

# Washington Free Public Library

Library Visitors



61,311+

2022-2023  
BY THE NUMBERS



37% increase over last year

73,865  
Materials  
CHECKED OUT



Patrons using their  
cards in 2023  
2,331



Program Attendance  
7,997 37% increase over  
last year

Programs  
395

It cost **\$519,674** to run the library  
in FY 23

Where the the Library's money comes from:



City of  
Washington  
72%



Washington  
County,  
Ainsworth &  
Brighton  
15%



Gifts/memorials  
& WFPL  
Foundation  
10.5%

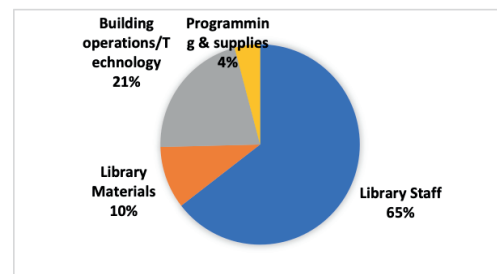


State &  
federal  
1.5%



Fines/Fees,  
1%

What we spend it on:



Computer  
Sessions  
3,970

Wireless  
Sessions  
21,214

2,872



BOOKS ADDED TO COLLECTION

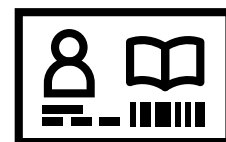
Digital & Downloadables Usage

22,552

New Library cards issued

639

Library Cards  
Renewed



1,566

# F Y O N O N S H - G H - J - G H S



**1000 Books Before Kindergarten:** Thanks to grants from the WC Riverboat Foundation and the WFPL Foundation, the Library implemented the 1000 Books before Kindertarten program to encourage families and caregivers to read 1000 books with their young children before they enter kindergarten. After the first 9 months of implementation 81 children are enrolled and almost 20,000 books have been logged

**Digital Library:** The Washington Public Library Foundation funded the enhancement of the Library's digital offerings with the addition of Mango Languages, Kanopy video streaming services and the Biblioboard service (offering tools for writers, raders and for local history collections). In addition the Foundation has funded additional purchases of ebooks and eaudiobooks through the State's Bridges consortium

**Strategic Plan:** The particular planning process conducted by staff and the Board allowed us to assess our progress and examine possible directions to shift our resources and priorities in the future. The resulting DISCOVER, STRENGTHEN, CURATE, CELEBRATE strategies will guide our vision for the next 3 years.

**The MakeIT Place:** One of the initiatives that received greatest attention in the strategic planning process was the addition of a makerspace programming area. Through funding from the WFPL Foundation, this project received board approval and and the design process for this new addition was completed in July 2023.