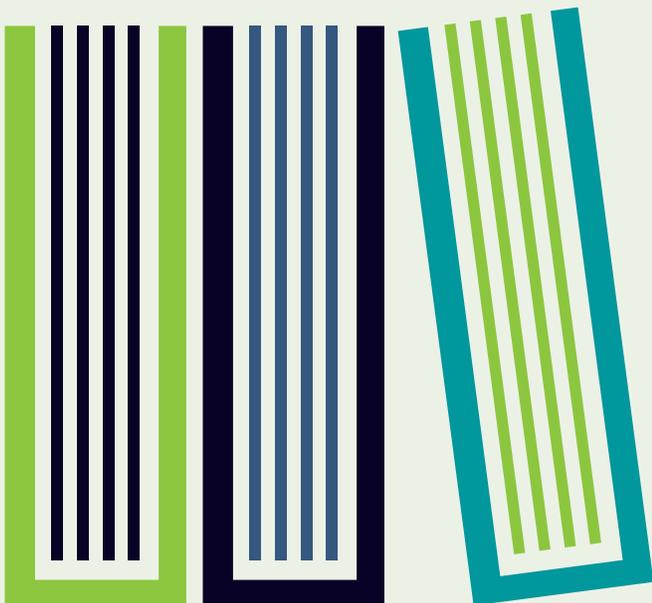


CAMAS PUBLIC

# Library

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**2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



City of Camas

625 NE 4th Ave  
Camas, WA 98607

**[camaslibrary.org](http://camaslibrary.org)**

# Year in Review

Dear patrons,  
It's hard to believe it now, but 2022 was still a recovery year from Covid-19. At the beginning of the year, there were a few months in which we only offered virtual programs due to the rise in cases.

Though that was temporary, the overall impact the pandemic had on our statistics will probably be felt for many years to come.

Still, we are starting to feel like our groove is back. Thanks for your loyalty and support over the past few years. It's been quite a ride!

*Connie Urquhart*

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Library Director

## BUDGET

TOTAL, INCLUDING GRANTS

# 2,064,601

## BUDGET BREAKDOWN

SALARIES & BENEFITS **62%**

LIBRARY SERVICES **20%**

FACILITIES **10%**

LIBRARY MATERIALS **8%**



## LIBRARY STAFF

Clockwise from top left: Elliot Stapleton, Maria Martin, Rebel Martin, John Goaring, Vanessa Perger, Christopher Knipes, Connie Urquhart, Carnita Dominguez, Stacy Yakouba, Danielle Reynolds, Nancy Renner, and Leah Burch. Not pictured: Sheila Britschgi, Kathryn Crouse, Jana Grote, Amber Hargreaves, Jen Keen, Kaye Lathe, Peggy Lau, Ellen Miles, Jackie Spencer, Chris Tanis, and Kary Wilson.

# Highlights

# WELCOME BACK!

The year that it all came back!

- Indoor Storytimes
- Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Saturday Spectacular & Haunted Library
- Second Story Gallery
- Staff Engagement Team

## VISITS

TOTAL ENTRY COUNT

# 118,663

- UP 111% FROM 2021
- CLOSER TO 2019 NUMBER OF 166,903

## LIBRARY CARD REGISTRATIONS

NEW BORROWERS

# 24,197

- UP 53% FROM 2021
- REGISTERED 512 NEW CARDHOLDERS DURING LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH IN SEPTEMBER

## CIRCULATION

TOTAL CHECKOUTS

# 499,239

- UP 44% FROM 2021
- ADDED STEM KITS AND LAUNCHPADS FOR CHECKOUT

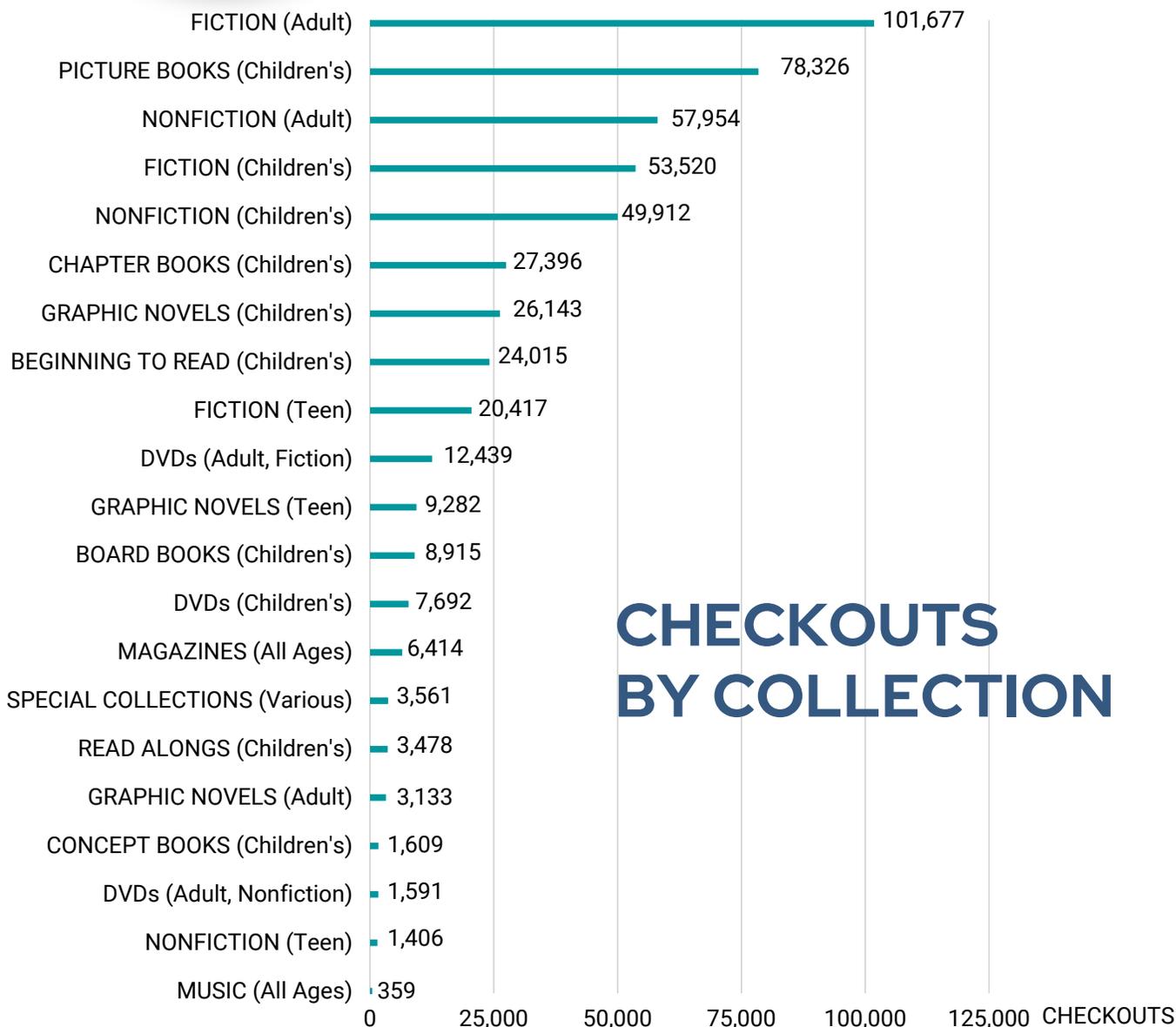
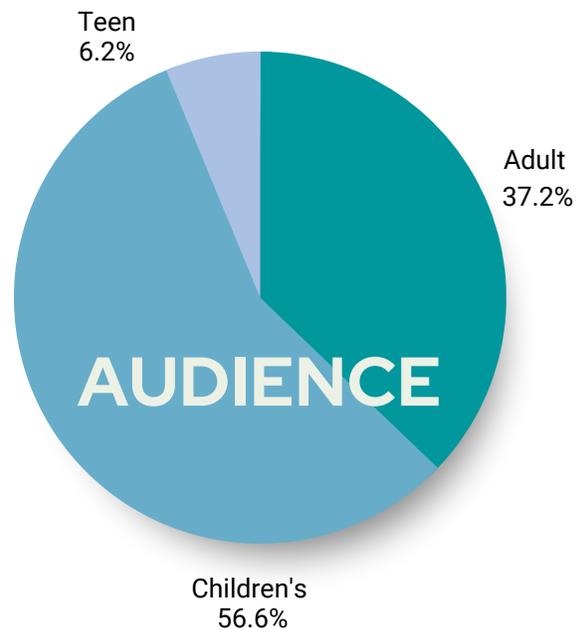
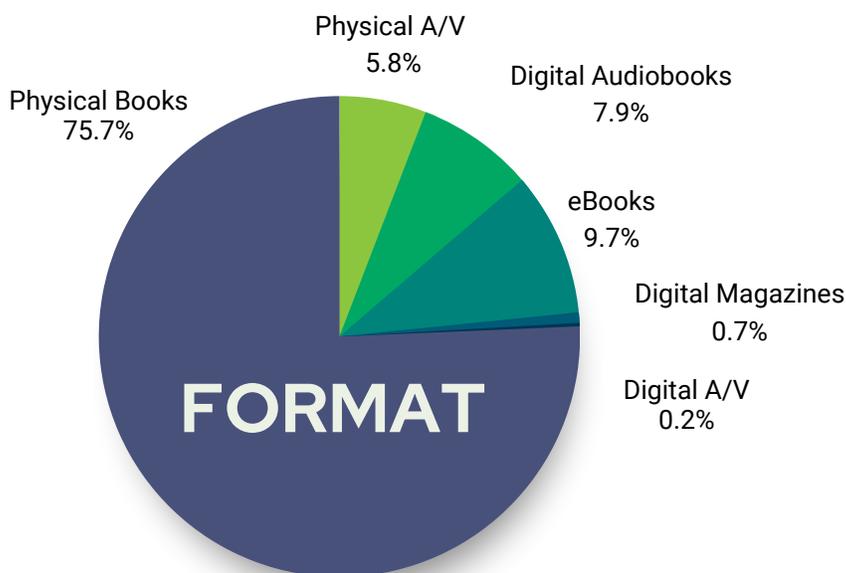


RETURN TO  
INDOOR  
STORYTIMES

Library Associate Vanessa Perger leads Tiny Tots Storytime.

# Content Delivery

## What you checked out



# Spotlight on Youth Reading

Children's and Teen Collections are Booming!



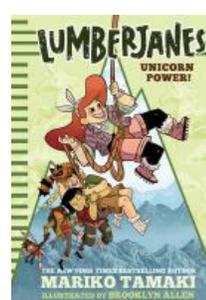
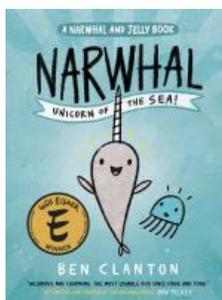
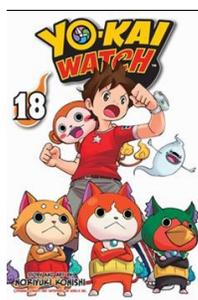
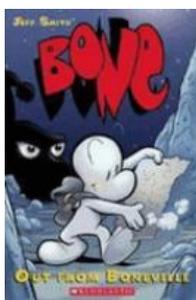
## THE READING DRAGONS EFFECT

We launched the Reading Dragons reading program in 2022, meant as a winter and fall companion to our traditional summer reading program. The concept was to incentivize kids to read by offering dragon trading cards for time spent reading, which could become collectibles and also be played as card games with friends.

This program became so wildly popular we were showered with positive comments from the community: from parents, teachers, and most importantly, kids! We held a design-your-own dragon contest, with the winner's design not only featured on a trading card but on a library card as well. We also designed a Camas-themed dragon named Camassia, who is purple like our town's flower, the Camas lily.

We usually see a dip in the circulation of children's materials in fall and winter, but not this year. Children continued to check out even more than before, and while we can't say for sure why - we have a sneaking suspicion the dragons are the cause.

## TOP CIRCULATING GRAPHIC NOVELS



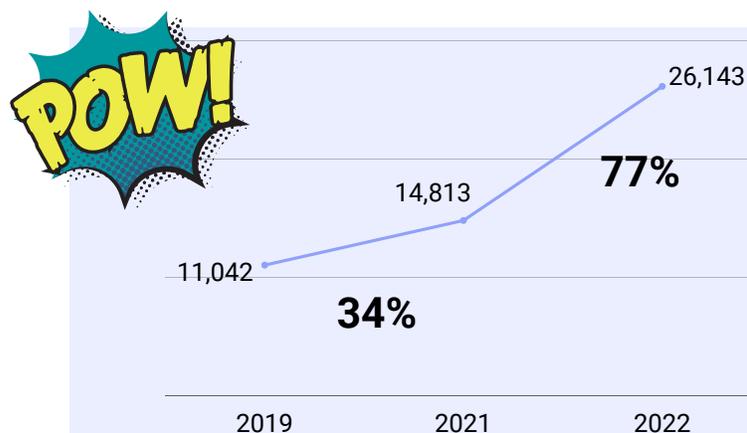
## TEEN COLLECTION

Checkouts up  
43% in 2022!



## CHILDREN'S GRAPHIC NOVELS

Children's graphic novels are the 5th highest circulating collection in the Children's collection, and moving quickly. Take a look at growth in this collection, most notably in 2022.



# Community Engagement

Programs, Outreach, Contests, and Tours

Events: 1,051  
Participants: 27,434



**Outreach at Farmers Market**

Most events fall into multiple event types. To avoid counting events twice, for this report we've assigned each event only one event type.

**1** **OUTREACH**  
EVENTS: 83  
PARTICIPANTS: 8,233

**2** **STORYTIME**  
STORYTIMES: 191  
PARTICIPANTS: 5,632

**3** **BOOKS & READING\***  
EVENTS: 115  
PARTICIPANTS: 3,068

**4** **SPEAKERS**  
EVENTS: 156  
PARTICIPANTS: 2,631

**5** **ARTS & CULTURE**  
EVENTS: 49  
PARTICIPANTS: 1,412

**6** **CLASSES & DISCUSSIONS**  
EVENTS: 133  
PARTICIPANTS: 953

**7** **GAMES**  
EVENTS: 26  
PARTICIPANTS: 949

**8** **STEM/STEAM**  
EVENTS: 48  
PARTICIPANTS: 945

**9** **BOOK CLUBS**  
EVENTS: 94  
PARTICIPANTS: 854

**10** **SHARED INTERESTS**  
EVENTS: 77  
PARTICIPANTS: 709

**11** **HAUNTED HAPPENINGS**  
EVENTS: 10  
PARTICIPANTS: 616

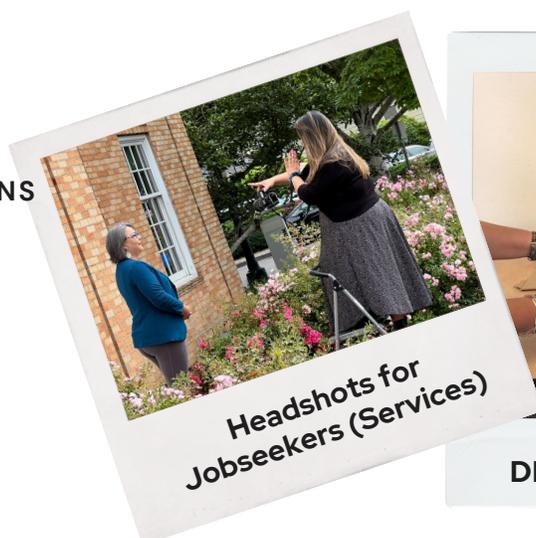
**12** **TOURS/VISITS TO THE LIBRARY**  
EVENTS: 9  
PARTICIPANTS: 476

**13** **CRAFTS**  
EVENTS: 27  
PARTICIPANTS: 381

**14** **EARLY LITERACY**  
EVENTS: 23  
PARTICIPANTS: 277

**15** **CELEBRATING DIVERSITY**  
EVENTS: 6  
PARTICIPANTS: 149

**16** **SERVICES**  
EVENTS: 4  
PARTICIPANTS: 149



**DIY Solar Ovens (STEM/STEAM)**

# Everybody's So Creative!

## Crafty and artistic events in 2022



Terracotta Art



Fall Fiber Art



Nailed It!



Kids Art Club



Galaxy Painting



Macramé Ghosts



Witch's Brew Mugs



Holiday Houses



Personalized Bracelets



Kawaii Donut Keychains



DIY Tote Bags



Make Your Own Wands



Fortune Tellers



Japanese Herbariums



Gingerbread Houses



Dragon Eyes



Fantasy Maps



Bakeology



Bug Hotels



Adventure Signposts

## Looking Back at 2022 and Ahead at 2023

### 2022

- ✓ Strategic Planning
- ✓ Identify Building Needs
- ✓ STEM Kits
- ✓ Launchpads
- ✓ Northstar Digital Literacy
- ✓ Centennial Planning
- ✓ Diverse Book Audit Follow Up
- ✓ Volunteer Software
- ✓ Authority Processing
- X Program Audit  
Moved to 2023
- ✓ Gallery Reboot



Library Associate Elliot Stapelton installs an exhibit at the Second Story Gallery.

### 2023

#### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Bring the *HISTORY SPEAKS!* speaker series to Camas.
- Mark the Centennial with a birthday celebration on April 4.
- Curate or create each exhibit in the Second Story Gallery with a centennial theme.
- Explore funding options for a mobile unit.
- Complete programming audit.
- Increase programs for ages 0-5 by 5%.

#### CONTENT DELIVERY

- Curate oral histories and provide them through our website.
- Digitize the Virginia Warren collection.
- Bring World Languages materials together to form highlighted collection.
- Install Tablet Station in Children's Learning Hive.
- Revamp parenting collection.
- Research the City's history and provide timeline for City's website.

#### BUILDING & ADMINISTRATION

- Explore ways to make Teen Room more conducive to hosting programs.
- Install new HVAC.
- Finish roof project.
- Children's Learning Hive completion rate: 50%.
- Complete salary study and reorganization as appropriate.
- Implement regular meeting schedule with Public Works and IT.

thank you 

**6,371**

**New items added to  
the collection**

**806**

**Trips through the  
Haunted Library**

**15**

**Kid Librarians**

**7**

**Local Author Chats**

**1**

**Sleepy Bat**

*Seen by more than a million people  
around the world*