It’s been another year of focused effort to remove barriers to resources. Noteworthy are improvements to the Ozark branch parking lot and drive-thru window, adding virtual tours of the buildings, and increasing the digital collections. Once again, we saw record-breaking digital checkouts.

I’m proud of the new and beneficial ways we’ve partnered with local organizations. The One Nixa, One Read collaboration was a highlight. Providing space for the Missouri State Highway Patrol to administer driving exams is a unique collaboration and helps improve the quality of life in the county.

In a growing and diverse community like ours, the library must meet a variety of needs and expectations, and we are committed to being a welcoming space for all. As we begin 2024, we will continue to look for ways to connect with and serve the community to fulfill our mission.
161,500+ library visitors
257,978 physical materials circulated
113,787 digital materials circulated
371,765 total circulation

22,189 active cardholders
4,099 new library cards

284,118 WiFi sessions at branch locations
62,742 database searches and downloads
418 mobile hotspots used for internet access

837,420 minutes logged on public computers

1,524,875 eBooks, audiobooks, comics, magazines, movies, television and music

4,675+ meeting and study room reservations
used by 27,950+ community members

55,016 Adult
4,818 Young Adult
26,113 Children's

4,185 items delivered to patrons that are homebound
6,108 materials checked out to assisted living facilities, nursing homes and schools

2023 Expenses
Wages & Benefits $2,100,000
Print & Digital Materials $285,000
Technology $140,000
Events & Communications $30,000
Facilities $1,130,000

$24,238 from the Friends of the Library
$9,910 from the Library Foundation
$29,086 grants awarded
$13,672 individual donations

Collection Breakdown
books, audiobooks and DVDs

Adult 55,016
Young Adult 4,818
Children's 26,113

Special Collection 500
Library of Things, mobile hotspots and microfilm

Digital Materials
1,524,875 eBooks, audiobooks, comics, magazines, movies, television and music

2,100,000 grants awarded
285,000 from the Friends of the Library
140,000 from the Library Foundation
30,000 grants awarded
1,130,000 individual donations

$45,000 Professional Services
$45,000 Insurance
$40,000 Supplies
$25,000 Other

$13,672 individual donations