	\$53,436	\$58,113	\$59,030
Local Community Stabilization	\$72,079	\$84,764	\$35,863
Fines, Fees, Misc.	\$9,810	\$9,710	\$12,442
Grants/Gifts	\$36,764	\$227,986	\$75,824
Interest	\$3,977	\$44,342	\$101,602
Employee Retirement Repays	\$53,563	\$0	\$0
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$157,701	\$22,732	\$0
Total Revenues	\$3,115,190	\$3,300,048	\$4,000,896



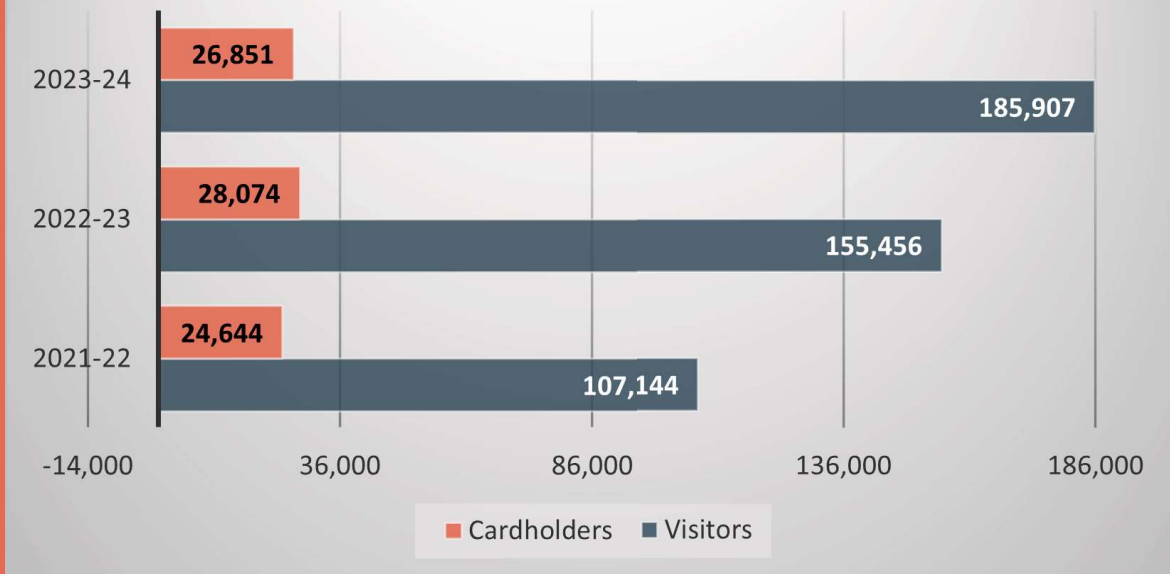
# EXPENDITURES

Categories	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Personnel	\$1,478,039	\$1,941,478	\$2,121,277
Materials	\$326,142	\$307,219	\$401,584
Capital	\$89,600	\$184,565	\$54,765
Other	\$1,221,409	\$866,786	\$571,432
Total Expenditures	\$3,115,190	\$3,300,048	\$3,149,058

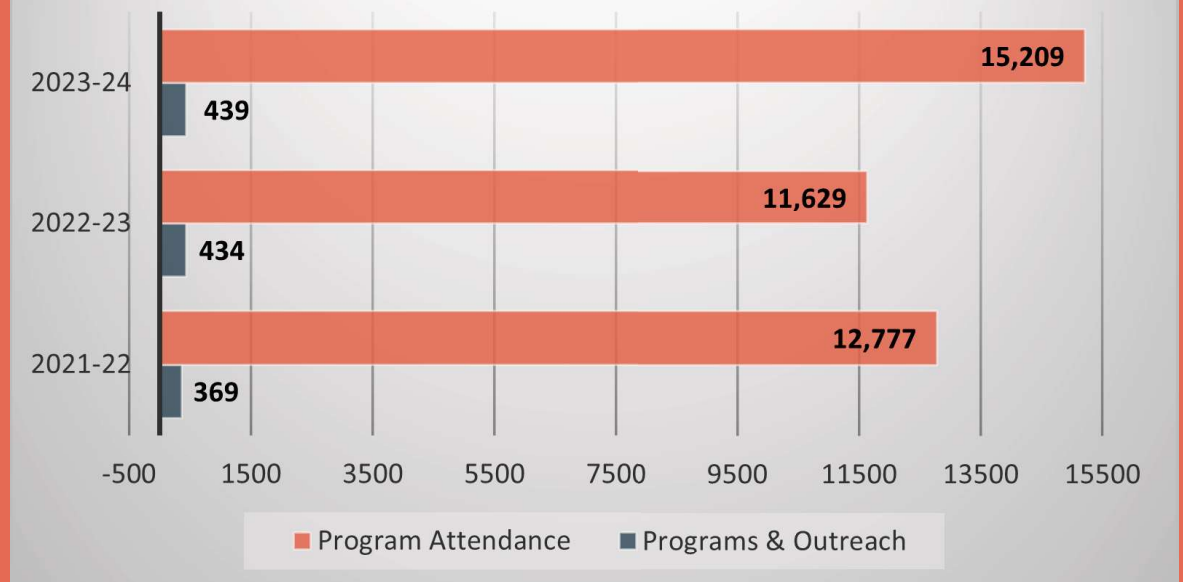


# STATISTICS

## Cardholders & Visitors

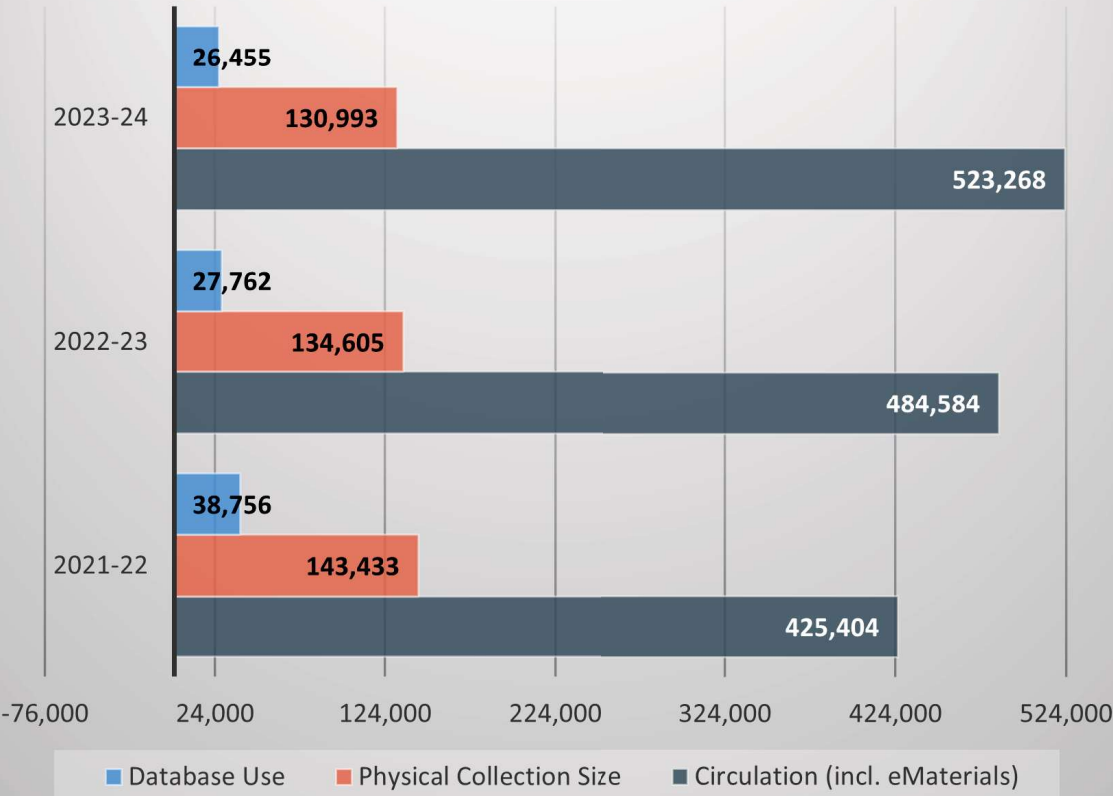


## Programs & Attendance

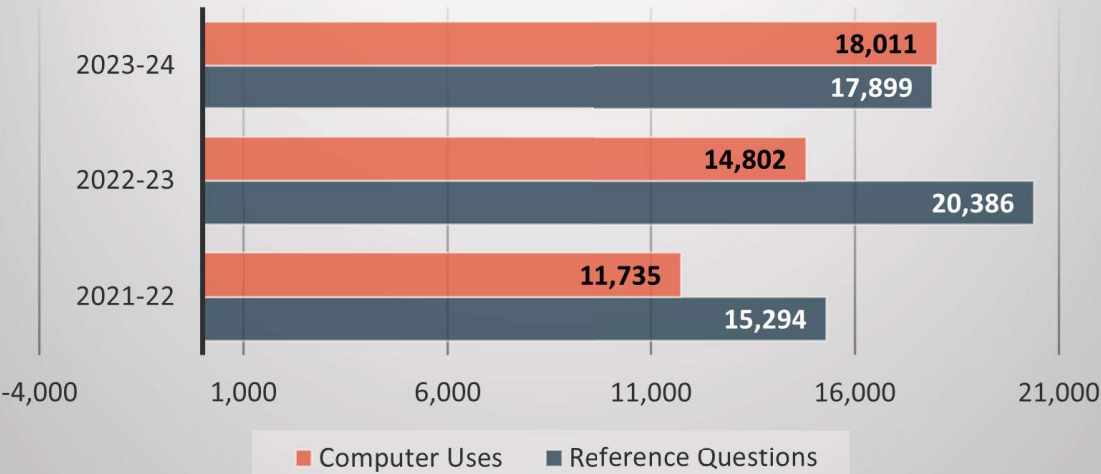




## Database Use, Physical Collection Size, Circulation



## Computer Uses & Reference Questions







## 2023/24 HIGHLIGHTS

- The Automotive Hall of Fame “Achievement” exhibit, highlighting African American achievements in the automotive industry.
- A Local Author Fair
- The Royal Oak Schools Student Art Show
- TLN Library Passport
- Waterproofed the boiler room
- Winter Reading Challenge
- Summer Reading Program
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Gender-affirming clothing swap
- Preschool Information night

## Lori Boden 46 Years with the Royal Oak Public Library

**In April 2023, the Library lost one of our longest-serving staff, Lori Boden, who worked at the Library for 46 years.**

**She is missed every day by those who knew her, and we all remember her fondly.**

