MANISTEE COUNTY LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

PREPARED BY:
REBECCA BROWN
A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR:

Once upon a time, in a small town...

...a group of people who enjoyed reading decided to share their love of books. This love of books was so big, it could not fit on a shelf. It could only fit inside a building. So brick by brick, shelf by shelf, and book by book, a library was born.

After the library was built, the townspeople’s love of books began to spread far and wide. Soon another library was built in a neighboring town, and then another until there were seven locations across the county.

For more than a century, Manistee County Library has connected people with information. More importantly, it has connected people with people. Our libraries are a safe haven for everyone in the community. We continue to offer a wide range of books and learning resources while we strive to create dynamic services and memorable experiences for those we serve.

As we reflect on the past, we are grateful for those who helped our library flourish and grow. As we look to the future, we are excited about what will unfold in the next chapter of the Manistee County Library story.
2023 IN PICTURES
2023 BY THE NUMBERS
*ALL NUMBERS HAVE INCREASED FROM 2022

**PEOPLE**
- 23,120 Service Population
- 57,935 Patron Visits
- 1,184 New Library Cards
- 1,194 Reference Questions Answered

**CIRCULATION**
- 74,303 Total Collection Size
- 98,524 Items Checked Out
- 12,077 MEL Items Borrowed
- 5,749 MEL Items Loaned

**PROGRAMMING**
- 554 Programs Held
- 8,584 Program Attendance
- 601 Summer Reading Signups

**DIGITAL SERVICES**
- 594 Hotspots Borrowed
- 25,512 Libby Borrows
- 11,931 Hoopla Borrows
- 54,077 WiFi Uses
- 38,951 Newsbank Uses
- 7,730 Public Computers Used

**NEW SERVICES**
- New Website
- New Logo
- Tech Tutoring with Chrissy
- Monthly Turning of the Audubon Book Pages
- Little Free Libraries Added in Cleon, Springdale, and Marilla Twp.
- Manistee County Reads
- 12,300 New Items Added
- Book Clubs at Branches
- Narcan Boxes Installed at Four Branches
- New Interactive Companion Therapy Pets
- Satellite Branch at Wagoner Community Center
## Financial Report

### Revenue FY 2022 - 2023

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WE WILL SEEK OUT INTENTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOP MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY MORE EFFECTIVELY

- Fostered relationships with Downtown Businesses including Port City Emporium, Backstage Hobbies and Games, and Rebel's Sanctuary Comic Book Store
- Partnered with Manistee Parks Commission, West Shore Community College, MAPS, Spirit of the Woods Homeschool Group, National Parks Service, among others for programming
- Attended Downtown Development Authority and Chamber of Commerce meetings and events

WE WILL STRIVE TO BECOME MORE ENMESHED INTO THE LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY’S WALLS

- Downtown Story Strolls which encourage patrons to get out and explore the downtown area
- Taking the Book Bike out to different events all over the county
- Taking part in community events like Downtown Fall Festival, Frostbite Festival, and Manistee Forest Festival
- Provided workshops at a local assisted living facility

WE WILL UTILIZE OUR RESOURCES TO EXPAND OUR SPACE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

- Turned an unused closet area into a study area for up to 4 people
- Exploring grant opportunities for the restoration and possible expansion of the main Carnegie Library building
- Completed a window replacement project in our Teen and Tech areas, including new framing and insulation which should significantly improve our energy efficiency

WE WILL DEVELOP PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES THAT WILL SURPRISE AND DELIGHT USERS AND INSPIRE NEW PARTICIPATION

- Critchlow’s Alligator Sanctuary visited both the Wellston and Arcadia branches
- New Character Costume events, including favorites Bluey and Bingo
- Adding Interactive Companion Therapy Pets to the Library of Things Collection
- October “Macabre Manistee” History Walking Tours
- Added a large poster printer for staff, and in the future, patron use
OUR DEDICATED TEAM

2023 HELLOS
Rebecca Barker, Business Manager
&
Amanda Glenn, Information Services Specialist

2023 GOODBYES
Helen Grabowski, Carol Shively, and Debra Greenacre

THANK YOU....
Rebecca Brown, Library Systems Coordinator - 5 years at Manistee County Library
Nick Wallett, Library Technician - 15 years at Manistee County Library

MANISTEE COUNTY LIBRARY
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IN MEMORY OF TERRY BENNETT
1950 - 2023

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Thank you to our 2023 donors & partners

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- Lakeside Club of Manistee County
- Manistee Beverage Company
- Manistee Conservation District
- Manistee County Community Foundation
- Manistee County Historical Museum
- Manistee Masonic Lodge #228
- Martin Marietta
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- Miracle on River Street
- North Channel Brewing Company
- Northern Spice Company
- Northern Spirits Gift Shoppe
- Packaging Corporation of America
- Port City Brew
- Port City Emporium
- Portage Lake Garden Club
- Rebel’s Sanctuary Comic Bookstore
- Redeemed
- Richard & Caroline Kuczynski
- Sandcastles Children’s Museum
- Snyder’s Shoes
- Spirit of the Woods Garden Club
- The Purple Paintbrush
- The Vogue Theatre
- TJ’s Pub
- Wagoner Community Center
- Wayne Johnson
- Wee Bee Jammin’
- WMMC Great Start Collaborative

Tributes

- Roger & Laura McBride, In Memory of Evelyn Albright
- Richard & Lynn Jensen, Joellen Karas, Grace Kulawcyk, Janet Newman-Graham and Thomas Stefanski, In Memory of Susan Nowak
- Audrey Strouf, In Memory of Mike & Sue Richmond
- Manistee County Library Staff, In Memory of Joe Oleniczak

Manistee County Library Branches

**Arcadia**
3586 Grovers Lake Road
Arcadia, MI 49613
(231) 889 - 4230

**Bear Lake**
12325 Virginia Street
Bear Lake, MI 49614
(231) 864 - 2700

**Kaleva**
14618 Walta Street
Kaleva, MI 49645
(231) 362 - 3178

**Manistee - Main**
95 Maple Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723 - 2519

**Onekama**
5283 Main Street
Onekama, MI 49675
(231) 889 - 4041

**Wellsston**
1273 Seaman Road
Wellsston, MI 49689
(231) 848 - 4013

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