

**Rochester
Public Library**

More Than You Think

115 South Avenue | Rochester | New York | 14604

**Rochester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Kusler-Cox Auditorium, Rundel Memorial Library Building
May 24, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
Agenda**

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Hamilton

II. ACTION ITEMS

- | | | |
|---|----------|----------------|
| 1. Minutes of Prior Meeting | Hamilton | page 3 |
| 2. Personnel Changes | Suro | page 7 |
| 3. Financial Reports | Harrison | page 9 |
| 4. Update to 2023-24 Central Library Budget | Harrison | page 13 & 39 |
| 5. Update to 2023-24 Community Library Budget | Harrison | page 13 & 41 |
| 6. Central Library Program Aid FY24 | Harrison | page 14 & 43 |
| 7. Agreement Amendment, Branch Card
Read Access Services | Harrison | page 14 |
| 8. Winton Branch Library Hours Change | Lewis | page 14 |
| 9. Proposed Branch Closures for Team Building and Training | Lewis | page 14 |
| 10. 2022 Annual RPL Report to New York State | Uttaro | page 15 & Att. |

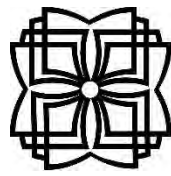
III. REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- | | | |
|--|----------|---------|
| 1. Liaison & Committee Reports | | |
| a. Liaison to the MCLS Board | Uttaro | |
| b. Liaison to the Reynolds Library Board | Salluzzo | |
| c. Friends & Foundation of RPL | Borgus | |
| 2. Staff Reports | | |
| a. Director's Report | Uttaro | page 15 |
| b. Central Library | Smathers | page 16 |
| c. Community Libraries | Lewis | page 33 |

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

V. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Meeting:
June 28, 2023
Kusler-Cox Auditorium**



**Rochester
Public Library**

More Than You Think

115 South Avenue | Rochester | New York | 14604

**Meeting of the RPL Board of Trustees
Central Library, Kusler-Cox Auditorium
April 26, 2023
Minutes**

RPL Trustees Present: Katherine Baynes, Donna Benjamin, Ellen Brenner, Glenn Gardner, Richard Hamilton, Daniel Karin, James Kraus Sharon Salluzzo (quorum present)

RPL Trustees Excused: Alinda Drury, Marilyn O'Connor, Erick Stephens

Staff and Guests: City Legal Dept. Liaison, Johanna Brennan; FFRPL Executive Director, Donna Borgus; staff members, Brie Harrison, Melanie Lewis, Debi Mansour, Ana Suro, Patty Uttaro

Call to Order

Mr. Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., welcomed trustees, staff, and guests, and confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comments

There were no members of the public present who wished to address the board.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Gardner MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2023, meeting as presented. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Personnel Changes

Ms. Suro called attention to the personnel changes and staffing levels for the period March 13, 2023–April 7, 2023. Ms. Benjamin MADE A MOTION to approve the personnel changes. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Financial Reports

Ms. Harrison reviewed the financial reports with the trustees and offered to answer questions. Mr. Gardner MADE A MOTION to approve the monthly financial reports as presented and approved by the RPL Finance Committee. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amended Library Capital Improvement Program

Ms. Harrison reviewed the item with everyone. Mr. Kraus MADE A MOTION to approve the Capital Improvement Program as amended. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amended NYSED Grant Award

Ms. Harrison reviewed the item with everyone. Ms. Benjamin MADE A MOTION to accept \$104,131 of additional Library Construction grant monies from NYSED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Liaison to the Monroe County Library System Board

Ms. Uttaro shared that the MCLS board has been discussing collection diversity spurred by MCLS trustee, Rev. Smith after he described growing up in the 1960s with limited or no exposure to Black authors and books about Black characters. He is alarmed by things happening in other states relating to school curriculums, book banning, and Black American History.

As a result of this ongoing conversation, Ms. Uttaro reached out to the MCLS Directors and prepared a report with information about what libraries across the county are doing to measure and increase collection diversity. She presented this to the MCLS Board and shared it with the RPL Board.

The MCLS board president created an Ad hoc committee with trustees Smith, Brandt, and Hessney Lynch to develop a position statement on collection diversity for the MCLS board to share. Hessney Lynch left the committee and trustees Smith and Brandt came back to the board with a recommendation to create an advisory board to oversee all MCLS member libraries. The Monroe County attorney who advises the board believes this is outside the authority of the MCLS board.

Ms. Uttaro asked RPL trustees to share their thoughts on an advisory board from MCLS advising the RPL on collection diversity.

Ms. Benjamin stated that she sees this as an overstep. She believes the RPL strategic plan sets forth the goals and the RPL board looks to the library administration to execute that plan. She stated there is a clear line between governing and policymaking or operations. She sees this as crossing that line.

Ms. Salluzzo stated that she shares Ms. Benjamin’s opinion. She added that it is the job of the librarian to make certain the collection is meeting the needs of everyone in the community.

Ms. Benjamin asked what is giving Rev. Smith the idea or inclination that there is a problem in the Monroe County libraries relating to collection diversity. Ms. Uttaro stated that he is alarmed by what has happened in other states and is attempting to do something to be prepared should similar things start happening here.

Ms. Brenner added that having an advisory board directing collection policies county-wide could also turn in the wrong direction if persons who are in support of book banning were to find their way onto that board.

Friends and Foundation of Rochester Public Library (FFRPL)

Ms. Borgus reported that FFRPL distributed a total of \$285,333 to eligible libraries last week for grants qualifying for circulating materials support. The total distribution to RPL was \$35,561. The total distribution to MCLS libraries is \$207,652.

The Lovenheim family has made a second \$10,000 gift to the John Lovenheim Center for Technology and Innovation. The Fowler family, friends of the Lovenheims, made a \$5000 gift bringing the total of restricted funds for the Center to \$25,000.

FFRPL has received \$154,140 from the Dolores Stevens Estate. This bequest is to be used solely for the purchase of large-print books and other materials for visually impaired patrons.

She has recently submitted a grant request of \$15,000 to the Feinbloom Supporting Foundation for Safe to be Smart.

She then reported that the grant application for the Harold Hacker Grant for the Advancement of Libraries is now available on the FFRPL and the RPL websites. The application deadline is May 19. The grant opportunity is open to all libraries with membership in RRLC, as well as all libraries in the OWWL and MCLS systems. Ms. Borgus shared that examples of previously funded projects addressing the needs of diverse populations have been shared with the application materials to help inspire applicants and show how ideas can fit into an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action (IDEA) lens.

Director's Report/Central Library

Ms. Uttaro offered to answer questions about the written report. Mr. Hamilton asked if there has been any negative feedback relating to the library's work on cannabis industry initiatives. Ms. Uttaro stated that nothing negative has come to her or Jennifer Byrnes. She shared that the city recently published a press release about Ms. Byrnes' work creating a cannabis library for anyone looking to get into this new industry in NYS. The cannabis library covers topics as diverse as botany and agriculture practices to laws, regulations, and licensing.

Ms. Brenner asked for a layperson explanation of automatic renewal. Ms. Uttaro explained that automatic renewal would renew items if they were eligible for renewal and there are no holds on the item. She explained that this can be a benefit to patrons but can also confuse if, for example, a patron had multiple items checked out and not all of them qualified for the auto-renewal. She also explained that some library directors object because they view it as a way to force libraries to be mostly fine-free since many fewer items would become overdue.

Mr. Hamilton asked if there are reports available about the results of the Raising a Reader program. Ms. Uttaro explained that Tonia Burton does keep statistics and reports them to the National Raising a Reader Program. Ms. Burton is also developing an impact survey for parents to help measure results. The national program does have a parent survey, but it is complicated and most of our parents do not complete it.

In response to a question about the Archive of Black History and Culture, Ms. Uttaro shared that she will be getting a status report later in the day.

She reported that after many months of delays, a patron she filed harassment charges against is now subject to an order of protection prohibiting him from having any contact with any MCLS member library for the next 5 years.

She shared that the City of Rochester is bringing back the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods program which was a very successful program during the Johnson administration. The RPL is part of the planning team for this program.

She reminded trustees to attend the unveiling ceremony for the Goethe bust in Harold Hacker Hall on Friday, May 5 at 1:30.

Community Libraries

Ms. Lewis offered to answer questions about the written report. She drew everyone's attention to the Anecdote from the Lyell Branch. Manju Sharma was able to help an eleventh-grade student with a parabolic equation. Ms. Lewis commented that she was grateful Manju was there and had the skills to help this student.

Next, she shared that Branch Administration is looking forward to Cathy Kyle starting as the new Branch Manager for the Lyell Branch. Ms. Kyle has over 25 years of experience working in libraries, most recently in Children's Services. Her extensive experience should serve the Lyell Community well.

She reminded everyone of the upcoming author visit from Jason Reynolds. She made note of the work of Tonia Burton and Erin Clarke to manage the visit and coordinate the many players who made it possible.

Ms. Salluzzo asked about the staff vacancies in the branches. Ms. Suro explained that most employees have left part-time positions in the branches in favor of full-time work. Ms. Lewis added that the staffing at Winton is a prime example. That branch has lost three part-time librarians in the past two years. The recent budget request to create a full-time position at the Winton Branch will hopefully stem that turnover.

Other Business

Mr. Hamilton reminded trustees that they need to complete two hours of training in 2023. He attended one recently and a topic they covered was trustee self-evaluations. He believes this is important and will likely have a sample self-evaluation form to distribute at the next meeting if not sooner.

Mr. Hamilton then shared that several Board Assignments need to be filled. The RPL Board needs liaisons to the MCLS Board and the FFRPL Board. There are also committees that trustees can serve on. Mr. Hamilton will send out an email asking for trustees to volunteer in these roles.

In response to a question, Ms. Uttaro said that the feedback she has heard relating to the recent State of the City address from Mayor Evens has been positive. The organizers from the City enjoyed being in the Library and felt it was easier for them.

Adjournment

Ms. Benjamin MADE A MOTION to adjourn. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by Donna Benjamin, Secretary

**ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
PERSONNEL CHANGES
April 10, 2023 to May 8, 2023**

➤ **NEW HIRES**

Correa, Natalie	Clerk III/Typing/PT/Lyell Branch	04/17/2023
Eikert, Michael	Shipping Supervisor/FT/Central/Shipping & Delivery	04/10/2023
Geier, Haley	Clerk Typist/PT/Douglass Branch	04/17/2023
Singleton, David	Truck Driver/FT/Central/Shipping & Delivery	05/08/2023
Smith, Emily	Library Assistant/PT/Winton Branch	05/08/2023
Villaronga, Lillian	Literacy Aide/PT/Wheatley Branch	05/02/2023

➤ **PROMOTION**

Dotson, Jordan	FROM: Library Automation Assistant/FT/Central/LAS	04/24/2023
	TO: Library Automation Specialist/FT/Central/LAS	
Kyle, Catherine	FROM: Family Services Coord/Central/Children's	05/08/2023
	TO: Branch Manager/Lyell Branch	
Pearl, Elizabeth	FROM: Clerk III/Typing/PT/Central/Tech Services	04/24/2023
	TO: Library Catalog Clerk/FT/Central/Tech Services	

➤ **RESIGNATION**

Becker, Joseph	Computer Aide/PT/Sully Branch	05/03/2023
Marshall-Hosier, Khajari	Literacy Aide/PT/Sully Branch	04/21/2023
Pitcairn, Claire	Librarian I/PT/Sub/Branch Administration	05/03/2023
Sells, Rajen	Cleaner/PT/Central/Facilities	04/10/2023

**STAFFING
April 10, 2023 to May 8, 2023**

Full-Time Positions	Central	Branches
Budgeted	78	25
Filled	74	24
Vacancies	4	1
Part-time Positions		
Budgeted	121	142
Filled	76	112
Vacancies	45	30

**Rochester Public Library
Financial Report Summary
May 2023**

Central Financial Report, April 2023

Salary & Benefits: Salaries are at budget, wages and overtime are under budget. The retirement lump contribution (\$1.07m) is slightly higher than budgeted – Central's share is \$783,500 vs. \$725,800.

Equipment & Supplies: Expenses are projected within budget.

Services & Charges: Utilities charges are at budget (expenses reflect delay in City payments/posting). Professional fees includes full OCLC payment for the year but not the BIC grant payment to FFRPL.

Cash Capital: Funds are reserved for BLB entry mat replacement, Rundel door replacement, etc. and expenses include unplanned elevator repairs and storefront window damage.

Community Financial Report, April 2023

Salary & Benefits: Salaries, wages are within budget. Other pay includes longevity payments (higher for AFSCME contract) and vacation/personal buyback (expensed in January for the full year – higher than projected)

Equipment & Supplies: Materials purchases and supplies are slightly under budget.

Services & Charges: Utility charges are lagging posting of payments due to slower City accounts payable processing. Facility maintenance costs will exceed budget by year end but available funds are identified.

Cash Capital: IT equipment purchases are reflected; \$20,000 was transferred to DES for matching expenses for Lincoln parking lot.

Central Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2022-23

April

Category	Description	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Expenses FISCAL YTD	Remaining Balance	% of Budget	
Salary & Benefits	Full-Time Salaries	4,514,900	4,594,400	3,631,650	962,750	79.0%	
	Part-Time/Temp Salaries	1,590,700	1,569,700	975,227	594,473	62.1%	
	Overtime	14,100	14,100	9,742	4,358	69.1%	
	Employee Benefits	3,135,500	3,135,500	2,466,354	669,146	78.7%	
	Employee Development	22,100	24,077	12,122	11,955	50.3%	
	Other	189,400	189,400	44,321	145,079	23.4%	
	Sub Total	9,466,700	9,527,177	7,139,416	2,387,761	74.9%	
	Equipment & Supplies	Materials Budget	508,800	501,851	375,836	126,014	74.9%
		Other Furnishings & Equipment	8,500	8,812	1,986	6,826	22.5%
		Office Supplies	52,100	56,124	40,112	16,012	71.5%
Other Materials & Supplies		48,400	51,364	27,223	24,141	53.0%	
Sub Total		617,800	618,151	445,158	172,993	72.0%	
Services & Charges		Utilities	439,500	551,569	313,517	238,052	56.8%
	Facility Maintenance	124,500	167,170	51,202	115,968	30.6%	
	Professional Services/Fees	224,500	348,150	194,639	153,511	55.9%	
	Chargebacks	79,900	82,198	40,980	41,218	49.9%	
	Service Charges - Other Gov't	51,400	51,400	40,404	10,996	78.6%	
	Telecommunications	16,700	17,049	8,270	8,780	48.5%	
	Other Expenses	213,500	172,354	57,037	115,317	33.1%	
	Sub Total	1,150,000	1,389,891	706,049	683,841	50.8%	
	TOTAL EXPENSED	11,234,500	11,535,219	8,290,623	3,244,596	73.8%	
	Central Cash Capital	Facility Maintenance Allocation	50,000	75,922	26,981	48,941	35.5%
REVENUE RECEIPTS		11,237,000	11,237,000	8,015,133	3,221,867		

Original Budget Revised Budget Outstanding Revenue

Community Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2022-23
April

Category	Description	Expenses FISCAL		
		Original Budget	Revised Budget	YTD
Salary & Benefits				
	Full-Time Salaries	1,028,000	884,552	679,067
	Part-Time/Temp Salaries	2,198,900	2,019,813	1,455,182
	Overtime	1,089,400	1,025,406	763,140
	Employee Development	22,400	35,375	4,526
	Other	2,209,500	2,072,745	1,422,434
	Sub Total	6,548,200	6,037,891	4,324,348
Equipment & Supplies				
	Materials Budget	104,800	513,077	297,983
	Office Supplies	36,600	40,595	24,291
	Other Materials & Supplies	432,900	388,462	284,736
	Sub Total	574,300	942,133	607,010
Services & Charges				
	Utilities	229,500	231,188	170,917
	Facility Maintenance	20,900	21,319	18,005
	Professional Services/Fees	408,900	434,079	368,922
	Chargebacks	36,900	40,698	16,598
	Telecommunications	13,100	13,100	8,902
	Other Expenses	45,800	58,906	12,362
	Sub Total	755,100	799,291	595,705
TOTAL EXPENSED		7,877,600	7,779,315	5,527,063
Community Cash Capital	Computers & Equipment	45,000	76,520	35,906
	Library Furnishings	22,000	22,000	0
	Library Facilities	52,000	131,898	20,000
	Library Capital Projects*	0		
Cash Capital Total		119,000	230,419	55,906
REVENUE RECEIPTS		560,461	560,461	238,940
				321,521

Original Budget Revised Budget Receipts FISCAL YTD Revenue
Outstanding

* Projects administered by City DES

Trust Funds Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2022-23

Fiscal YTD (through April 30, 2023)

Fund	Allocation	Carry-forward	TOTAL	YTD Expenses	% of Total
Reynolds Fund - RPL	\$146,256	\$34,657	\$180,913	\$63,728	35.2%
Fenevessy (Central + Branch bal)	\$30,079	\$19,794	\$49,873	\$25,376	50.9%
Kenyon-Jeffries Fund	\$19,863	\$13,460	\$33,323	\$0	0.0%
Purton Fund	\$16,730	\$549	\$17,279	\$13,186	76.3%
Gleason Fund	\$15,604				
Gleason Fund (FFRPL)	\$12,003	\$15,821	\$43,428	\$10,679	24.6%
Gervickas Fund	\$5,947	\$4,021	\$9,968	\$2,509	25.2%
Taylor Fund	\$3,551	\$2,706	\$6,257	\$1,937	31.0%
Boland Fund	\$1,516	\$589	\$2,105	\$194	9.2%
Carnahan Fund	\$1,530	\$90	\$1,620	\$795	49.1%
Poletto Fund	\$1,530	\$408	\$1,938	\$0	0.0%
Beeney Fund (FFRPL)	\$4,754	\$562	\$5,316	\$2,145	40.4%
Craig Fund (FFRPL)	\$2,677	\$1,910	\$4,587	\$598	13.0%
Holtzman Fund (FFRPL)	\$1,474	\$948	\$2,422	\$247	10.2%
Lee Fund (FFRPL)	\$1,477	\$1,299	\$2,776	\$78	2.8%
Vietnam Veterans Fund (FFRPL)	\$698	\$956	\$1,654	\$44	2.7%
Tummonds Fund (FFRPL)	\$20,143	\$35,562	\$55,705	\$23,944	43.0%
TOTAL	\$285,832	\$133,331	\$419,163	\$145,459	34.7%

Gift Fund Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2022-23

Fiscal YTD (through April 30, 2023)

Fund	Allocation	Transfer In	TOTAL	YTD Expenses	% of Total
Gift Fund	\$10,252	\$9,586	\$19,838	\$4,591	23.1%



TO: RPL Board of Trustees
FROM: Patricia Uttaro, Director
DATE: May 24, 2023
SUBJECT: Monthly Report – May 2023

Action Items

Update to 2023-24 Central Library Budget (Harrison)

Since the RPL Board approval of the Central Library budget in February, Monroe County offered a 2% increase in Public Service operating support versus the 1.5% increase requested. The NYS budget was passed with flat Library Aid as projected. With City approval of late fine forgiveness for City branches, we will close the projected Central Library budget gap with an increase in fund balance utilization (\$50,000).

Several City chargebacks for department services (motor equipment, phone charges) have increased, and we have increased the facilities utility budget based on current billing. Note we do not have an actual cost of living increase for part-time CSEA staff as contract negotiations continue but have budgeted 3% in wage adjustments for next year. With the NYS minimum wage change, upstate areas are still \$15 for 2024 (consistent with our current wage), increasing to \$15.50 in 2025 and \$16.00 in 2026. We will work with City on planning as part of the FY25 budget.

The revised budget is \$11,466,300; we are distributing a revised expense and revenue summary, which reflects the changes described.

Board Actions Requested: Approve the amended 2023-24 Central Library Budget; use of an additional \$50,000 of the Library Fund Balance for Central revenue support (total Fund usage \$100,000 for the 2023-24 operating budget).

Update to 2023-24 Community Library Budget (Harrison)

Since the Board approval of the Community budget in February, the Mayor has approved all increment/increase requests as well as agreed to support revenue reductions with the elimination of late fines for all materials. As a reminder, these changes include:

- Part-time to full-time Librarian I at Winton (for an incumbent staff member)
- Additional PT Security Guard at Arnett
- New PT Security Guard at Monroe
- PT Security Guards will match City/AFSCME PT Security Guard wages effective July 1

The Community operating budget as amended will be \$5,186,300, an increase of \$121,400 from February. We are distributing revised expense and revenue summaries, which reflect the changes described.

Note that this year the city budget is displayed as part of OpenGov (<https://opengov.com/>) - a web-based solution for better citizen engagement, with tools to evaluate capital and operating budgets.

Board Action Requested: Approve the amended 2023-24 Community Library Budget.

Central Library Program Aid FY24 (Harrison)

As a reminder, this budget now reflects the consolidation of CLDA and CBA into the new Central Library Services Aid Program. Flexibility to expend these formula State Aid funds include adult nonfiction and foreign language library materials in multiple formats. The attached summary reflects expenditures across Central service divisions as reflected in the overall operating budget. Aid is flat per the NYS budget from 2022-23.

Board Action Requested: Approve NYSED Central Library Development Aid for the 2023-24 budget cycle.

Agreement Amendment, Branch Card Read Access Services (Harrison)

In October the Board approved an agreement for the furnishing and installation of a card reader access system for the RPL (less Sully branch which is currently on the RCSD system). The access hardware was delayed in shipping due to supply chain issues, and a transition in City IT security team staff assigned to card access integration has delayed project implementation. Convergent (vendor) is not proposing any cost changes but our current agreement term ends on June 30. While we now anticipate the project to be complete by late July, we are requesting a term extension through October 31, 2023.

Board Action Requested: Approve an amended agreement with Convergent, Inc. for an extended term completion date of October 31, 2023.

Winton Branch Library Hours Change (Lewis)

In response to public demand, we are recommending Winton’s operating hours on Tuesday be extended to 7:00 p.m. While their weekly number of open hours will not increase, the later open time on Tuesdays will allow staff to provide programs and services currently not accessible to many people who live in the neighborhood.

	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Monday	10:00 AM–5:00 PM	10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Tuesday	10:00 AM–5:00 PM	11:00 AM–7:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM–5:00 PM	10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM–6:00 PM	11:00 AM–6:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM–5:00 PM	10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM–3:00 PM	10:00 AM–3:00 PM
Total Hours:	41 Open Hours	41 Open Hours

Action requested: Approve modification of Winton’s hours of operation.

Proposed Branch Closures for Team Building and Training (Lewis)

Pre-Covid, this board approved rolling monthly closures of individual branches to allow for staff development and program planning. Branch Administration is recommending reinstatement of that process beginning July 1, 2023. BRAD proposes the following:

- Individual branches will close to the public for one full operating day, twice per year for professional development activities.
- The Branch Managers and the Area Coordinator will plan the activities with approval from the Deputy Director.
- One session will be scheduled between July 1st–December 31st and the second session between January 1st–July 1st.
- Sessions for individual branches will be scheduled approximately six months apart and scheduled approximately 60 days in advance.
- No more than one branch will be closed at a time.

Board Action Requested: Approve the proposed closure of branches for training and teambuilding activities.

2022 RPL Annual Report to New York State (Uttaro)

Each year, public libraries in New York State are required to submit an annual report to the New York State Education Department, Division of Library Development. This is primarily a statistical and organizational report used to determine that the library continues to meet minimum standards for public libraries in NYS. Some highlights for 2022 (along with comparisons to 2021) demonstrate that RPL is steadily rebuilding usage and participation to pre-COVID levels. The staff has worked hard to achieve these results and we are grateful for their perseverance.

Metric	2021	2022	Difference	% Difference
Annual Visits	472,090	644,528	172,438	37%
Number of Borrowers	111,671	104,825	-6,846	-6%
Number of Programs Offered	1,091	2,724	1,633	150%
Program Attendance	36,575	50,572	13,997	38%
Total Materials Usage	824,271	1,180,382	356,111	43%
Reference Questions	105,822	116,995	11,173	11%

Board Action Requested: Approve the 2022 RPL Annual Report to New York State.

Report & Discussion Items

RPL Director Patricia Uttaro reporting

Family Search Digitization – For the last several months, the Local History & Genealogy monthly report has contained a listing of the items digitized through our agreement with Family Search. Staff would like to know if trustees have any questions or concerns regarding the work produced by Family Search. If not, does the board still wish to see a monthly list of the items being digitized, or would a shortened report from Christine Ridarsky suffice?

Take It Down Reminder – Please hold Thursday, September 28 open on your calendar for a joint MCLS/RPL Board visit to the Rochester Museum & Science Center for the “Take It Down! Organizing Against Racism” education program. This program will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the museum on East Avenue and will end around Noon. The focus of the program is on the racist panel removed from the Dentzel Carousel at Ontario Beach Park but also includes material on redlining, segregation, education, and imagery.

Social Media

April 2023	RPL Twitter	MCLS Twitter	Facebook	Facebook Calendar	Facebook Groups	Instagram	YouTube
Profile/ Page Visits	396	331	841	-	-	129	-
New Followers/ Page Likes	1 (2,109)	0 (2,233)	35 (5,764)	-	22	50 (2,480)	20 (506)
Engagements	65	186	1,870	97	47	381	73
Check-In/ Mentions	31	29	-	-	-	7	-
Post Reach	2,617	5,772	1,2240	-	-	1,264	26,306
Video/Story Views	-	-	583	-	-	229	1,233

Central Library Updates

Jennifer Smathers reporting

Arts/Literature, Nanci Nugent reporting

Programs

- Famous Artists Who Were Creative with Physical Challenges: Joyce Raimondo led this discussion, highlighting Lee Krasner and other famous artists such as Henri Matisse, Frida Kahlo, Edgar Degas, Chuck Close, and others whose physical challenges sparked creativity and innovative adaptive processes leading to the creation of masterpieces. Matisse worked from his bed when he became bedridden; Krasner switched to her left hand after breaking her right; Degas used his failing eyesight in his right eye to create new work using more vibrant colors that he could see. Patrons were very moved by this class as some have disabilities. Some comments, *“I learned that some artists were so committed to their art that they made it possible even in what appeared to be.” “I became disabled when I was 40 years of age. No one gives you a handbook or brochure on how to move forward with life. You are on your own. It is isolating, lonely and overwhelming grief of the life you had. No one to reach out with the same struggles. Art was my salvation. This program has empowered me! Thank you!”*
- Writing Science Fiction: Science Fiction writer Edward Ashton taught a class on Writing Science Fiction His book, Mickey 7, has been made into a major motion picture to be released in 2024. The class covered both the craft and business of writing science fiction. Those attending particularly enjoyed hearing his stories of being on the movie set in London and how the famous director, Bong Joo-ho, took a prop from the set and secretly gave it to him, as a ‘souvenir’. One of the attendees had this to say: *“The presenter was very engaging, giving lots of personal anecdotes about working in the book industry and working on the set of a movie. I had a great time.”*
- Beyond Sound: Sign Language Poetry & Wordplay: In connection with the Big Read and NTID, deaf poet Eric Epstein presented a workshop on translating poetry, rhyming, and creating poetry using ASL in the Kate Gleason Auditorium. The workshop was designed for people with no ASL experience and is the result of over 5 years of work on Epstein’s part. He was very excited to premier this workshop as he plans to present it across the country. Patrons raved about the workshop and commented *“How exciting it was to discover this whole new world of*

deaf poetry and were just enthralled with Eric's presentation!"

Another commented that it was a "Beautifully explained introduction to sign language, how it is used in poetry, and the differences (and actually, the advantages of ASL which can compress meaning which is the object of poetry!) with English poetry."

Business Insight Center (BIC), Jennifer Byrnes reporting

Programs

Business First Wednesday: Become the Marketing Expert for Your Business with Suzanne Rodriguez of My Brand Framework. Cannabis Industry MeetUp: Lighting for greenhouses with Dr. Jason Matlock of Fluence.

Meetings

Jennifer Byrnes met with the following people to discuss cannabis workforce development: Martha McDermott of the Bronx Business Tech Incubator; Maureen McNamara of Cannabis Trainers, creators of the Responsible Vendor Training program; Amanda Kernan of Green Flower; and Dave Serrano of the Cannabis Workforce Initiative, a partnership between the Workforce Development Institute and Cornell University.

Outreach

Jennifer met with the new cohort of businesses for the MARL accelerator (mobility, augmented reality, robotics, and logistics). MARL is based in Silicon Valley and participants are from all over the world.

Consulting

- Carlson Center Webpage views: 19
- 3D Printer: 21
- Hours of in-depth market research / prior art searching: 28
- Requests Outside Greater Rochester Area: 10

Database Usage – March Statistics

- Frost & Sullivan: Page views: 20 Value: \$73,000
- IBISWorld: Page views: 141 Value: \$59,750
- InnovationQ: Logins: 7 Searches: 106
- PitchBook: Logins: 18
- Statista: Searches: 56 Downloads: 58

Children's Center, Tonia Burton reporting

- Miranda Hazen had two Try-it Friday programs. During the April break, they did watercolor painting with the help of Wendy Saxena from Chili, then they made colorful rubber band bracelets.



- Naturalists from the Seneca Park Zoo offered two outdoor programs for families, describing how plants and animals adapt to urban environments. These programs coincided with Citizen Science Month and the nationwide City Nature Challenge. The children's center also debuted citizen science kits, which contain materials for families to collect data and report it to scientists. On a local homeschool Facebook page, a parent commented *"We really enjoyed this program earlier in the month, and the citizen science kits available at the library are great!"*

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training



- Tonia Burton worked with New York Association for the Education of Young Children Rochester Chapter and Child Care sites on Month of the Young Child Activities which kicked off at Central with a provider self-care event and viewing of the Children's Film Festival Selections. Burton also helped distribute children's artwork from childcare sites to Central, Brighton, Douglass, Gates, Irondequoit, and, Sully Libraries.
- Burton was joined by Manju Sharma from Lyell Library at the Rochester City School District Summer Expo. The Expo brought together providers of summer activities in one place for families to learn about all the options for their children.
- Burton attended a QUALITYStarsny provider informational session to share information about Talking is Teaching, library summer programs, summer reading, and professional development the library can offer staff. QUALITYstarsNY is New York State's Quality Rating and Improvement System for early childhood programs, they provide support and training for home and center-based childcare.

Circulation/Information, Chad Cunningham reporting

Statistics

Curbside Pickup Appointments-2
New Borrowers-167
RRLC Access Cards Issued-2
Notarial Acts- 169

Anecdotes/Other

- Cunningham had a delightful interaction with a patron who was placing a hold on a Mi-Fi unit. She usually gets her Mi-Fi units from Webster, but she forgot to place a hold and wondered how to get a unit quickly. Cunningham explained how the holds queue works and told her she would probably have one available at

Central the next day if he placed a hold for her. She had many good questions about how holds work and they talked for a good ten minutes before Cunningham placed the hold. Sure enough, there was a Mi-Fi on the hold shelf for her less than 24 hours later.

- Tax season is now over, and CASH is done for the season. Over the last couple of months, Circulation and Information staff have set up 60 people with appointments to get their taxes done and have printed tax documents for about 350 people. Cunningham and Cynthia Dana attended CASH's annual review and will be meeting with CASH representatives in May to discuss future collaboration.

Local History & Genealogy, Christine L. Ridarsky reporting

Programs – Priority #1: Education and Engagement

- Rochester & the Mid-Sized American City in the 21st Century: A Conference and Conversation was presented in partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology's College of Liberal Arts and Department of History. The event reopened a conversation begun 21 years before when then-Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr. convened the Rochester Conversation on Mid-Sized Cities. Mayors, academics, urban policy experts, and others gathered to discuss the challenges that were facing the urban centers that occupied the poorly understood middle ground between towns and metropolises. The event also marked the launch of the publishing partnership between the library, RIT's History Department, and RIT Press to re-envision the *Rochester History* journal. Highlights of the conference included a plenary panel discussion, Influence of the Past: How History Informs Journalism, Elected Office, and Non-Profit Leadership in a Mid-Sized City, and a conversation between Mayor Malik Evans and former Mayor Johnson. Plenary panelists included Simeon Banister (President & CEO, Rochester Area Community Foundation), Mitch Gruber (City Council), Justin Murphy (Reporter, *Democrat & Chronicle*), Jackie Ortiz (Commissioner, Monroe County Board of Elections), and Yversha Roman (Monroe County Legislator).
- The April installment of *Rochester's Rich History* featured a talk by Megan Klem on "Rochester's Jewish Landmarks: Exploring Rochester's Jewish History Through the Built Environment." The program was held in person in Kusler-Cox Auditorium and simultaneously live-streamed via the library's YouTube channel. A recording is available on YouTube.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Christine Ridarsky was a guest on WXXI's Connections with Evan Dawson with former Mayor William A. Johnson Jr., RIT History Professor Michael Brown, and *Democrat & Chronicle* reporter Justin Murphy to discuss the Rochester & the Mid-Sized American City in the 21st Century conference (see above). Registration for the conference increased substantially after the program aired.
- Mario Castillo and Brandon Fess provided information about the origin of Genesee Valley Park Golf Course upon request of the Monroe County Superintendent of Parks and Golf Courses, Greg Klem. The request was related to the upcoming PGA event in Rochester and a possible CBS piece on the public golf facility. Klem was very pleased with the information Castillo and Fess provided.
- Ridarsky and Michelle Finn led a Heritage Trail walking tour for 20 French high school exchange students and their teachers. The students were hosted by Allendale Columbia School.
- Emily Morry led a walking tour, "Washington Square: Dedication, Innovation, and Reinvention in a Mid-Sized City Neighborhood," in conjunction with the Mid-Sized City conference. Dan Cody assisted.
- The division hosted seven sessions of the Historic Youth Ambassador Leadership Program this month in partnership with Jacqueline Sprague. The students in the program are researching local Black community leaders and organizations along with their personal family histories. The program will culminate with the students conducting oral history interviews with local elders.
- Ridarsky attended a meeting at which the Rochester Historical Society and the Landmark Society provided an update to representatives from the Board of Regents, Office of New York State History, the City of

Rochester, Rochester Area Community Foundation, and other stakeholders about its progress toward a long-range plan to preserve the Historical Society's collections. The consultant who was hired to assess the collection completed an assessment of the space in which the RHS is currently housed and made numerous recommendations that, if adopted, would allow the collection to remain in the space until a permanent home can be identified. The rest of the consultant's assessment (of the collection itself) is expected to be completed in May.

- Ridarsky met with Kristin Leary, one of the organizers of international #DouglassWeek to discuss this year's event, which will be held in Rochester July 10-16. Each year, the event occurs in and highlights a different community with which Douglass had connections. For information, visit <https://douglassweek.org/>. Libraries and other organizations that are sponsoring Douglass-related events that week can list them on the site.
- Ridarsky met with Lentory Johnson, founder of Generational Engagement Matters and sponsor of an annual anti-gun violence student essay contest for grades 4-12, and Ralph Carter, a member of Third Presbyterian Church's Anti-Racism Committee. Johnson would like to document youths' experiences with gun violence for the historical record and wanted to understand what resources the library has that could help. Her son, Johnny Johnson, died in the 2015 mass shooting at the Boys & Girls Club on Genesee Street.

Special Collections

- The Community Advisory Board for the Archive of Black History & Culture met once this month. The board is currently drafting mission and vision statements for the Archive and reviewing the resources list produced by the Rochester Regional Library Council. The board is still collecting community surveys to gather input on the topics and materials that people want to see included in the Archive. The survey will be open through the end of May and can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-LnuN5qq7EiuTRMeq9uQO3dt2HwVPVfYdW37LEuD-7Kxdw/viewform>.
- April saw the completion of a true odyssey of the acquisition of a special collection. In July 2022, a photograph showing Eleanor Roosevelt meeting with local African American leaders during her husband's 1944 presidential campaign was mailed to the division. Unfortunately, the potential donor did not provide contact information and Fess had to track him down using the return address on the envelope, which was for a nursing home in California. Fess called the nursing home, left a message for the potential donor (Mr. Persche), and waited for a response. After three weeks, he heard from Mr. Persche, who explained that the photo came from the collection of Democratic party leader Tom Thayer, who Persche knew when both lived in Chatham, New York. Fess sent Persche a deed of gift for the photo in September of 2022; the reply took months. The acquisition was finally completed this month. While certainly an extreme example, a high level of persistence is frequently necessary when carrying out special collections work.

Digital Projects

- The division contributes digitized content to a handful of online platforms, increasing discoverability and access to these materials. In April, there were 435 page views of division content available through *New York State Historic Newspapers* (<https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>); 812 page views of content available through *New York Heritage* (<https://nyheritage.org/>); and 1,377 page views of content available through the library's *Rochester Voices* site (<http://www.rochestervoices.org/>).
- The FamilySearch volunteer scanning team digitized 136 books this month and scanned 877 pages of reshoots from various City and Suburban directories that were produced to fill gaps identified in previously scanned volumes of these series. See below for details. Digital products from this project are starting to become available through the FamilySearch site (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/>); 32 items were added to the site in March, with three views of RPL items. (Note: The FamilySearch reports on materials uploaded and the number of views come out a couple of weeks after the division's monthly report is due. April's numbers will be included in next month's report.)

Materials scanned by FamilySearch, April 2023:

RPL Board Director's Report—May 2023 (Continued)

Title	Volume	Author	Pages	Call No.	Publisher and Place	Publication Date
Senior Annual	1928	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	104	Rr373R676jo 1928	Du Bois Press, Rochester, New York	1928
Senior Annual	1927	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	100	Rr373R676jo 1927	George P. Burns Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1927
John Quill	1931	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	92	Rqr373R676jo Jun1931	George P. Burns Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1931
John Quill	1932Jan	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	68	Rr373R676jo Jan1932	George P. Burns Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1932
John Quill	1932Jun	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	52	Rr373R676jo Jun1932	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1932
John Quill	1933Jan	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	40	Rqr373R676jo Jan1933	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1933
John Quill	1933Jun	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	52	Rrq373R676jo Jun1933	George P. Burns Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1933
John Quill	1934Jan	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	68	Rqr373R676jo Jan1934	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1934
John Quill	1938	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	87	Rr373R676jo 1938	Du Bois Press, Rochester, New York	1938
John Quill	1939	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	90	Rrq373R676jo 1939	George P. Burns Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1939
John Quill	1940	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	90	Rrq373R676jo 1940	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1940
John Quill	1941	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	105	Rrq373R676jo 1941	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1941
John Quill	1942	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	101	Rrq373R676jo 1942	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1942
John Quill	1943	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	85	Rqr373R676jo 1943	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1943
John Quill	1944	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	86	Rrq373R676jo 1944	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1944
John Quill	1945	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	91	Rqr373R676jo 1945	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1945
John Quill	1946	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	89	Rqr373R676jo 1946	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1946
John Quill	1947	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	98	Rrq373R676jo 1947	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1947
John Quill	1948	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	107	Rqr373R676jo 1948	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1948
John Quill	1949	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	109	Rrq373R676jo 1949	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1949
John Quill	1950	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	109	Rrq373R676jo 1950	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1950
John Quill	1951	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	108	Rqr373R676jo 1951	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1951
John Quill	1952	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	116	Rqr373R676jo 1952	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1952

RPL Board Director's Report—May 2023 (Continued)

Title	Volume	Author	Pages	Call No.	Publisher and Place	Publication Date
John Quill	1953	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	126	Rqr373R676jo 1953	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1953
John Quill	1954	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	130	Rqr373R676jo 1954	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1954
John Quill	1955	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	143	Rqr373R676jo 1955	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1955
John Quill	1956	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	143	Rqr373R676jo 1956	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1956
John Quill	1957	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	152	Rqr373R676jo 1957	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1957
John Quill	1958	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	155	Rrq373R676jo 1958	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1958
John Quill	1959	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	163	Rqr373R676jo 1959	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1959
John Quill	1960	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	179	Rqr373R676jo 1960	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1960
John Quill	1961	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	131	Rqr373R676jo 1961	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1961
John Quill	1962	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	130	Rr373R676jo 1962	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1962
John Quill	1963	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	122	Rqr373R676jo 1963	Du Bois Press, Inc., Rochester, New York	1963
John Quill	1964	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	165	Rr373R676jo 1964	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1964
John Quill	1965	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	169	Rqr373R676jo 1965	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1965
John Quill	1966	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	166	Rqr373R676jo 1966	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1966
John Quill	1967	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	164	Rqr373R676jo 1967	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1967
John Quill	1968	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	160	Rqr373R676jo 1968	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1968
John Quill	1969	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	163	Rqr373R676jo 1969	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1969
John Quill	1970	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	162	Rqr373R676jo 1970	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1970
John Quill	1971	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	162	Rqr373R676jo 1971	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1971
Koinonia	1972	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	165	Rqr373R676jo 1972	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1972

RPL Board Director's Report—May 2023 (Continued)

Title	Volume	Author	Pages	Call No.	Publisher and Place	Publication Date
John Quill	1973	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	167	Rqr373R676jo 1973	Western Yearbook	1973
John Quill	1974	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	159	Rr373R676jo 1974	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1974
John Quill	1975	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	161	Rr373R676jo 1975	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1975
John Quill	1976	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	185	Rr373R676jo 1976	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1976
John Quill	1977	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	171	Rqr373R676jo 1977	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1977
John Quill	1979	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	184	Rr373R676jo 1979	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1979
John Quill	1980	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	156	Rqr373R676jo 1980	American Yearbook Company, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1980
John Quill	1981	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	156	Rqr373R676jo 1981	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1981
John Quill	1983	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	156	Rr373R676jo 1983	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1983
John Quill	1990	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	136	Rr373R676jo 1990	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1990
John Quill	1991	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	72	Rr373R676jo 1991	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1991
John Quill	1992	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	112	Rr373R676jo 1992	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1992
John Quill	1993	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	125	Rr373R676jo 1993	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1993
John Quill	1994	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	112	Rr373R676jo 1994	Knack & Richards, Inc., Williamsville, New York	1994
John Quill	1995	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	73	Rrq373R676jo 1995	Knack & Richards, Inc., Williamsville, New York	1995
John Quill	1996	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	105	Rr373R676jo 1996	Herff Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana	1996
John Quill	1997	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	105	Rr373R676jo 1997	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1997
John Quill	1998	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	107	Rr373R676jo 1998	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1998
John Quill	1999	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	104	Rr373R676jo 1999	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	1999
John Quill	2000	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	104	Rr373676jo 2000	John Marshall High School, Rochester, New York	2000

RPL Board Director's Report—May 2023 (Continued)

Title	Volume	Author	Pages	Call No.	Publisher and Place	Publication Date
John Marshall High School	2001	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	81	Rr373R676jo 2001	Herff Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana	2001
John Marshall High School	2002	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	81	Rr373R676jo 2002	Herff Jones, Indianapolis, Indiana	2002
John Marshall High School	2012	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	97	Rr373R676jo 2012	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	2012
Monroe High School	2009	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	105	Rr373R676m 2009	Life Touch Yearbooks,	2009
The Kodak Lens	1922	Kodak High School, Rochester, NY	55	Rr373.7478K76k 1922	Kodak High School	1922
Polaris	1930	John Marshall High School, Rochester, NY	108	Rr373R676jop 1930	The Dubois Press, Rochester, NY	1930
The Kodak Lens	1923	Kodak High School, Rochester, NY	56	Rr373.7478K76k 1923	Rochester Alliance Press, Inc Rochester, NY	1923
The Senior Annual June	1924	Kodak High School, Rochester, NY	56	Rr373.7478K76k 1924	Kodak High School	1924
The Senior Annual June	1925	Kodak High School, Rochester, NY	76	Rr373.7478K76k 1925	Kodak High School	1925
The Senior Annual June	1926	Kodak High School, Rochester, NY	76	Rr373.7478K76k 1926	Kodak High School	1926
Monrolog	1927	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	91	Rqr373R676m 1927	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1927
Monrolog	1928	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	116	Rr373R676m 1928	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1928
Monrolog	1929	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	104	Rqr373R676m 1929	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1929
Monrolog	1930	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	112	Rqr373R676m 1930	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1930
Monrolog	1933	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	104	Rqr373R676m 1933	The Leo Hart Co., Rochester, NY	1933
Monrolog	1934	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	96	Rqr373R676m 1934	The Leo Hart Co., Rochester, NY	1934
Monrolog	1935	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	105	Rqr373R676m 1935	The Leo Hart Co., Rochester, NY	1935
Monrolog	1936	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	80	Rqr373R676m 1936	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1936
Monrolog	1937	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	80	Rqr373R676m 1937	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1937
Monrolog	1939	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	104	Rqr373R676m 1939	Litho by the Colony Press, Rochester, NY	1939
Monrolog	1940	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	96	Rqr373R676m 1940	Unknown	1940
Monrolog	1941	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	84	Rqr373R676m 1941	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1941
Monrolog	1942	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	85	Rqr373R676m 1942	unknown	1942

RPL Board Director's Report—May 2023 (Continued)

Title	Volume	Author	Pages	Call No.	Publisher and Place	Publication Date
Monrolog	1943	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	86	Rr373R676m 1943	unknown	1943
Monrolog	1945	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	76	Rqr373R676m 1945	Wm J. Keller Co., Buffalo, NY	1945
Monrolog	1946	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	84	Rr373R676m 1946	Kings Craft, Kingsport, TN	1946
Monrolog	1947	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	85	Rr373R676m 1947	Craftco, Chicago, IL	1947
Monrolog	1949	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	76	Rr373R676m 1949	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1949
Monrolog	1950	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	77	Rqr373R676m 1950	Durand, Chicago, IL	1950
Monrolog	1951	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	78	Rqr373R676m 1951	The Du Bois Press, Rochester, NY	1951
Monrolog	1952	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	84	Rqr373R676m 1952	Unknown	1952
Monrolog	1953	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	96	Rqr373R676m 1953	Unknown	1953
Monrolog	1954	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	104	Rqr373R676m 1954	DuBois Press, Rochester, NY	1954
Monrolog	1955	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	112	Rqr373R676m 1955	DuBois Press, Rochester, NY	1955
Monrolog	1957	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	103	Rr373R676m 1957	Unknown	1957
Monrolog	1958	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	124	Rqr373R676m 1958	Unknown	1958
Monrolog	1959	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	128	Rqr373R676m 1959	Unknown	1959
Monrolog	1960	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	159	Rqr373R676m 1960	Unknown	1960
Monrolog	1961	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	174	Rqr373R676m 1961	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1961
Monrolog	1956	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	113	Rr373R676m 1956	Unknown	1956
Monrolog	1962	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	167	Rqr373R676m 1962	Durand, Chicago, Illinois	1962
Monrolog	1963	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	165	Rqr373R676m 1963	Unknown	1963
Monrolog	1964	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	172	Rqr373R676m 1964	DuBois Press, Rochester, NY	1964
Monrolog	1965	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	187	Rqr373R676m 1965	DuBois Press, Rochester, NY	1965
Monrolog	1966	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	196	Rqr373R676m 1966	DuBois Press, Rochester, NY	1966
Monrolog	1967	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	199	Rr373R676m 1967	Unknown	1967

RPL Board Director's Report—May 2023 (Continued)

Title	Volume	Author	Pages	Call No.	Publisher and Place	Publication Date
Monrolog	1968	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	216	Rqr373R676m 1968	Unknown	1968
Monrolog	1969	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	231	Rqr373R676m 1969	American Yearbook Company Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1969
Monrolog	1974	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	150	Rr373R676m 1974	American Yearbook Company Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1974
Monrolog	1978	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	111	Rqr373R676m 1978	American Yearbook Company Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota	1978
Monrolog	1982	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	126	Rr373R676m 1982	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1982
Monrolog	1983	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	124	Rr373R676m 1983	Unknown	1983
Monrolog	1984	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	134	Rr373R676m 1984	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1984
Monrolog	1987	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	134	Rqr373R676m 1987	Unknown	1987
Monrolog	1988	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	134	Rqr373R676m 1988	Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, Texas	1988
Monrolog	2008	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	72	Rr373R676m 2008	Unknown	2008
Monrolog	2010	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	100	Rr373R676m 2010	Life Touch Yearbooks, Eden Prairie, Minnesota	2010
Monrolog	1982	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	126	Rr373R676m 1982	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1982
Monrolog	1983	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	124	Rr373R676m 1983	Unknown	1983
Monrolog	1984	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	134	Rr373R676m 1984	Jostens, Minneapolis, Minnesota	1984
Monrolog	1987	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	134	Rqr373R676m 1987	Unknown	1987
Monrolog	1988	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	134	Rqr373R676m 1988	Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, Texas	1988
Monrolog	2008	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	72	Rr373R676m 2008	Unknown	2008
Monrolog	2010	Monroe High School, Rochester, NY	100	Rr373R676m 2010	Life Touch Yearbooks, Eden Prairie, Minnesota	2010
The Madigraph	1925 Jun	Madison Junior-Senior High School, Rochester, NY	36	Rr373R676mad June 1925	Unknown	1925
The Madisonian	1934	Madison Junior-Senior High School, Rochester, NY	84	Rr373R676ma 1934	Unknown	1934

Title	Volume	Author	Pages	Call No.	Publisher and Place	Publication Date
The Madisonian	1936	Madison High School, Rochester, NY	68	Rr373R676ma 1936	Unknown	1936
The Madisonian	1937	Madison High School, Rochester, NY	68	Rr373R676ma 1937	DuBois Press, Rochester, New York	1937
The Madisonian	1938	Madison High School, Rochester, NY	68	Rr373R676ma 1938	Unknown	1938
The Madisonian	1939	Madison High School, Rochester, NY	76	Rr373R676ma 1939	Unknown	1939
The Madisonian	1940	Madison High School, Rochester, NY	77	Rqr373R676ma 1940	Unknown	1940
The Madisonian	1941	Madison High School, Rochester, NY	76	Rr373R676ma 1941	DuBois Press, Rochester, New York	1941
The Madisonian	1942	Madison High School, Rochester, NY	81	Rr373R676ma 1942	DuBois Press, Rochester, New York	1942
		Various Directory pages for the project	877			
Total Pages			16,507			
Total Books			136			

Social Media

Two new articles were posted to the *Local History ROCs!* blog in April: “My Back Pages: The Old School Roots of Rochester’s New Hall of Fame Class” by Morry, and “Start Your Engines...And Much More: From the Rochester Coil Co. to Delco, Pt. 2” by Cody. The new posts received 559 views, with Morry’s piece on the Hall of Fame inductees proving extremely popular. In addition, readers from 35 countries revisited 197 previously published posts for a total of 2,084 views in March. All posts can be read online at www.rochistory.wordpress.com.

Interns/Volunteers

The division’s work was supported by three volunteers in April for a total contribution of 30.5 hours. Karen Sue Brown continued sorting and filing the backlog of newspaper clippings; she contributed 17.5 hours. Linda Lopata contributed 9 hours entering collection information into ArchivesSpace to create a finding aid for the pin-back button collection in the Office of the City Historian. Noeme Liestman provided 4 hours arranging, rehousing, and describing the library’s previously unprocessed early (pre-1900) photographic materials.

Upcoming Events/Programs

Wednesday, June 14, 6:00-8:00 pm, “Local History Walking Tour: Multicultural Rochester” with Emily Morry. Meet on Rundel North Terrace for this 1.1-mile walk.

Saturday, June 17, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, “Rochester’s Rich History: Juneteenth – Origins, History, and Celebrations” with Shirley Strothes and Eunice White of the Blackstorytelling League. Kusler-Cox Auditorium and live stream via YouTube.

Reynolds Media Center, Joseph Born reporting

Reference

During April, RMC handled 699 reference questions and 366 non-reference transactions for a total of 1065.

Circulation

In April, RMC rented 13 pieces of equipment, and loaned 238 Mi-Fi units in addition to the regular collection, for a total of 4,029 items. When adding in RMC items circulated at other libraries, RMC circulated 8,816 items.

Hoopla

Circulation:

- Audiobooks – 1005
- Binge Pass – 13
- Comics – 108
- eBooks – 310
- Movies/TV – 293
- Music – 84
- Total Circulation – 1813

Programs/Tours/AV setups

- The First Friday Film was “I don’t remember”.
- See It First film “Missing”.
- RMC performed 32 A/V setups for programs in Central Library!

Science and History, Gabe Pellegrino reporting

Programs

The Great American Eclipse 2024 presented by Jim Porter, Aerospace Engineer and NASA Ambassador, was well attended on Saturday, April 22. This is part of a series that Renee Kendrot has scheduled, leading up to the Eclipse. Several people who attended this program are excited to come back for Jim Porter’s next program about the James Webb Telescope.

Tax Preparation (report by Library Assistant Florence Morris)

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP) returned to the Central Library in the Science, History and Social Sciences Division to offer in-person assistance to people for them to file their 2022 tax returns. This program was held every Wednesday, February through April 12, 2023, in-person for the first time since 2020 and TAP staff were happily busy. There were many positive comments from patrons who had come in to use the Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP) to file their 2022 taxes. Some patrons were returning clients from previous years who were incredibly pleased to have this program back here at the Central Library. For some of the patrons, this was their first time coming into the Central Library since COVID. A patron wrote “*TAP (Taxpayer Assistance Program) Program was outstanding held on the third floor at the Main Library. Excellent staff, very knowledgeable. I would like to see this program return next year ‘2024.’ Can’t say enough about the program. Leonard Woods Citizen.*” And this patron stayed after he successfully filed his taxes and took books out from the History collection.



Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- LROC (Library Resource Outreach Center) visitors were up again to about 75 this month, the highest number in years. The counseling service/support group offered on Wednesdays has finished.
- The University of Rochester Medical Center's latest Distinction in Health Student, Maryam Omran, completed her sessions of vitals check clinic in the Health Central Kiosk, which saw 10 participants. Pellegrino met with Omran and a new student, Marissa LoCastro, who is planning to set up a regular vitals clinic at Health Central, staffed by UR medical students, with the possibility of adding regular evening and weekend hours. The three had a follow-up Zoom meeting with Dr. Theresa Green and Carolyn Settle of the Center for Community Health & Prevention, URMC, to discuss this further, noting what supplies, requirements, etc. will be needed, and how these might be funded.

Anecdotes/Other

Pellegrino received a thank you letter from a patron who had initially asked for an article from a 1967 Newsweek magazine on her uncle, a white priest who was serving a largely African American, integrated Catholic community in Alabama, and fighting for civil rights. After finding the article, Pellegrino did some additional research, which revealed some follow-up information on the priest, his interactions with his bishop, leaving the community, subsequent marriage, and changing his name. The patron was very grateful as she is sharing information about her family with her children and grandchildren and feels this is an interesting and inspirational story.

John Lovenheim Center for Technology and Innovation, Jay Osborne reporting

- The Technology Center staff has been collaborating with CASH in helping patrons get their tax records and online identification issues sorted out. Almost all patrons' ID issues can be solved with time and patience. Compared to last year, this tax season was less challenging for Technology Center Staff. The volume of work shared with CASH and the Circulation department contributed to this. We are also three years into the implementation of online identity verification. That translates into three years of helping people navigate through some challenging websites. Over that time the sites have been dramatically improved. Our patrons have also accepted the reality that these verifications are the new normal for many state and federal agencies. Fewer people have not run into ID.ME and even these people are interacting with a much simpler set of challenging online issues.
- The Technology Center's most visible event of this month was the official ribbon cutting. Patty Uttaro, Mayor Evans, Councilman Gruber, and Mrs. Lovenheim spoke at this event and the Technology Center was officially renamed the John Lovenheim Center for Technology and Innovation. Frank Russo and Mary Giancurso of the maintenance department worked out a floor plan to comfortably accommodate over 60 attendees to create a very nice event. For many staff and patrons, it was the first time they were introduced to the life and lore of John Lovenheim. We would like to think he'd be pleased with our goals and service model.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- At the end of April, Digital Literacy launched the long-anticipated program of classroom instruction. Digital Literacy volunteers continue to support our patrons as they have been for the last 18 months but now can offer more formal classroom instruction. The Technology Center's classroom is the perfect venue and Central's proximity to the bus station makes this an almost ideal location for this project.
- Leroy Banks and Lindsay Murphy from Rochester Works continued to provide walk-in resume instruction and job application assistance on the first Monday of every month. Lindsay Murphy has been meeting patrons by appointment in the classroom to offer more in-depth resume instruction and job-seeking coaching.

Anecdotes

- Amy Shropshire has developed resource cards highlighting daily food and shelter resources available in the community for our homeless patrons. Debby, one of our long-term homeless patrons, contributed to this project by suggesting various vendors and updates for the regular changes in service availability. Shropshire's willingness to share her experiences with homelessness made Debby more willing to collaborate on this project. Debby commented on how much she has come to appreciate our laid-back attitude at the tech center, where we offer relevant resources to patrons without judgment, comment, or high-pressure sales tactics.
- During April, several patrons complimented the Technology Center staff on the resumes they were able to create with the staff's assistance. One patron told Ginger Brewer, *"I know that you help a lot of people so you may not remember me. You helped me build an impressive resume and find a job that I've been after for a long time. Because of you, I am no longer homeless, and I thank you for that."* It is stories like these which make the staff in the Technology Center and throughout other departments realize the importance of having a library in the community.

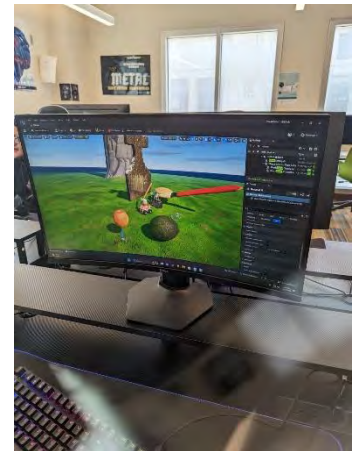
Teen Central, Shetora Banks reporting

Programs

- Girls Who Code: A few new 3-5th grade students signed up for this program. We received our second Amazon Wishlist order and are excited to use them in our craft and other fun programs!
- Robotics Club: We have a steady group of participants every Saturday. They are learning the basics of electric circuit boards and have learned to work with Python code for two Raspberry Pi projects, so far.
- Chess: We have had a resurgence in teens' interest in learning chess. We have many teens who are very good chess players and have helped other teens increase their knowledge of this great problem-solving game. We will have a teen center chess tournament so they can showcase all that they have learned.

E-sports

- The NASEF Library esports curriculum was completed this month. A new class on the Unreal Engine for Fortnite was tested on a group of homeschooled kids. They were able to complete customized gaming islands on extremely high-powered software.

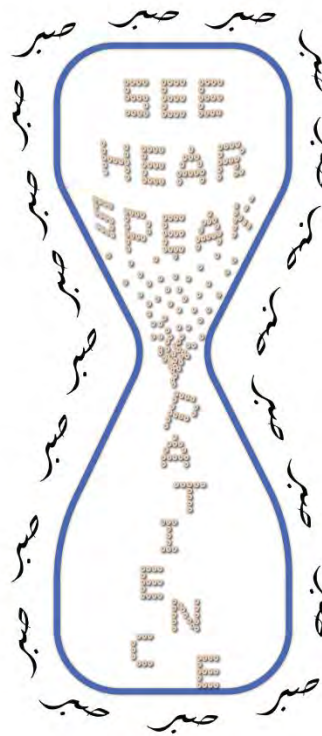


- We were also able to host the second A Gamer's Nostalgia (locally owned Videogame café) vs 585Fighterz event. They showed the liberators what a professional setup would look like and shared some catered Chick-fil-A with the team.



Illustrator

A young lady was able to take the gale.udemy classes through the library and create a t-shirt logo from her illustration in Adobe Illustrator.



Glowforge

The Glowforge was used during all four-school field trips this month. You can see a keychain that was made below. A skeleton album cover was also made in the Glowforge.

Music Studio

The music studio was in constant use this month. One of our patrons is making a poetry album.



- School visit: School #58 came for a tour and enjoyed all the amenities the department and Imagine You Lab had to offer. We checked the status of students' library cards and signed up those who were without cards.
- One of our regularly visiting teens, Caydon, has embarked on an Ancestry DNA search. He discovered his great-great-grandfather and great-great uncle had authored books.



Community Library Updates

Melanie Lewis, Deputy Director reporting

During April, Branch Administration completed interviews for the Lyell Branch Manager position and selected Cathy Kyle. Cathy has over 25 years of library experience, beginning her career as a Page at the Douglass (formerly Highland) Branch.

Branch Administration is excited to finalize the details of two mini summer camps with community partners Action for a Better Community and Writers and Books. This year's WAB program has been expanded to five branches, which will offer summer writing workshops. For the first time, Branches will partner with ABC's PROWD program (Providing Real Opportunities with Dedication). The PROWD staff works with cohorts of 12 students at a time, ages 11-14, and encourages students to become successful, accomplished, and healthy members of their families and the community. Sully and Wheatley branches will host this exciting program.

Arnett Branch Library, Bruce Tehan reporting

Programs

Programs were well attended, especially during the Rochester City School District break week. Programming included four craft programs, a spelling bee practice, several air rocketeer contests, a paper plane challenge, a story-time, a visit from the Eastman Museum, a miniature golf game, a jellybean guessing game contest, joke reading challenges, a Science of Spinning: Bey Blade battle, and numerous mural scavenger hunts. The entire Arnett team did an outstanding job making sure kids and teens had an enjoyable break week.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

Bruce Tehan gave Arnett Branch Library 100th Anniversary commemorative buttons to the Thurston and Brooks Merchants Association to be included in prize packages that will be given out at an event the organization is holding. Buttons were designed and created by Nancy Cholewa, Corinne Clar, Ceola Lester-Bacot, and several teen patrons.

Anecdotes/Other

- Cholewa has been purchasing several of the Craftsy (hobby instruction) DVDs that have recently become available through MidWest Tapes. She mentioned the availability of these DVDs during a quilting retreat she attended on her days off. The other quilters were very excited to hear that Craftsy classes were now available through the library and they asked about getting library cards to gain access to this collection.
- On Library Worker Appreciation Day the Hanje family stopped by and presented this wonderful banner being held by Cholewa and Prudence Anderson Leusch.



Charlotte Branch Library, Dennis Williams reporting

Programs

- Laura Jackett brought her substantial talent to our patrons by offering a three-dimensional bookbinding tunnel workshop. Students were pleased with the results of their efforts.
- Dennis Williams reported a fantastic turnout for the Local History program about Northgate Plaza. The room was filled.



Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Duff attended two webinars offered by WebJunction: *Preventing and Treating Compassion Fatigue with Self-Care* presented by Katie Scherrer and *Book Challenges and Intellectual Freedom: Proactive Planning for Public Libraries* presented by Amanda Vazquez, Amber McLain, Brianna Hoffman, and Jennifer Pearson
- Cherelin reported on the produce distribution that 92 families were served with 6 volunteers participating

Douglass Community Library, Evanna DiSalvo reporting

Programs

- Patrons emailed pictures of their pets to put on the library's Facebook page. KitKat received the most likes, winning a Wegmans gift card for her family.
- For National Poetry Month community members created book spine poetry to share on the library's Facebook page. OACES Literacy Zone's entry into the poetry spine contest from teacher Martha O'Connor and student Olivia Alger won a Barnes & Noble gift card for getting the most shares.



- The library invited school-age students in the library as well as Anna Murray Douglass Academy School #12 and the Douglass R-center after-school programs to create paintings supporting the school's project-based learning "What is the impact of one drop of water?" The paintings will be on exhibit in May.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Evanna DiSalvo participated in the Anna Murray Douglass Academy School #12 Art Exhibit by helping to prepare exhibits before the event and supervising the "trash" pool on the evening of the event.
- Jennifer Nesbitt was invited to share stories with three classes at Rochester Childfirst Network. RCN also asked if the library would exhibit student artwork in honor of the Month of the Young Child. They are on display around the library, and a few kids and their families have been excited to find their work on exhibit when they visit Douglass.

Lincoln Branch Library, Sarah Lehman reporting

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Griffin Van Ostrand joined the staff as a PT Children's Librarian. He spent the majority of the month onboarding and training for his new position, including visiting Ibero with Margarita Chavez to learn about the Raising a Reader program. He also visited several branches of the Rochester Public Library including Frederick Douglass, Arnett, Sully, Charlotte, Phyllis Wheatley, and Maplewood to shadow other librarians and observe how the different branches work

Lyell Branch Library, Sarah Lehman reporting

Programs

- Artemis Markakis put together sheets with 20 easy poetry prompts for patrons to take and work on throughout April, which is National Poetry Month. Patrons who returned with the sheet filled in were eligible to enter a raffle for some Rochester Public Library goodies.
- Natasa Prelevic designed and assembled spring and Easter-themed Take & Make Activities for kids. Children also had the chance to choose to create their own art craft (grass crowns, bunny headband, butterfly craft, paper plate bunny) at a library table or home.
- Manju Sharma invited teens to read some young adult books that won the 2023 Coretta Scott King Book Award in celebration of National Library Week, including Jas Hammond's debut book *We Deserve Monuments*.
- Sharma shared an online resume template with teens and held resume-writing workshops to help them prepare for future job and college applications.

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- Markakis and Lehman met with Lyell Otis Community Association President Evelyn Irons to discuss plans going forward with the change in branch management, timelines for possible expansion and improvement of the community garden outside the library, and how the two entities can work together on those projects.
- Sharma and Tonia Burton tabled at Rochester City School District John Williams School #5 for Summer Expo 2023 to promote summer reading programs, the SummerWrite 2023 program, and Lyell's monthly programs.



Anecdotes/Other

- A fruit and vegetable seedling nursery has been set up in the community room to eventually be moved to the garden outside!

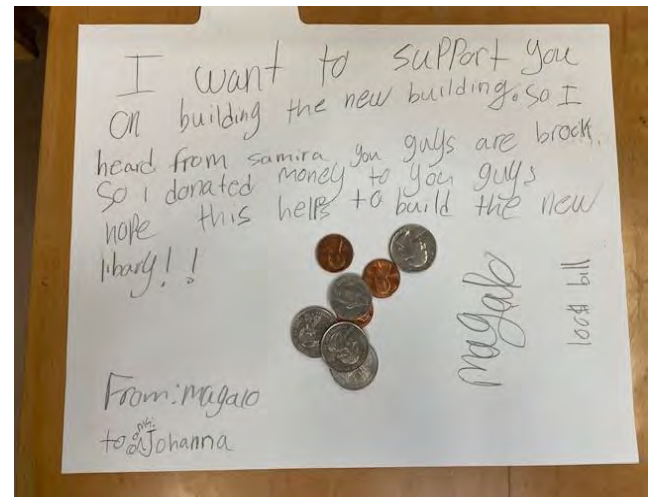
Maplewood Community Library, Johanna Buran reporting

Programs

- Children and teens competed in a bottle flip challenge and a laser yarn competition. Laser yarn was done for the first time at Maplewood and it was a huge hit.
- The month ended with the kid library council celebrating all the birthdays of the month. They made a big sign with all the names of the April birthday kids and sang to them while everyone enjoyed cookies and soda.

Anecdotes/Other

- A man from Afghanistan received help making a driving test appointment after he completed his 5-hour pre-licensing test.
- Three English students completed their course of study through the Maplewood Community Library's New Americans English program. They completed 50 grammar lessons and accompanying vocabulary and pronunciation lessons, noticeably improving their use of spoken English.
- Two citizenship class students passed their naturalization exams in Buffalo this month. One student came to the library in person for three months for extra study for her exam. She also attended weekly 1.5-hour Zoom classes on citizenship over the last year. She successfully passed her exam and will become an American citizen after her oath ceremony in May.
- A ten-year-old girl donated \$1.08 toward the new building. She left staff a note saying she wanted to support the new library.



Monroe Branch Library, Mary Clare Scheg reporting

Community Outreach/Meetings/Training

- New Teen Librarian Theresa Filo and Mary Clare Scheg met with a representative from the Center for Youth to discuss getting library cards for participants. It was decided that the library would have time set aside in June for this project.
- Social work intern Nina Nguyen finished her semester and will submit a resource guide to Monroe as her final project. This Guide will be a handy resource for the staff to answer questions about shelters, meal programs, and health issues.

Anecdotes

- A group from the Arc of Monroe County visited the library and quickly headed down to the Children's Room to explore the books. Each person found a book and quietly set about reading, including one patron who asked for a Braille book.

- While at the library, a storytime mom (Barbara) explained that her child (Freya) would rip apart all the books that Barbara would purchase but Freya wouldn't tear any library books because she says, "*We be gentle with Mister Matthew books.*"
- Annette's Seed Library is very popular again this year.

Phillis Wheatley Community Library, Lori Frankunas reporting

Programs

- For the Mix and Mingle, children and teens learned about healthy eating with Alexandra Haehn and Michele Saccente. They could build their salad with several healthy vegetable choices and everyone tried something that they never had on a salad before. (Priority #1: Promote learning, provide fun and deliver creative and innovative educational experiences for our diverse populations.)
- The children enjoyed a spring egg hunt. They helped each other to find the eggs hidden in the children's room, then took a turn reading a spring book to our awesome RocDog friends, Twinkle and Sparkle, who came with bunny ears on.



Anecdotes/Other

- An elderly patron who has been taking college classes has been coming in for tech-related help and finished her classes this month. She passed with flying colors and was incredibly appreciative of the support the library was able to provide her during her journey.
- Donations and book sale leftovers were given to Fiona Saccente, who is a special education teacher at Rochester Prep Elementary School 3. Many of the children in her class do not have books at home and some of them are children without homes. They are so excited to be able to have books to take home with them over the breaks and to read in the classrooms.
- The Safe Place sign has been installed over the library's front door.
- A Narcan emergency station has been installed in the library foyer and will be stocked with Narcan at all times.

Sully Branch Library, Maria Heeks-Heinlein reporting

Programs

- The Sully branch and the Thomas P. Ryan Community Center worked together to host a Health and Fitness Fair. Uplift Irondequoit attended to collect prescription medications and sharps. The Rochester Regional Health's Mobile Mammography Unit provided mammograms and said they would like to return next year for a similar event. Other organizations present included RocDogs, Rochester Animal Services, Monroe County, IBERO, Willow Domestic Violence Center, The Wilmot Cancer Center, and Pathways to Peace. The Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library provided pizza for all participants.

Community Outreach/Meeting/Training

- Jasmine Santiago and Maria Heeks-Heinlein represented the library at the Rochester City School District's Transition to Kindergarten event and spoke with over 50 families about summer reading, library cards, and library services.



Anecdotes/Other

- Sully launched the board game collection this month! Many thanks to John Washington in Finance, Dee Mrak in Cataloging, and Tashara Martinez, and James Mitchell for processing the collection.
- Jacob Bigelow has had interest from patrons in conducting a campaign in the library in either the Dungeons and Dragons or Pathfinder 2e TTRPG system. Bigelow is also looking forward to bringing back game night and plans to have demonstration days to teach patrons how to play several of the new board games added to the library collection.
- Khajari Marshall-Hosier started working at the Sully Branch Library several years ago as a Summer of Opportunity worker. Sully was able to hire him as a permanent team member and he has been a well-liked and respected staff member ever since. Marshall-Hosier accepted a full-time position at the City of Rochester's 911 center this month – all the best wishes to him in his new position with the city!

Winton Branch Library, Kathy Wolf reporting

Programs

- Every Saturday morning for 8 weeks, educators Martha Sullivan and Mary Gleason led a course called *Resilience and Acceptance in the Face of Collapse*. They drew from their backgrounds as biologists and conservationists to lead in-depth discussions about issues including biodiversity loss, ocean degradation, urban flooding, political strife and war, climate chaos, economic instability, food shortages, and wildfires. As one student commented, *"the opportunity to share honestly and hearing others' views that differ from my experience"* is what they liked best about the program.
- Harpist Roxanne Ziegler and John Gaspar of "Lyre, Lyre" played to a full house of very appreciative library patrons this month. *"Wonderful"* and *"fantastic"* were the comments used most by the audience.



Anecdotes/Other

- Adult services librarian Mary Fraser was helping a library patron who struggled with forms on the social security website. The patron was a recent widow who was experiencing deep grief and anxiety. She thanked Fraser for helping her and mentioned that she hadn't always been so stressed out. She wanted to find a support group but didn't know where to look. Fraser gave her a list of local organizations with free bereavement groups and counseling. The patron said that she would let Fraser know how she is doing the next time she returns.
- Digital Literacy volunteer Mike W. received an email from a woman he had helped to create a resume. She wanted to let him know that thanks to his help, she was offered the job and accepted.

FY24 CENTRAL LIBRARY

BUDGET REVENUE

	BUDGET 2020-21	ACTUAL 2020-21	BUDGET 2021-22	ACTUAL 2021-22	BUDGET 2022-23	BUDGET 2023-24	+/- 22-23 Budget
369050 MCLS SYSTEM SERVICE REVENUE							
Technical Services	258,044	130,219	274,332	247,077	276,526	250,506	(26,020)
Interlibrary Loan	64,000	64,000	66,000	66,000	68,000	72,000	4,000
Delivery Charges	459,393	363,361	456,484	385,945	459,199	447,160	(12,039)
Automation Operations	456,036	368,377	484,690	474,501	510,035	515,227	5,192
Director Office Reimbursement	104,354	100,089	104,337	97,840	108,680	125,094	16,414
Operational Support	1,011,521	951,486	920,640	800,000	930,076	973,158	43,082
TOTAL	2,353,300	1,977,532	2,306,500	2,071,364	2,352,500	2,383,100	30,600
369100 USE/SERVICE CHARGES							
Fines, Fees, Miscellaneous (1)	70,000	75,039	70,000	50,166	70,000	70,000	0
Minor Sales & Library Chargebacks (2)	2,500	1,281	2,500	1,254	25,100	25,100	0
Library Chargebacks	21,600	20,459	21,600	21,627	0	0	0
Misc. Additional Payments (3)	194,700	127,550	196,500	158,677	164,000	164,000	0
TOTAL	288,800	224,329	290,600	231,724	259,100	259,100	0
407110 GRANTS							
Grants (4)	189,600	161,878	188,000	146,400	233,000	188,000	(45,000)
TOTAL	189,600	161,878	188,000	146,400	233,000	188,000	(45,000)
407120 STATE AID							
Central Library Program Aid (5)	219,300	219,503	219,300	219,471	302,100	302,100	0
Central Library Book Aid	66,300	65,890	66,300	65,881	0	0	0
Outreach (5)	128,800	128,799	128,800	128,781	136,200	159,200	23,000
State Corrections (5)	800	802	800	802	0	0	0
County Jails (5)	8,300	8,292	8,300	8,460	8,800	8,800	0
TOTAL	423,500	423,286	423,500	423,395	447,100	470,100	23,000
430350 TOTAL STATE AID, GRANTS, FEES	3,255,200	2,787,025	3,208,600	2,872,883	3,291,700	3,300,300	8,600
MONROE COUNTY SUPPORT (6)	6,975,000	6,975,000	7,079,000	7,079,000	7,291,300	7,487,100	195,800
CITY PRORATED SHARE	626,200	626,200	641,900	641,900	654,000	678,900	24,900
TOTAL REVENUE	10,856,400	10,388,225	10,929,500	10,593,783	11,237,000	11,466,300	229,300

- 1 FY24 INCLUDES \$50,000 FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION FOR FINE FORGIVENESS PROGRAM
 - 2 OUT OF COUNTY CARD TO MCLS \$20,000, ATM SVCS \$1,500, AUTOMATION CHARGEBACKS \$1,600 (MERGED WITH MINOR SALES FY23)
 - 3 FFRPL ANNUAL CAMPAIGN \$60,000, MTG ROOMS/EVENTS \$28,000, FFRPL BOOKSTORE \$35,000, CASH PROGRAM OCCUPANCY \$37,000, FOODLINK CAFÉ UTILITIES \$4,000
 - 4 GRANT REVENUE/EXPENSE ALLOCATION \$75,000, FFRPL DIGITIZING \$35,000, FFRPL BUSINESS INNOVATION \$40,000
 - 5 KENYON JEFFRIES CITY HISTORIAN SUPPORT \$18,000, FFRPL OUTREACH \$15,000, STRONG MUSEUM \$5,000
 - 6 CENTRAL AID MERGED FY23; STATE CORRECTIONS CLOSED FY23; OUTREACH CONSOLIDATED FY24; ALL FUNDS BROUGHT IN FROM MCLS TO EXPEND IN RPL FISCAL YEAR
- CENTRAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT \$7,437,126, COUNTY HISTORIAN SUPPORT \$50,000

FY23-24 PROPOSED EXPENSE SUMMARY

MUNIS OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	ADMIN	ADMIN	+	CLA	CLA	MCLS	MCLS	+	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
		22-23	23-24	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	22-23	23-24	EXPENSE	22-23	23-24
601000	SALARIES	1,249,000	1,406,400	157,400	1,928,000	2,109,100	1,250,100	1,294,800	181,100	(44,700)	4,444,187	4,514,900	4,765,600
601050	PART TIME	217,100	157,700	(59,400)	1,156,700	1,091,600	268,900	241,200	(65,100)	27,700	1,312,908	1,590,700	1,518,200
602010	OVERTIME	10,100	11,000	900	1,000	1,000	3,000	3,000	0	0	24,169	14,100	15,000
603010	PERSONAL LEAVE BUYBACK	19,100	20,600	1,500	10,600	12,600	4,000	4,000	2,000	0	22,204	33,700	37,200
603030	LONGEVITY	2,800	7,000	4,200	8,800	18,000	8,100	4,600	9,200	3,500	16,354	16,200	33,100
603080	CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE	1,000	1,000	0	1,700	1,700	2,300	2,000	0	300	5,303	4,700	5,000
603100	W/A	36,900	7,100	(29,800)	57,800	27,300	38,800	38,800	(30,500)	(30,100)	1,000	134,800	43,100
SUBTOTAL		1,536,000	1,610,800	74,800	3,164,600	3,261,300	1,545,100	1,588,400	96,700	(43,300)	5,826,124	6,309,100	6,417,200
605010	OFFICE SUPPLIES	43,300	43,300	0	5,200	5,200	3,600	3,600	0	0	46,588	52,100	52,100
605070	CLEANING SUPPLIES	19,000	21,000	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,998	19,000	21,000
605080	WEARING APPAREL	11,600	11,600	0	0	0	4,100	4,100	0	100	3,320	15,600	15,700
605120	TOOLS & MACHINE PARTS	8,200	8,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,963	8,200	8,200
605150	LIGHTING	4,100	4,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,982	4,100	4,100
605200	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	1,500	1,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	663	1,500	1,500
SUBTOTAL		87,700	89,700	2,000	5,200	5,200	7,700	7,600	0	100	82,514	100,500	102,600
606010	COMMUNICATION	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,646	5,000	5,000
606020	DUPLICATING SERVICES	200	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200
606040	POSTAGE	5,800	5,800	0	0	0	500	500	0	0	1,600	6,300	6,300
606060	REFUSE COLLECTION	22,000	22,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19,921	22,000	22,000
606070	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	10,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	10,000	10,000
606080	WATER CHARGES	38,900	38,900	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16,567	38,900	38,900
606090	MOTOR EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	2,700	2,500	0	200	7,968	2,500	2,700
607010	UTILITIES	439,500	464,600	25,100	0	0	0	0	0	0	408,212	439,500	464,600
607020	RENTS	40,200	45,200	5,000	2,500	2,500	6,500	6,500	0	0	40,810	49,200	54,200
607030	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	5,500	5,500	0	26,300	23,700	3,100	3,100	(2,600)	0	34,708	34,900	32,300
607040	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	89,600	89,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61,540	89,600	89,600
607050	SECURITY SERVICES	3,000	3,600	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,789	3,000	3,600
608010	PRINTING & ADVERTISING	3,500	3,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,500	3,500	3,500
608030	CLEANING & LAUNDRY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,726	0	0
608050	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,000	2,000	(3,000)	1,900	1,900	500	500	0	0	5,659	7,400	4,400
608060	MILEAGE	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	1,000	1,000
608070	FOOD & MEALS	1,000	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	1,000	1,000
608120	MISCELLANEOUS	82,400	72,900	(9,500)	0	0	0	0	0	0	99,256	82,400	72,900
609010	TRAVEL & TRAINING	12,600	12,600	0	0	0	3,000	3,000	0	0	11,196	15,600	15,600
610010	PROFESSIONAL FEES	31,300	40,800	9,500	72,700	104,700	120,500	114,500	32,000	6,000	209,992	224,500	266,000
611010	OTHER COMMUNICATION	11,100	11,100	0	0	0	600	600	0	0	862	11,700	11,700
612020	SERVICE CHARGES OTHER GOVERNMENTS	51,400	51,400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43,759	51,400	51,400
SUBTOTAL		859,000	886,700	27,700	103,400	132,800	137,400	131,200	29,400	6,200	988,844	1,099,600	1,156,900
652010	FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
652030	LIBRARY MATERIALS	2,500	2,500	0	489,900	489,900	16,400	16,400	0	(4,000)	489,095	508,800	504,800
660010	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	3,100	3,100	0	0	0	5,400	5,400	0	0	5,567	8,500	8,500
SUBTOTAL		5,600	5,600	0	489,900	489,900	21,800	17,800	0	(4,000)	494,662	517,300	513,300
604090	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	0	0	0	3,135,500	3,201,300	0	0	65,800	0	3,129,303	3,135,500	3,201,300
665010	UNITIZED EXPENSE	75,000	75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,000	75,000
SUBTOTAL		75,000	75,000	0	3,135,500	3,201,300	0	0	65,800	0	3,129,303	3,210,500	3,276,300
GRAND TOTAL		2,563,300	2,667,800	104,500	6,898,600	7,090,500	1,708,000	1,749,000	191,900	(41,000)	10,521,446	11,237,000	11,466,300

BRANCH LIBRARY REVENUE BUDGET 2023-24

REVENUE CODE	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET 21-22	BUDGET 22-23	BUDGET 23-24	+/- BUDGET 2-23
369500	FINES AND FEES (1)	180,500	223,700	88,700	(135,000)
407510	GRANTS (2)	251,700	233,500	198,500	(35,000)
407520	STATE LIBRARY SERVICES AID	97,520	103,261	103,261	0
	TOTAL	529,720	560,461	390,461	(170,000)

- 1 FFRPL ANNUAL CAMPAIGN (40,000), FFRPL BRANCH PROGRAM SUPPORT (5,000), LINCOLN BRANCH RENT (24,000), BALANCE BRANCH FEE COLLECTIONS (LOST ITEMS)
- 2 FFRPL-SAFE TO BE SMART (65,000), FENYVESSY FUND-LITERACY AIDES (48,000), RAISING A READER PRIVATE (65,500) OTHER GRANTS (20,000)

**ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
BRANCH LIBRARIES
2023-24 BUDGET**

MUNIS OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	2022-23	2023-24	+/-	%
601000	SALARIES	1,590,800	1,786,900	196,100	
601050	PART TIME	1,983,000	2,008,700	25,700	
602010	OVERTIME	2,000	2,000	0	
603010	PERSONAL LEAVE BUYBACK	9,200	9,600	400	
603030	LONGEVITY	5,500	12,600	7,100	
603080	CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE	500	500	0	
603100	W/A	0	46,700	46,700	
	SUBTOTAL	3,591,000	3,867,000	276,000	8%
605010	OFFICE SUPPLIES	36,600	37,700	1,100	
605060	FOOD	2,000	2,100	100	
605070	CLEANING SUPPLIES	15,500	16,000	500	
605120	TOOLS & MACHINE PARTS	7,000	7,200	200	
605130	CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR MATERIALS	3,100	3,200	100	
605150	LIGHTING	2,100	2,200	100	
605200	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	3,700	3,800	100	
	SUBTOTAL	70,000	72,200	2,200	3%
606010	COMMUNICATION	11,600	11,600	0	
606020	DUPLICATING SERVICES	500	500	0	
606040	POSTAGE	4,000	4,000	0	
606060	REFUSE COLLECTION	7,000	7,000	0	
606070	WORKER'S COMPENSATION	1,000	1,000	0	
606080	WATER CHARGES	8,500	8,500	0	
606090	MOTOR EQUIPMENT	11,800	12,400	600	
607010	UTILITIES	213,500	213,500	0	
607020	RENTS	15,900	15,900	0	
607030	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	13,900	14,300	400	
607040	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	24,000	24,700	700	
607050	SECURITY SERVICES	3,000	4,000	1,000	
608030	CLEANING & LAUNDRY	3,700	3,800	100	
608050	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,200	3,300	100	
608060	MILEAGE	6,000	6,000	0	
608100	HIRED EQUIPMENT	12,200	12,600	400	
609010	TRAVEL & TRAINING	13,200	13,600	400	
610010	PROFESSIONAL FEES	377,200	366,300	(10,900)	
611010	OTHER COMMUNICATION	4,000	4,000	0	
612020	SERVICE CHARGES OTHER GOVERNMENTS	7,500	7,500	0	
652030	LIBRARY MATERIALS	474,400	492,600	18,200	
665010	UNITEMIZED EXPENSE	20,000	20,000	0	
	SUBTOTAL	1,236,100	1,247,100	11,000	1%
	TOTAL OPERATING	4,897,100	5,186,300	289,200	6%
COMMUNITY CASH CAPITAL FUNDS					
	TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT	45,000	10,000	(35,000)	
	FACILITIES-MAINTENANCE	52,000	54,000	2,000	
	FACILITIES-VAN REPLACEMENT (EV)	0	65,000	65,000	
	FURNISHINGS	22,000	22,000	0	
	ARNETT ROOF REPAIRS	0	0	0	
	MAPLEWOOD EXPANSION (DESIGN)	0	1,153,000	1,153,000	
	LINCOLN RENOVATION (NYSED MATCH)	0	0	0	
	TOTAL CASH CAPITAL	119,000	1,304,000	1,185,000	996%
	GRAND TOTAL	5,016,100	6,490,300	1,474,200	29%

**NYS Education Department
CENTRAL LIBRARY PROGRAM AID
2023-24 BUDGET**

Systemwide Services Provided by Central Library

Availability of Collection:

652030	Electronic Materials (System Collection)	\$	135,000
	Reference Materials	\$	55,500
	System-wide Databases & Research Databases	\$	56,600
	Non-fiction Materials	\$	40,000
	Foreign Language Library Materials	\$	15,000
TOTAL		\$	302,100

Electronic Materials: Overdrive and Hoopla e-book, audio book, streaming video

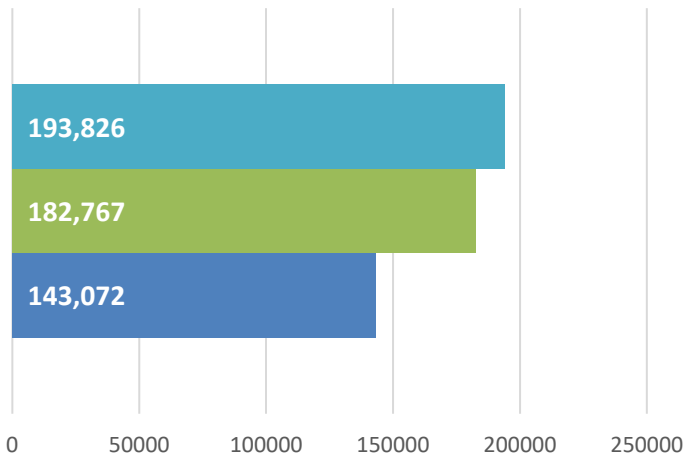
System-wide Databases: A-Z Database, Gale, EBSCO (select databases)

Research Databases: IBIS World, Frost & Sullivan

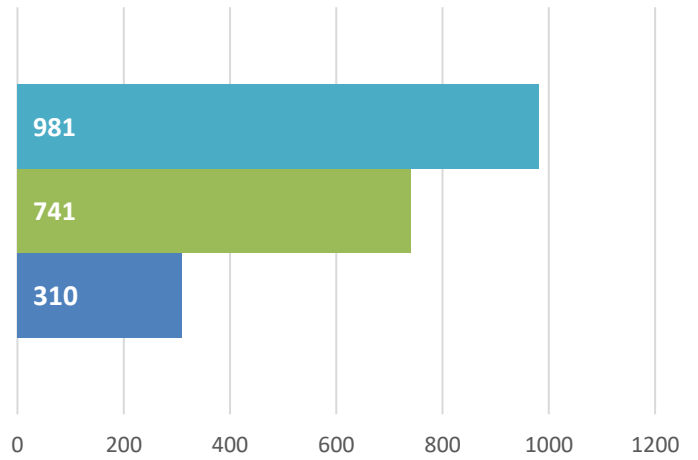
RPL Central Statistics YTD
Jan--Apr



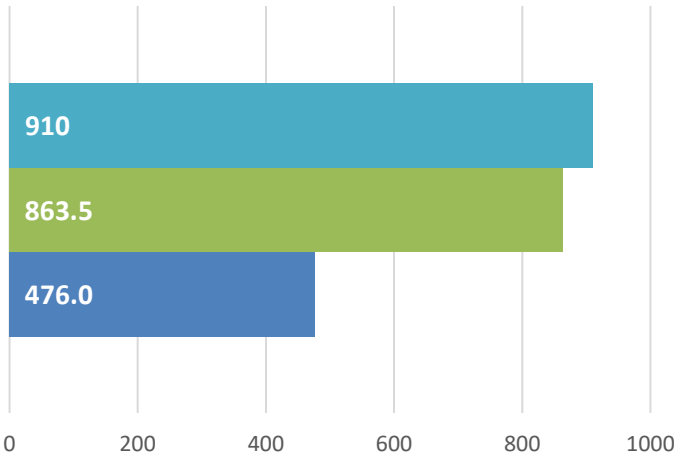
CIRCULATION



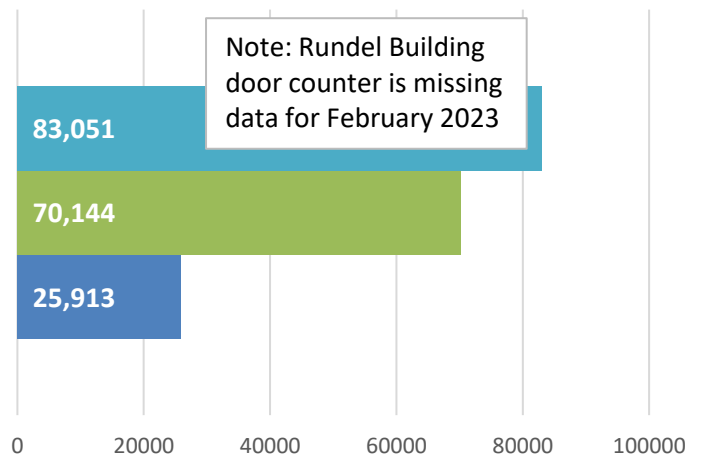
LIBRARY CARDS



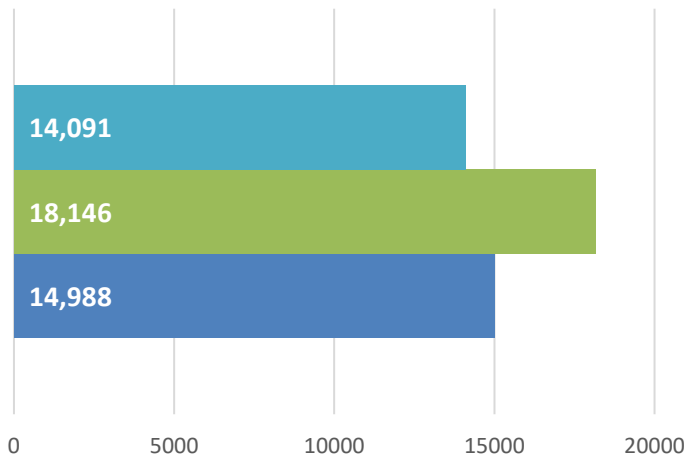
SERVICE HOURS



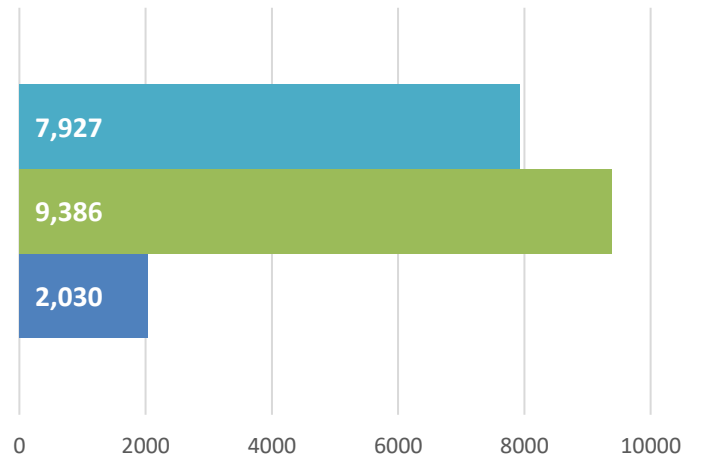
VISITS



REFERENCE QUESTIONS



NON-REFERENCE

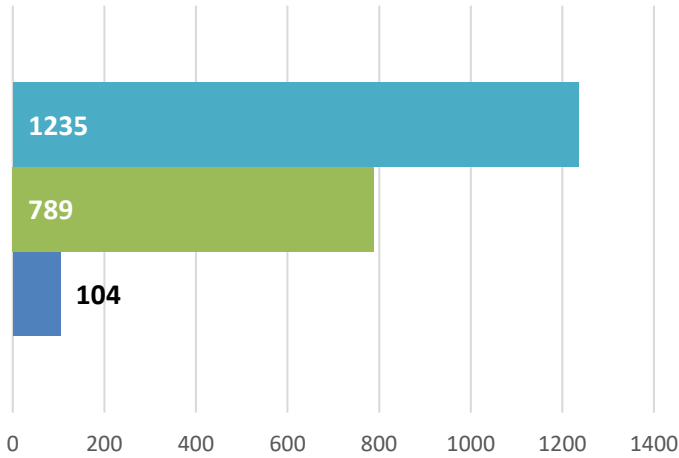


RPL Central Statistics YTD

Jan--Apr



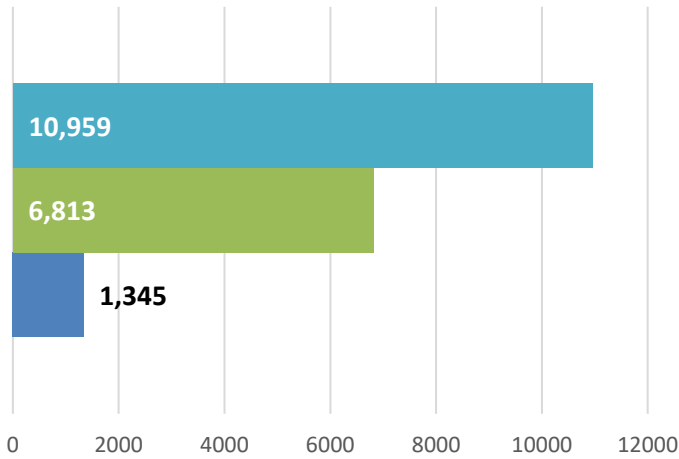
NOTARY



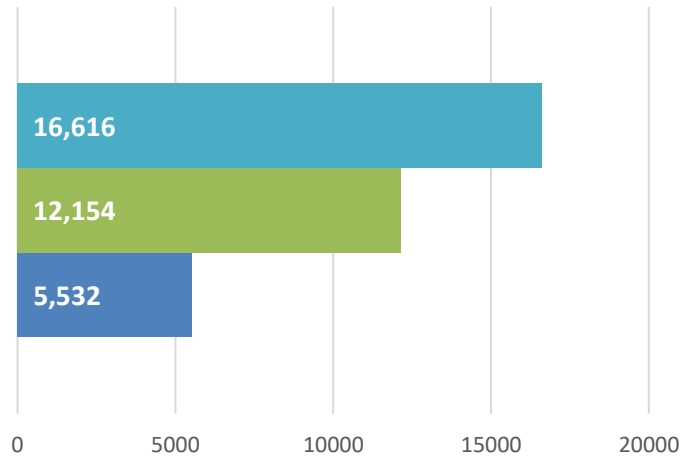
DEFINITIONS

- Circulation:** Includes the circulation of all library materials both over the desk and virtual/e-content.
- Library Cards:** New patron registrations. Excludes renewals.
- Service Hours:** Hours the library is open to the public.
- Visits:** Door count of persons entering the library.
- Reference Questions:** Questions requiring staff to recommend, interpret, evaluate, instruct, etc.
- Non-reference:** Directional questions. E.g., What are the hours? Where is ___?
- Notary:** Notary Public acts. Each signature counts as one act.
- Computer Hours:** Hours patrons used the public PCs.
- WiFi Uses:** Number of log-ins to the public WiFi.
- Group Programs:** In-person and online programs. Excludes one-on-one programs and take-n-make.
- Program Attendance:** Attendance at Group Programs. Excludes staff and presenters.

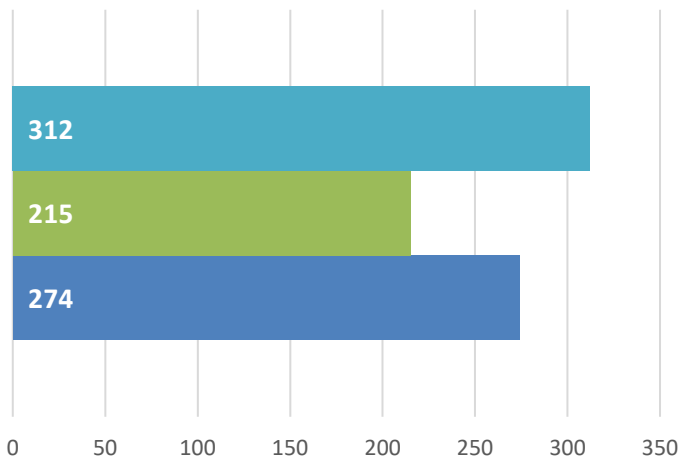
COMPUTER HOURS



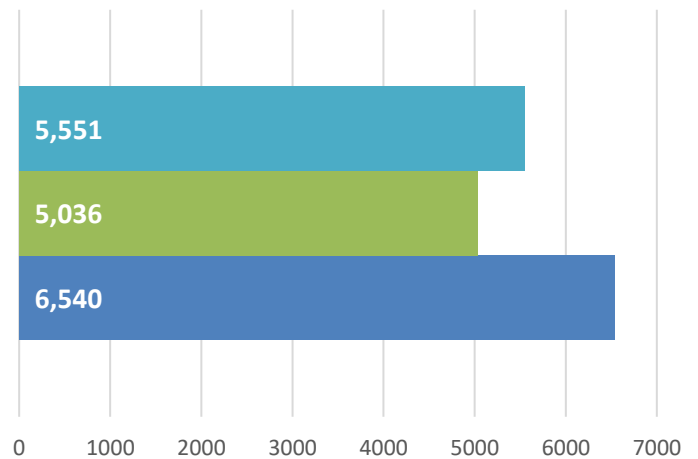
WIFI USES



GROUP PROGRAMS



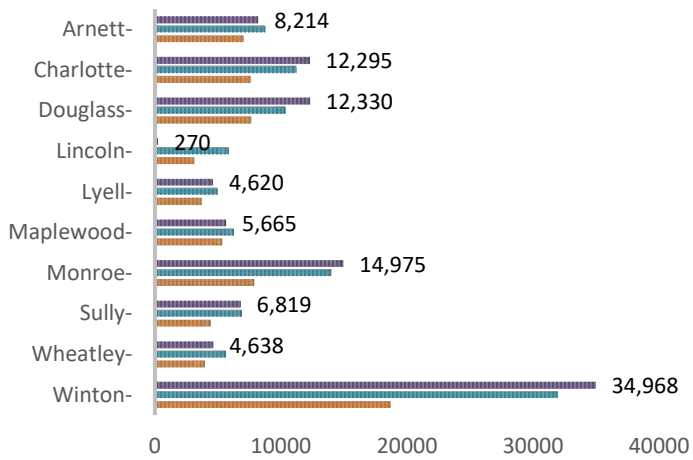
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



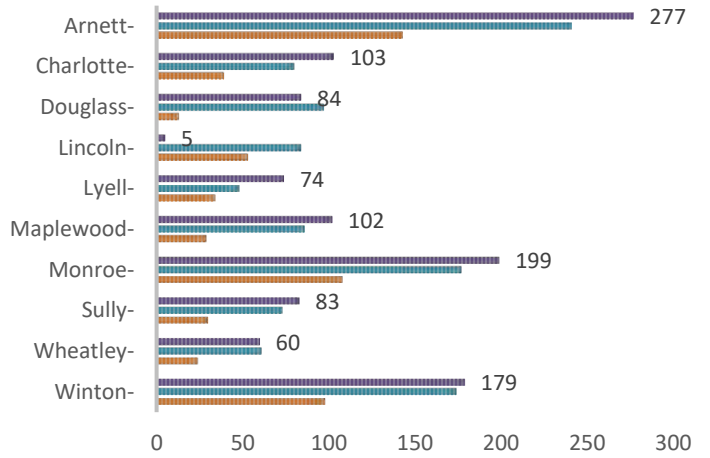
RPL Branch Statistics YTD Jan--Apr

2023 2022 2021

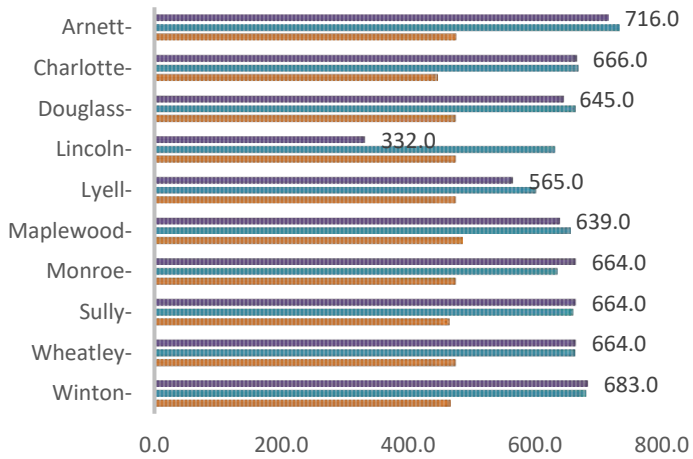
CIRCULATION



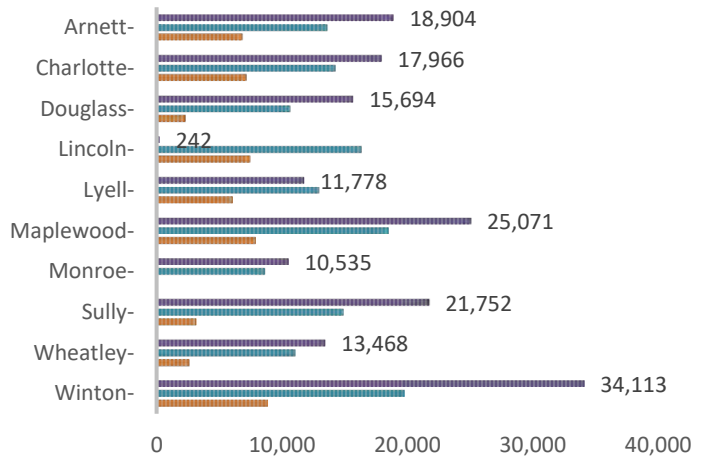
LIBRARY CARDS



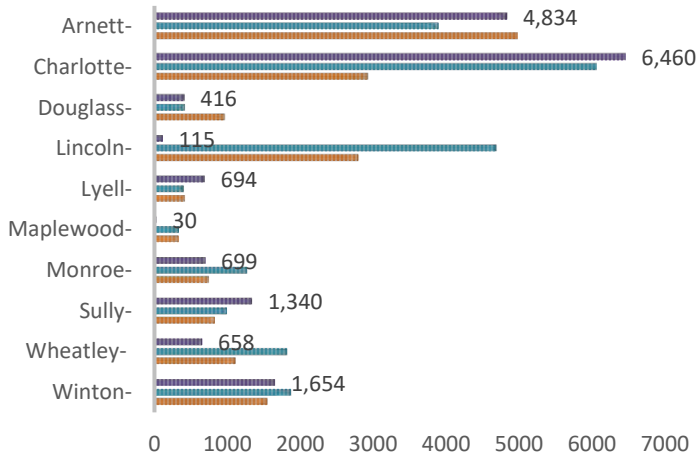
SERVICE HOURS



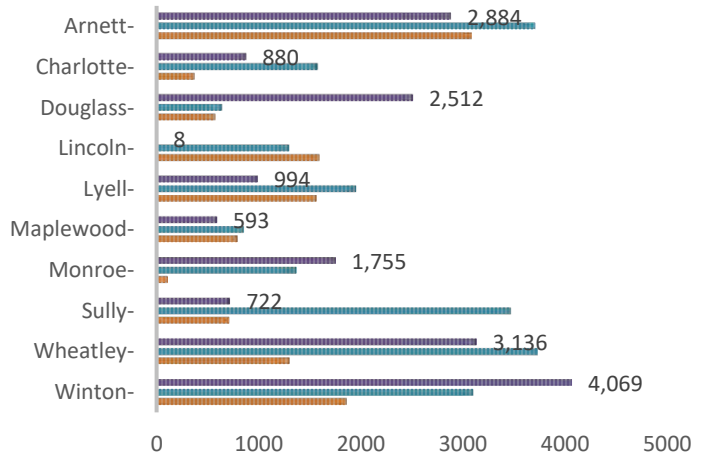
VISITS



REFERENCE QUESTIONS



NON-REFERENCE

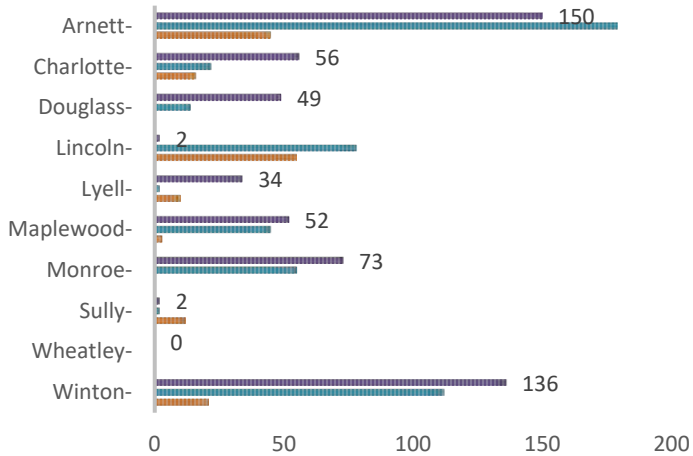


RPL Branch Statistics YTD

Jan--Apr



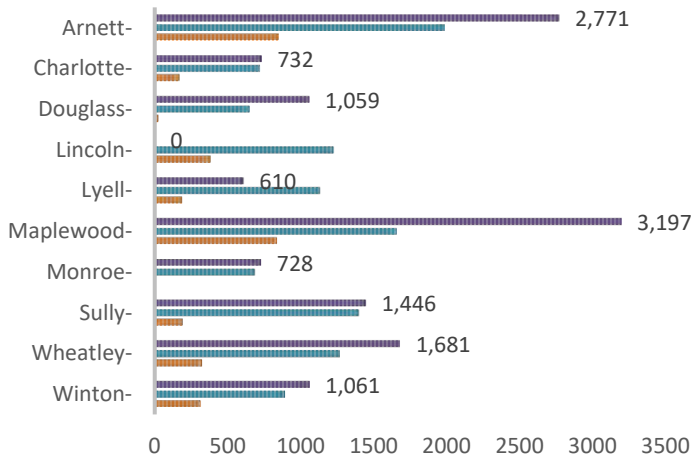
NOTARY



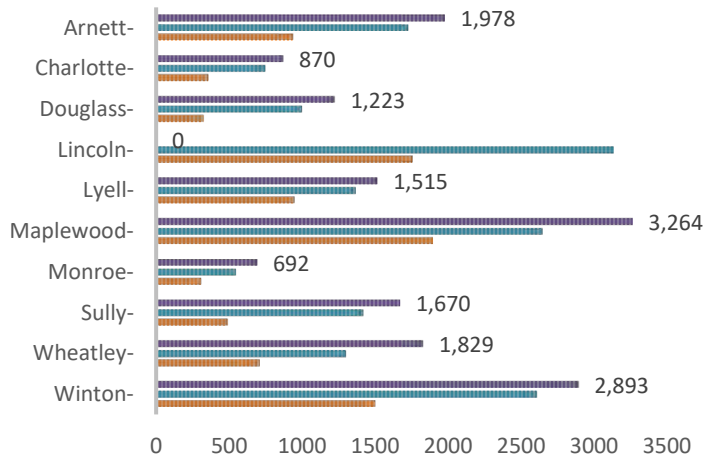
DEFINITIONS

- Circulation:** Includes the circulation of all library materials both over the desk and virtual/e-content.
- Library Cards:** New patron registrations. Excludes renewals.
- Service Hours:** Hours the library is open to the public.
- Visits:** Door count of persons entering the library.
- Reference Questions:** Questions requiring staff to recommend, interpret, evaluate, instruct, etc.
- Non-reference:** Directional questions. E.g., What are the hours? Where is ___?
- Notary:** Notary Public acts. Each signature counts as one act.
- Computer Hours:** Hours patrons used the public PCs.
- WiFi Uses:** Number of log-ins to the public WiFi.
- Group Programs:** In-person and online programs. Excludes one-on-one programs and take-n-make.
- Program Attendance:** Attendance at Group Programs. Excludes staff and presenters.

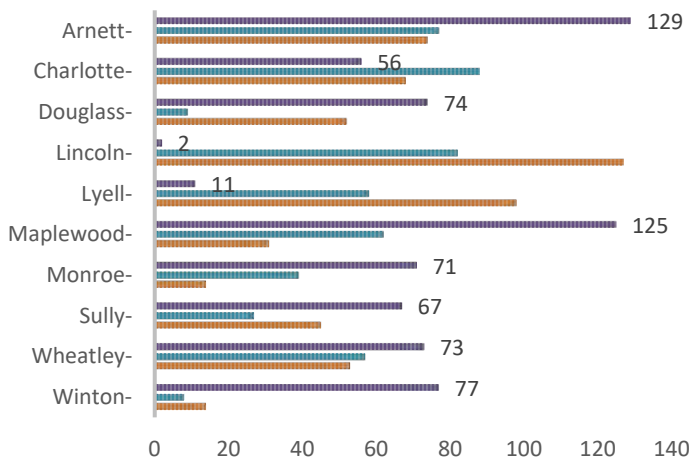
COMPUTER HOURS



WIFI SESSIONS



GROUP PROGRAMS



PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

