


WEBSTER GROVES
PUBLIC LIBRARY



2022-2023

Annual Report



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Webster Groves Public Library

July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023

Another year has come and gone at the Webster Groves Public Library. It seems that the community has truly added the Library back into their schedules for regular visits after years of disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Circulation has remained steady with a continued uptick in OverDrive and Hoopla check-outs. Programs continue to be well attended and the Summer Reading Program was well received and had a great turnout. Passport services continue to flourish, the Art Gallery has been full of intricate and beautiful art month after month, and people continue to enjoy all of the wonderful things the public library has to offer.

While many things stayed consistent over the last year, there was one big change at the Webster Groves Public Library. Tom Cooper, after 17 years as the director of Webster Groves Public Library, retired in March 2023. As director, he oversaw a major building renovation, started the Page 61 Newsletter, improved history and genealogy resources, and even co-wrote a book about the history of Webster Groves.

I, Madison Morris, was hired as Tom Cooper's successor in February of 2023 and have been working diligently to learn the ropes of the Webster Groves Public Library, to get to know the community and staff, and to keep the Library running as an integral part of the Webster Community as the year has gone on.

On the building front, there were continued issues with the roof leaking in several places and there was a significant expenditure in regard to landscape cleanup.

Another time-intensive component of the last year was the political turmoil in which libraries found themselves embroiled. Missouri removed state funding for libraries from the state budget for an extended period of time, creating a lot of unease and unknowns for libraries state wide. Fortunately that line item was added back in to the state budget, however, for libraries to actually access said funding, they had to comply with a new rule from the Missouri Secretary of State. I, along with the Library Board, worked hard to make sure that our policies and procedures were in compliance with Missouri Regulation 15 CSR 30- 200.015 so that the Webster Groves Public Library could continue to be eligible for state funding in the new budget year.

Looking ahead to the coming year, the library will continue to navigate the political landscape of both Missouri and the United States as a whole. On a brighter note, in the coming year the Webster Groves Public Library will also be expanding our reach into the community, offering new and exciting programming opportunities and services, and expanding our collection offerings. The Library will continue to work hard to be an asset to our patrons and the Webster Groves community. The coming year is full of opportunities, and I am excited for what is to come.

Madison Morris, Director



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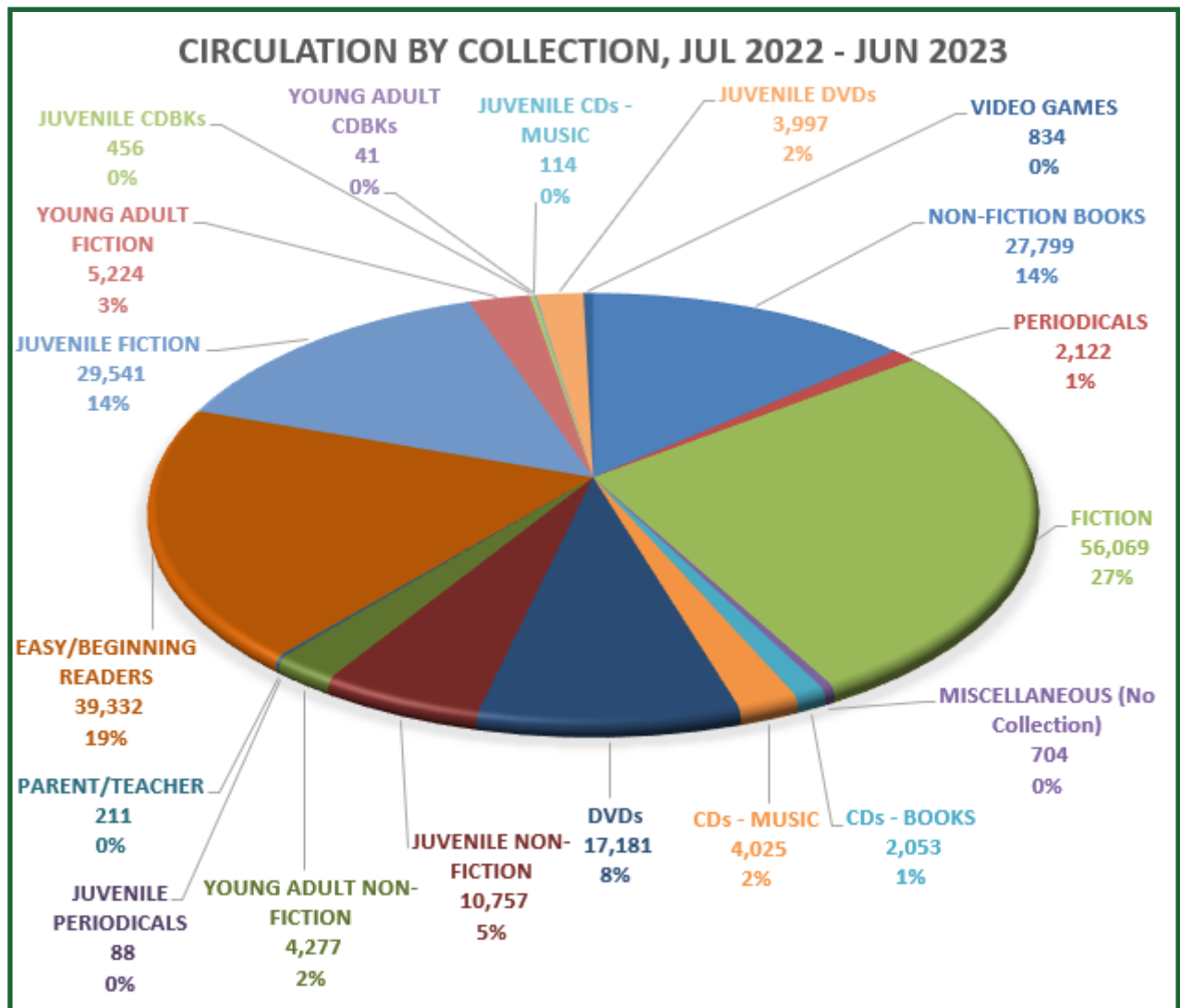
Leanne Waugh

2025

Janey Worthington

2023

Library Statistics



NEW LIBRARY CARDS ISSUED:

1,198

Public Computer Use

4,506 Logins

Adult Programs and Outreach

Programs Held: 47

Outreach Visits: 78

Program Attendance : 785

Homebound visits: 85

Art Gallery Exhibits

WGPL exhibit

Virtual Watercolor Artists

Michael Edwin Larue Photography Exhibit

Suzanne Koenen

Women in Focus

On the Spot Painters

Webster Arts

Webster Groves Historical Society



Meeting Room Use

Community/Outside Groups: 274

Library Staff Use : 85

Total Meeting Room Use : 359

Passports

Passports processed:

1,187

Youth Programs



Youth Programs Held:	101
Youth Program Attendance:	1,908
Teen Programs Held:	21
Teen Program Attendance:	375



Summer Reading 2022

Participants by Age Group	
Children:	468
Teens:	108
Adults:	101
TOTAL : 677	



	
Minutes Read by Children & Teens Combined	Books Read by Adults



Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library had a successful year. In terms of financial support of the WGPL, the Friends underwrote the cost of new carpeting in the Library meeting room which is used regularly for Library programs and by community groups. As in past years, the Friends also helped financially support the summer reading program, the purchase of large print books and book club kits, and the purchase of the Book Page subscription for Library patrons.

As advocates for the Library, the Friends went on written record in opposition to the Missouri Secretary of State's proposed rule which attempted to block state funding for public libraries over censorship issues.

Two Beyond the Page events were held, one featuring Patrick Murphy, well-known author, the "voice" of KETC-TV Channel 9, and Webster Groves resident and one featuring Madison Morris, the newly appointed WGPL Director. The Friends honored her predecessor, Tom Cooper, with a farewell reception and paver gift. The Friends also provided hospitality for the Irish Salon, an annual celebration of Irish arts and culture.

In terms of activities, the Friends' well-attended annual book sale, held in October, 2022, was successful in raising funds and increasing the group's community profile. A volunteer recruitment brochure was developed to widen the pool of individuals willing to give their time to the Friends. The Friends also developed an online portal for donations to further expand their membership and their financial support for the Library.

Webster Groves Public Library Summary Receipts and Disbursements - FRIENDS July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

FRIENDS SUPPORT:

LARGE PRINT ADULT	6,000.00
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	4,810.00 317.18
SRP-A	500.00
SRP-JUV	2,000.00
SP EVTS-JUV	<u>183.36</u>
TOTAL FRIENDS SUP-	\$13,810.54

DISBURSEMENTS FROM FRIENDS

LARGE PRINT ADULT	6,000.00
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	4,810.00 317.18
SRP-A	298.75
SRP-JUV	2,000.00
SP EVTS-JUV	<u>183.36</u>
TOTAL FRIENDS DIS-	\$13,609.29

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DISBURSEMENTS
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

**Operating Funds/Checking
Account**

PAYROLL	632,746.55
FICA/MEDICARE	47,654.92
HEALTH INSURANCE	88,284.30
PENSION	27,769.45
GROUP LIFE/DIS. INS.	3,702.48
WORKERS COMP INS.	2,124.00
BOOKS	106,282.91
REFERENCE MATERIALS	10,216.35
AUDIO	35,971.50
VIDEO	6,040.09
SERIALS	6,286.54
INTERLIBRARY LOAN	7,191.26
PHOTOCOPIER	4,876.22
GAS	4,750.00
ELECTRICITY	26,355.08
WATER	4,312.19
SEWER	2,105.45
TELEPHONE	8,424.11
BUILDING SUPPLIES	2,563.98
CLERICAL SUPPLIES	10,256.87
POSTAGE	7,455.28
BUILDING & GROUNDS	62,158.21
AUTOMATION	46,837.81
SECURITY	1,126.80
EQUIPMENT	2,231.97
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	55,011.70
INSURANCE (PROP/ LIABILITY)	20,985.22
CONFERENCES/MEETINGS	1,258.09
DUES	857.29
SPECIAL EVENTS	8,830.31
SUBTOTAL \$	1,244,666.93
GRANTS	-
REFUNDS	160.39
FRIENDS	13,609.29
STAFF ORDERS	6,052.31
PATRON GIFTS	245.21
TAXES TRANSFERRED	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$	1,264,734.13

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Summary Receipts and Disbursements

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

OPERATING FUNDS/CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE: US BANK Operations/Checking Account as of June 30, 2022 \$ 2,026,073.78 *

RECEIPTS:

TAXES \$ 1,681,285.24

MISSOURI STATE AID 23,011.93
STATE OF MISSOURI A&E PAY-
MENT 19,499.84

FRIENDS SUPPORT 13,810.54
COUNTER RECEIPTS:

GIFTS 885.91
FINES/PAID
MATERIALS 4,076.40

COPIES/ FAXES 4,656.95
BOOK CART
SALES 2,378.73

PASSPORTS 40,583.75
MISCELLANE-
OUS 2,027.34

STAFF/MISC. REIMBURSE-
MENT 6,143.59

TOTAL RECEIPTS: 1,798,360.22

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (1,264,734.13)

TAXES TRANSFERRED TO DEBT SERVICE (510,997.00)

CREDIT CARD CLEARING DIFFERENCE 112.89

BALANCE: US Bank Operations/Checking Account as of June 30, 2023 \$ 2,048,815.76

US BANK DEBT SERVICE/BOND REDEMPTION ACCOUNT

Closed on
4/7/22