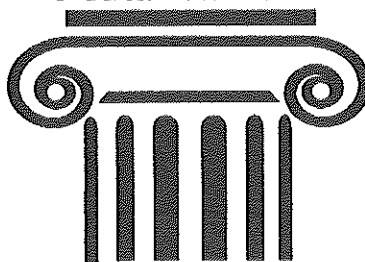


WEBSTER GROVES
PUBLIC LIBRARY



Annual Report
2021-2022

Celebrating Community, Innovation, and Ideas

Annual Report
Webster Groves Public Library
July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

This was the first full year of being open regular hours after the disruptions of COVID-19. Slowly but surely, library service returned to normal. People began visiting regularly, circulation climbed rapidly up to normal numbers, and more groups asked to use our Meeting Room. We resumed in-person programming such as author visits and children's programs, and many events were very well attended. It seemed as if people were excited to be able to do things again.

Our Summer Reading Program was the best in a long time, with large increases in the number of kids who signed up and finished. Even the adult club had more finishers than ever before.

On the building front, we experienced a problem with the sewer downstairs. It was some of the only remaining original infrastructure after our 2012 renovation. On a rainy day late in October, the sewer backed up. We had a company come and clean it up, only to have it back up again a few days later. Our insurance paid for most of this cleanup, but the company diagnosed the problem and said we would need to do some pretty extensive replacement of those old sewer lines to prevent it happening again. This work was done, and the problem has not occurred again.

The Friends of the Library were generous with donations, as usual. They purchased a bicycle repair station for outside the library, and it was installed by Eagle Scout candidate Riley James. They also provided these funds:

Large Print Books	\$4,500
Summer Reading Program	\$2,500
Book Club Kits	\$435
BookPage Magazine	\$354
Old Fashioned Games kits	\$323
Bicycle Repair Rack	\$2,192
Villains Month	\$400
Total	\$10,704

As my retirement looms, I find it important to reiterate my gratitude for all the work the Friends of the Library have done for us over the years, and continue to do. Even as I write this, the Meeting Room is set up for the Friends Book Sale this weekend. I have watched

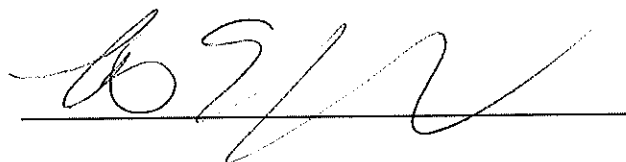
many times how much work this event takes, and they always show up and take on that work and sell the books and make money for the library. To my successor, and to any future director, I would only say, be kind to the Friends. They have done more for the library than anybody, and should always be viewed as the amazing asset that they are.

We applied for and were awarded an LSTA grant to replace all of our public computers, ten in the adult computer area and three in the Children's Room.

A major project this year was the conversion to RFID tagging for circulating materials. In preparation for this we weeded our non-fiction collection. Once that was done, we took advantage of the space created to move certain collections around to places where they made more sense. Older newspapers are now up in the Reading Room, near the daily newspapers. And local history sources sit close to the Reference Desk, where staff can more readily help patrons find things.

It took several months of work for staff to tag all the materials with RFID tags. This was a project across the whole Municipal Library Consortium, and though several of the MLC directors were very excited about the change to RFID tagging, I don't feel it has made a significant change in anything. The most that can be said about our transition to RFID tags is that now we have RFID tags. It is wonderful being in a larger consortium, which greatly increases the collections we are able to provide to our patrons. But this is just one example of how occasionally, decisions are made by the larger group that one library or another does not necessarily agree with.

Looking ahead to the coming year, this will be my last annual report. I have announced my retirement for March, 2023. After more than 17 years I believe it is time to hand the reins to someone else. I wish all the best now and in the future to the staff, board, and patrons of Webster Groves Public Library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Cooper', written over a horizontal line.

Tom Cooper, Director

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(as of July 1, 2021)

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Webster Groves Public Library
Staff (as of July 1, 2021)

FULL TIME

Tom Cooper: Library Director
Michelle Batterson: Interlibrary Loans, Reference/Circulation Assistant
Anne Bone: Technical Services, Reference/Circulation Assistant
Caitlin DeRoy: Children's Room Assistant; Teen Coordinator; Cataloging
Jeraca Fite: Reference Librarian
Michelle Haffer: Youth Services Librarian, Cataloging
Debbie Ladd: Adult Services Librarian
Tina Lombardi: Circulation Assistant, Purchasing
Tim Nix: Systems Administrator, Reference/Circulation Assistant, A/V Cataloging
Katie Rahmoeller: Children's Room Assistant
Paige Shaw: Head of Circulation; Shelving Supervisor; Periodicals

PART TIME

Bessie Betts: Processing
Erica Donermeyer: Circulation Assistant
John Egel: Reference Assistant
Mary Gordon: Circulation Assistant
Tyler Johnson: Circulation Assistant
Lizzy Koenig: Student Shelver
Phyllis Lockett: Children's Room Assistant
Suzanne Masters: Circulation/Reference Assistant
David Morrison: Circulation/Reference Assistant
Karen O'Reilly: Shelver
Cody Pease: Circulation Assistant
Laura Putnam: Shelver
Sheila Stock: Circulation Assistant
Judi Viox: Circulation Assistant
Beth Williamson: Circulation Assistant
John Woodruff: Groundskeeper
Mallory Young: Circulation Assistant

COLLECTION STATISTICS
July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

LIBRARY HOLDINGS	6/30/2022	6/30/2021
BOOKS		
Juvenile Collections	21,974	22,579
Young Adult Collections	3,075	3,088
Adult Collections	49,680	51,757
COMPACT DISCS—Music		
Juvenile Collections	91	251
Adult Collections	3,310	3,642
COMPACT DISCS—Books		
Juvenile Collections	274	384
Young Adult Collections	170	174
Adult Collections	1,675	1,795
COMPUTER GAMES	186	174
VIDEOS	4	4
DVDs (and Blu-Rays)		
Juvenile Collections	1,076	1,151
Adult Collections	5,523	5,369
MICROFORMS	124	124

Serial/Periodical Subscriptions: Approximately 130 titles

Webster Groves Public Library
Circulation of Library Materials
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

	2021-2022	2020-2021	Gain/(Loss)
Adult Non-fiction	28,028	24,248	3,780
Periodicals	2,203	5,062	-2,859
Adult Fiction	56,627	46,865	9,762
TOTAL ADULT PRINT CIRCULATION	86,858	76,175	10,683
Juvenile Non-fiction	10,938	11,712	-774
Young Adult Non-fiction	4,043	2,761	1,282
Periodicals	247	72	175
Parent/Teacher	317	366	-49
Easy/Beginning Readers	39,408	28,541	10,867
Juvenile Fiction	30,588	24,308	6,280
Young Adult Fiction	5,344	7,062	-1,718
TOTAL JUVENILE PRINT CIRCULATION	90,885	74,822	16,063
TOTAL PRINT CIRCULATION	177,743	150,997	26,746
Videos	5	0	5
DVDs/Blu-rays	24,868	24,551	317
CDs (Books on Disc)	3,392	3,052	340
CDs (Music)	3,534	3,315	219
Video Games	496	293	203
Microforms	0	0	0
Records	0	0	0
TOTAL AUDIO-VISUAL CIRCULATION	32,295	31,211	1,084
COMPUTER CHECKOUTS	3,574	1,707	-2,517
ELECTRONIC MEDIA CHECKOUTS	45,920	47,404	6,758
TOTAL CIRCULATION OF ALL MEDIA	259,532	231,319	-51,653
ANNUAL CIRCULATION PER CAPITA	10.8	9.63	
	2021-2022	2020-2021	Gain (Loss)
RECIPROCAL LENDING			
St. Louis City	3,741	2,776	965
St. Louis County	18,214	17,829	385
St. Charles City/County	22	81	-59
INTERLIBRARY LOANS			
Items Loaned	193	158	35
Items Received	919	720	199
	JUVENILE	ADULT	TOTAL
REGISTRATION OF PATRONS	75	492	567
# Cardholders as of 6/30/2020	1,777	12,784	14,561

Webster Groves Public Library
DISBURSEMENTS
July 1, 2021—June 30, 2022

Operating Funds/Checking Account

PAYROLL	603,135.36
FICA/MEDICARE	45,271.92
HEALTH INSURANCE	83,812.08
PENSION	29,494.06
GROUP LIFE/DISABILITY INSURANCE	1,832.93
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	2,015.00
BOOKS	101,377.45
REFERENCE MATERIALS	10,667.17
AUDIO	28,267.28
VIDEO	7,163.47
SERIALS	15,394.33
INTERLIBRARY LOAN	6,518.68
PHOTOCOPIER	4,777.73
GAS	2,475.00
ELECTRICITY	24,548.98
WATER	3,555.65
SEWER	2,271.16
TELEPHONE	8,738.05
BUILDING SUPPLIES	2,596.59
CLERICAL SUPPLIES	16,554.37
POSTAGE	4,964.41
BUILDING & GROUNDS	103,280.88
AUTOMATION	36,866.07
SECURITY	1,599.30
EQUIPMENT	12,640.80
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	25,812.09
INSURANCE	17,335.67
CONFERENCES/MEETINGS	949.48
DUES	768.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	10,442.00
	1,215,125.96
GRANTS	0.00
REFUNDS	70.30
FRIENDS	8589.7
STAFF ORDERS	6,197.82
PATRON GIFTS	318.94
TAXES TRANSFERRED (to Bond Redemption Account)	450,000
	465,176.76
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	1,680,302.72

Webster Groves Public Library
 Summary Receipts and Disbursements
 July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

OPERATING FUNDS/CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE:	US BANK Operations/Checking Account as of June 30, 2021	\$	2,035,908.00
RECEIPTS:			
	TAXES	\$	1,597,565.26
	MISSOURI STATE AID		29,189.23
	STATE OF MISSOURI A&E PAYMENT		2,657.81
	FRIENDS SUPPORT		9,914.70
COUNTER RECEIPTS:			
	GIFTS		13,377.77
	FINES/PAID MATERIALS		9,257.03
	COPIES/ FAXES		3,862.36
	BOOK CART SALES		1,906.20
	PASSPORTS		31,010.00
	MISCELLANEOUS		7,447.58
	STAFF/MISC. REIMBURSEMENT		5,913.11
	CREDIT CARD CLEARING DIFF.		24.54
	TOTAL RECEIPTS:		1,712,125.59
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		(1,230,402.72)
	TAXES TRANSFERRED TO DEBT SERVICE (10/1/21 & 4/15/22)		(491,650.00)
BALANCE:	US Bank Operations/Checking Account as of June 30, 2022	\$	2,025,980.87

US BANK DEBT SERVICE/BOND REDEMPTION ACCOUNT

BALANCE:	at June 30, 2021	\$	8.43
RECEIPTS:			
	TAXES <i>Transferred from Operating Funds</i>		-
	TOTAL RECEIPTS:		-
DISBURSEMENTS:			
	Transfer to close account (4/7/22)		(8.43)
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		(8.43)
BALANCE:	at JUNE 30, 2022	\$	-

PER CAPITA OPERATING FUND STATISTICS

EXPENDITURES:
 TAX INCOME:
 TOTAL INCOME: