Camas Public Library
ANNUAL REPORT
2023

A CENTURY IN THE BOOKS!
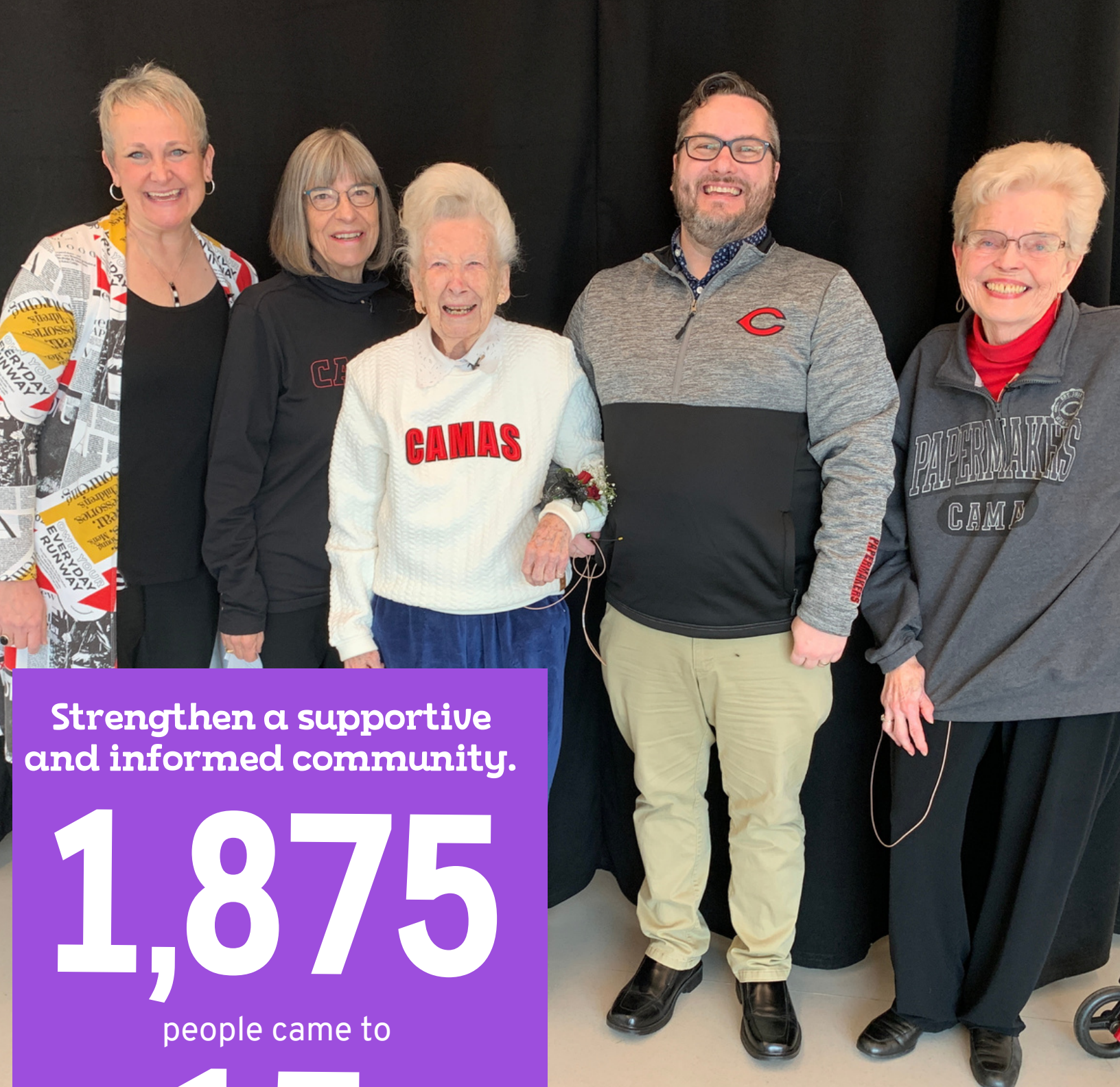
Strengthen a supportive and informed community.

1,875

people came to

15

CENTENNIAL EVENTS

L to R: Carrie Schulstad, Barbara Baldus, Virginia Warren, Bradley Richardson, and Nan Henriksen backstage before the *Women Who Shaped Camas* event in January.

1920s Murder Mystery Party in June.

Patrons enjoy the interactive exhibit at the Second Story Gallery in April.

Pathways to knowledge.

Look for our Library's guideposts from our mission, vision, values, and equity statement sprinkled throughout this report. They'll be in the purple left-hand column.

10,571
reference questions answered

Celebrating the past and the present

Wow, what a year! 2023 certainly was one for the books. We celebrated our centennial throughout the year and managed to squeeze in some other history-making events as well. Just a few of the ways we celebrated our 100th year included:

- 100 Book Challenge
- 100 Word Story Contest
- 1920s Murder Mystery Party
- Birthday Party on April 4
- Camas Days Parade
- Digitization of the Virginia Warren collection
- *History Speaks!* Series
- Memory Library
- Second Story Gallery exhibits
- Time Capsule

While we celebrated the past, we continued to offer the recurring, popular services that make the Camas Public Library the heart of this community. No doubt about it, this was a year we won't soon forget.

1923~2023

A CENTURY IN THE BOOKS!

Free
PLEASE TAKE ONE!

TEEN
LIBRARY
COUNCIL

Welcoming everyone, treating them with respect and kindness.

28,270

registered borrowers.

17%

increase from 2022.

WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY

Friends & Foundation of the Camas Library (FFCL) Members give away prizes to visitors on the Library's 100th birthday in April.

VISITORS

	2022	2023	CHANGE
In the Building	118,663	146,856	+24%
Curbside Pickup	396	128	-68%
On our App	13,673	16,526	+21%
Via our Catalog	54,167	42,985	-21%
On our Website	77,748	99,639	+28%

HOLDINGS

	2022	2023	CHANGE
Physical Items	98,283	97,469	-1%
Purchased	6,371	7,997	+26%
Donated	64	486	+659%
Withdrawn	6,198	8,855	+43%

Children's stuffies hide amongst the picture books at the *Stuffed Animal Sleepover* in November.

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Loaned to other libraries: 619
Change from 2022: +4%

Borrowed from other libraries: 531
Change from 2022: +20%

Meaningful connections.

12,563
The number of people staff engaged with at outreach events.
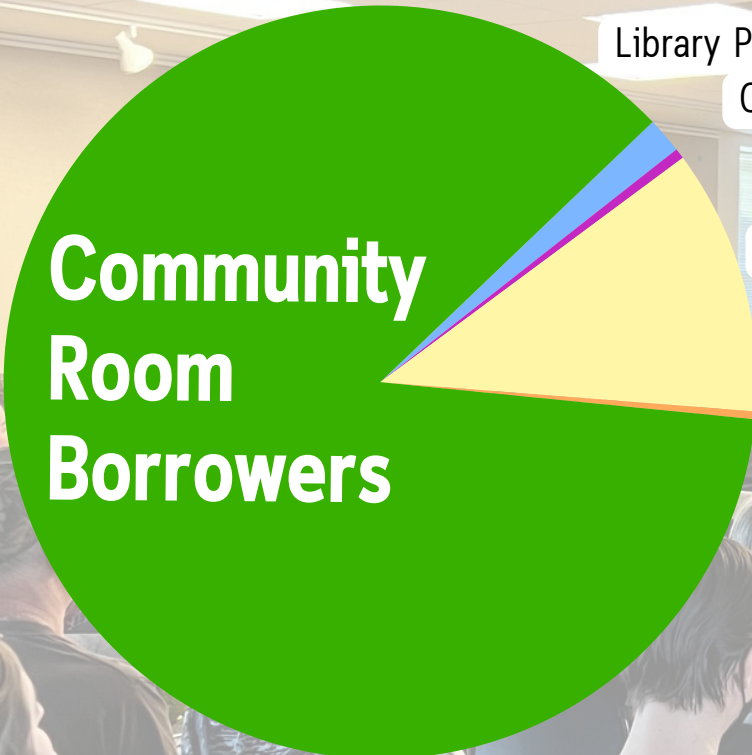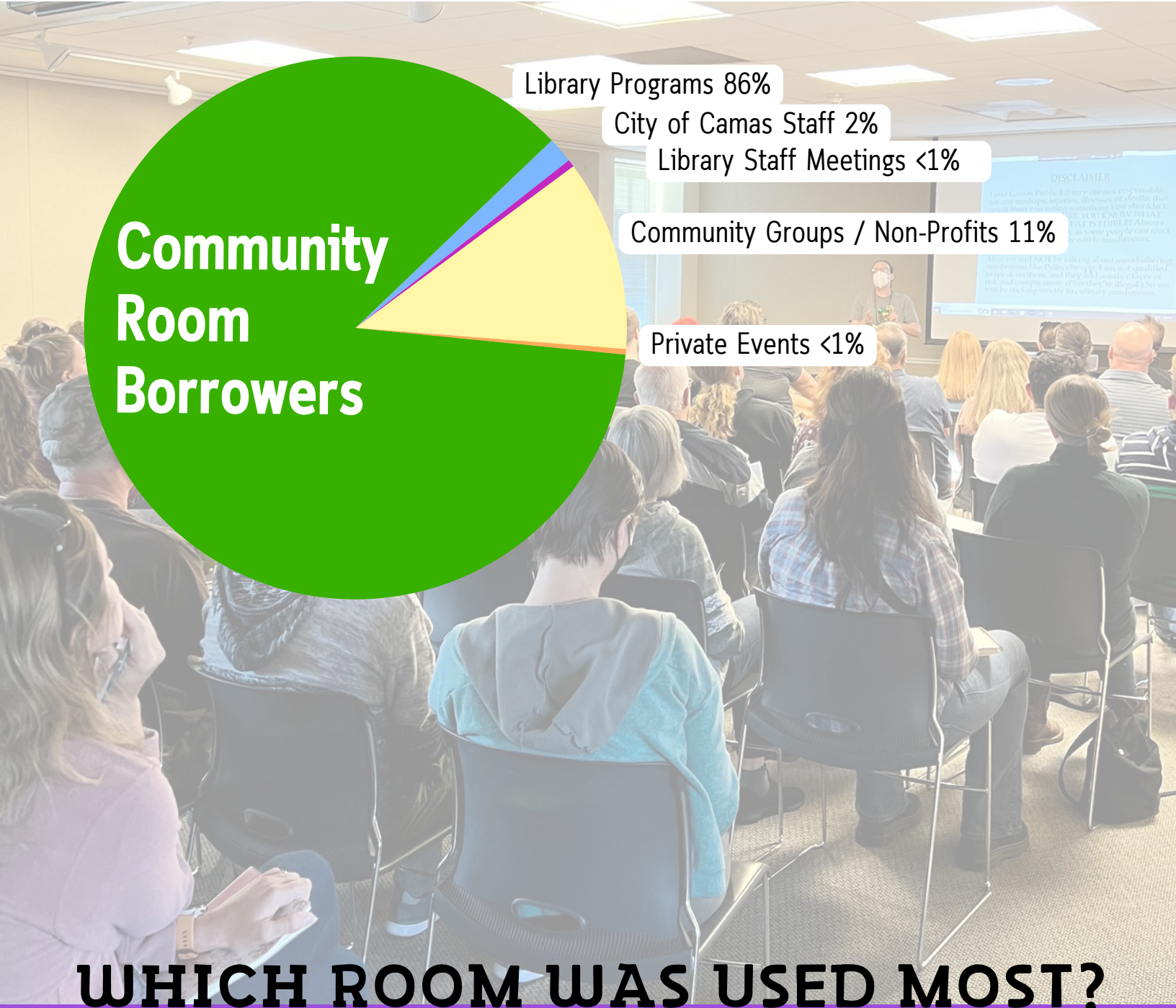
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The number of outreach events staff attended.

Library Assistant Kary Wilson rides the Library's Book Bike in the Camas Days Parade in July.

COMMUNITY ROOMS

	2022	2023	CHANGE
Meetings	419	903	+116%
Attendance	8,411	22,221	+164%

Community Room Borrowers

- Library Programs 86%
- City of Camas Staff 2%
- Library Staff Meetings <1%
- Community Groups / Non-Profits 11%
- Private Events <1%

WHICH ROOM WAS USED MOST?

EVA SANTEE 21%   NAN HENRIKSEN 8%   BOTH ROOMS TOGETHER 71%

2023
POWER
READERS

Promoting the joy of reading.
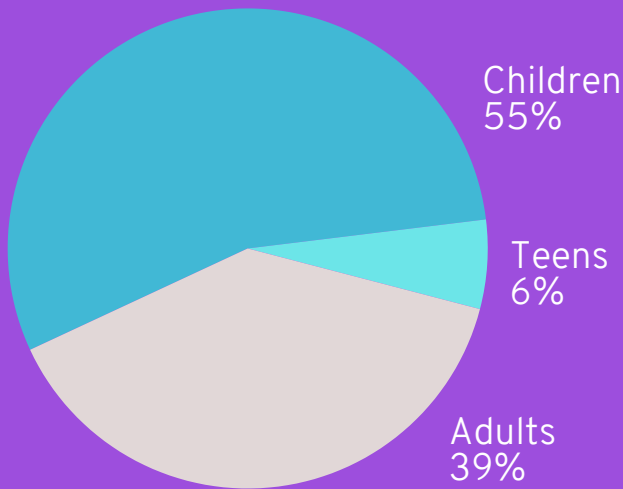
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The number of patrons who reported reading more than

100 BOOKS

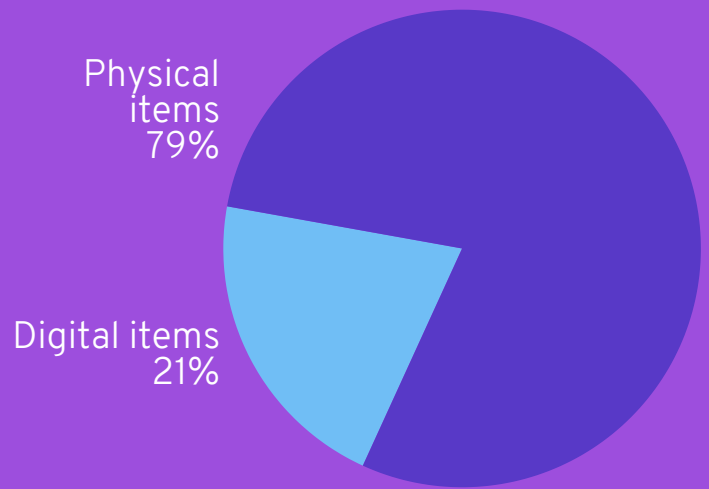The 2023 Power Readers display recognizing patrons who read 100 books or more in 2023.

CIRCULATION

	2022	2023	CHANGE
Total Checkouts	499,239	578,998	+16%

Children
55%

Teens
6%

Adults
39%

Who's Checking Out: A Breakdown by Age

Physical items
79%

Digital items
21%
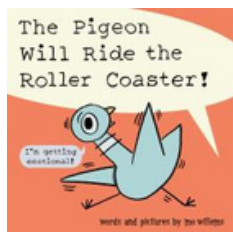
Reading Preference: Digital or Physical?

TOP CIRCULATING COLLECTIONS

| RANK	COLLECTION	CHECKOUTS	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
1	ADULT FICTION	112,943	+14%
2	PICTURE BOOKS	82,675	+6%
3	ADULT NONFICTION	70,607	+22%
4	CHILDREN'S FICTION	58,052	+56%
5	CHILDREN'S NONFICTION	55,221	+13%
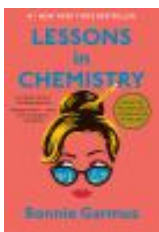
LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY
90 CHECKOUTS

THE PIGEON WILL RIDE THE ROLLER COASTER!
108 CHECKOUTS

THE COMPLETE PEANUTS
175 CHECKOUTS
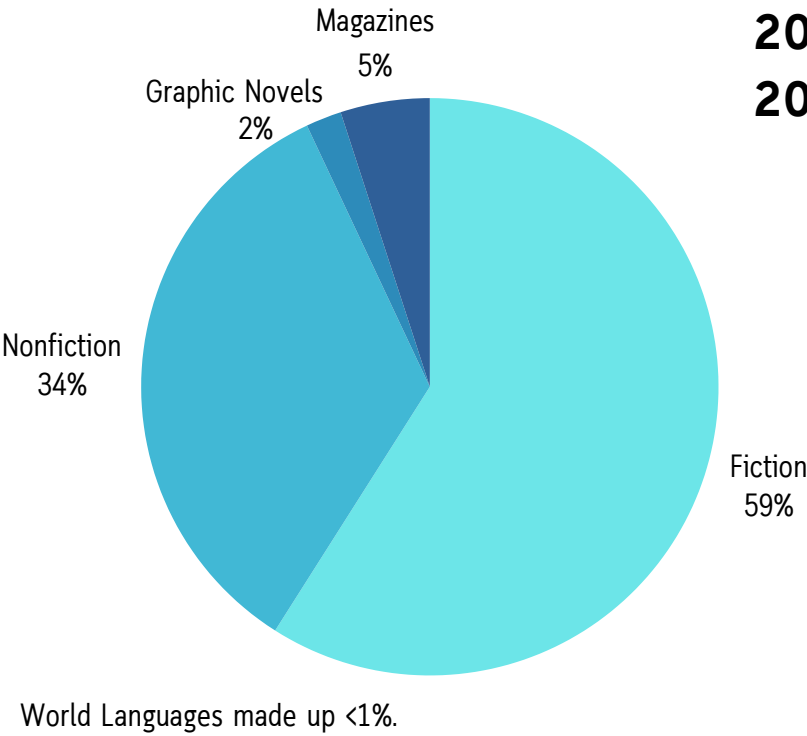
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE UGLY TRUTH
159 CHECKOUTS
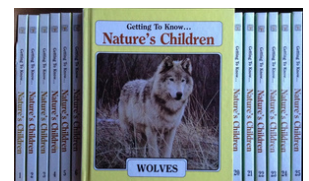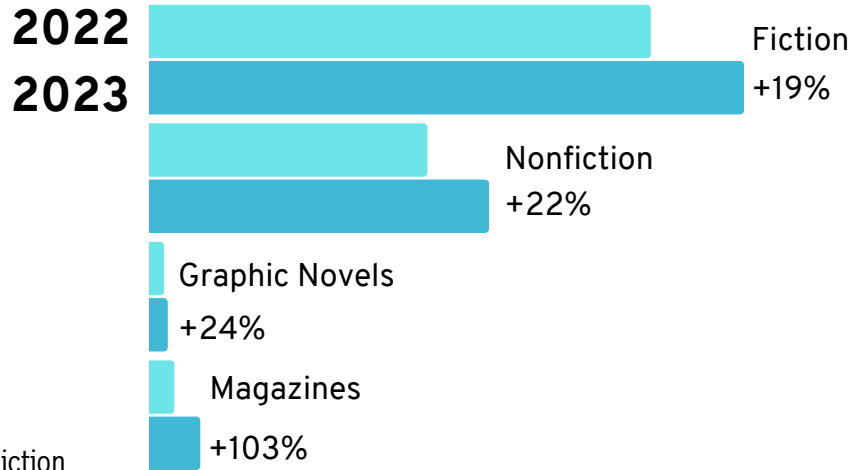
GETTING TO KNOW -- NATURE'S CHILDREN
170 CHECKOUTS

ADULTS AND TEENS

What Adults Checked Out

Magazines 5%

Graphic Novels 2%

Nonfiction 34%

Fiction 59%

World Languages made up <1%.

ADULT READING

2022
2023
Fiction +19%

Nonfiction +22%

Graphic Novels +24%

Magazines +103%

ADULT/TEEN MULTIMEDIA

Devices +8%

Music +18%

2022
2023
Videos +12%

What Teens Checked Out

Nonfiction 4%

Graphic Novels 30%

Fiction 66%

TEEN READING

2022
2023
Fiction +16%

Graphic Novels +15%

Nonfiction +8%
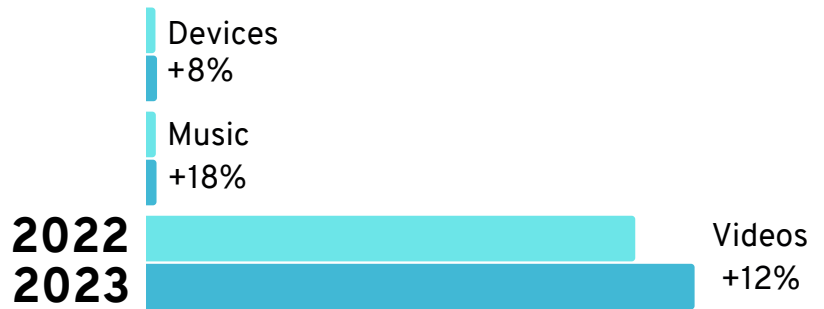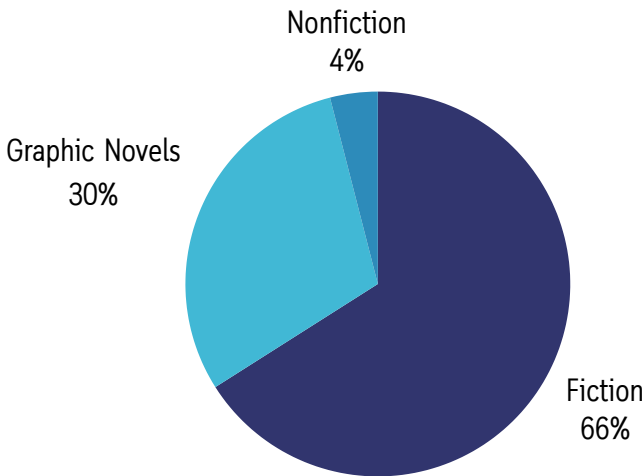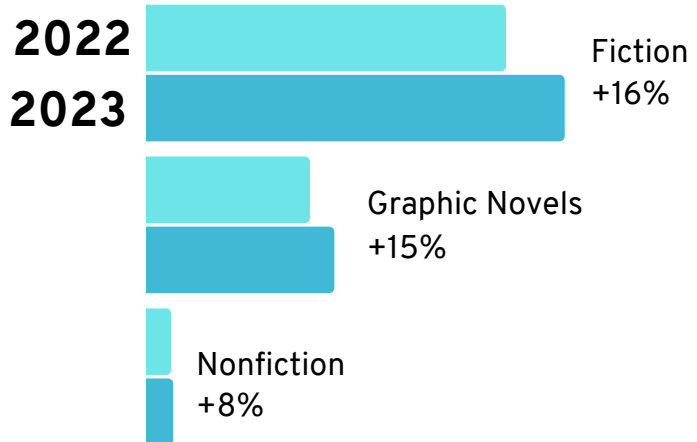
69%
of items checked out by **teens** were <u>physical copies</u> from the Library building.

59%
of items checked out by **adults** were <u>physical copies</u> from the Library building.

ON THE PAGE OR ON THE SCREEN?

CHILDREN

What Kids Checked Out

- Videos 3%
- Nonfiction 18%
- Early Literacy 31%
- Graphic Novels 10%
- Young Readers 38%

Children's Music, Devices made up <1%.

GLOSSARY

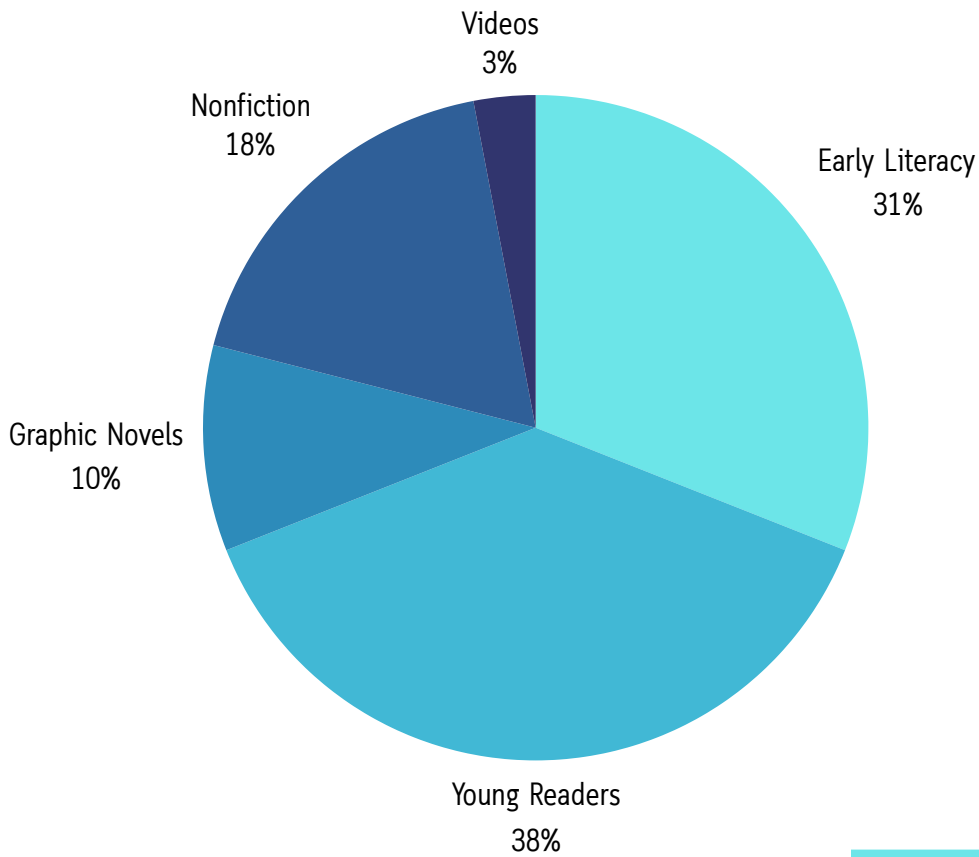|	
Early Literacy	Board Books, Picture Books, Concept Books, Readalongs.
Young Readers	Beginning to Read, Chapter Books, Fiction, Audiobooks, Magazines.
Nonfiction	Nonfiction, Nature Packs, STEM Kits.
Videos	DVDs and Digital Videos, both fiction and nonfiction.
Music	Digital downloadable music.
Devices	Tablets.

Storytime in the Park in June.

Kids Reading

2022
2023

- Early Literacy +8%
- Young Readers +14%
- Nonfiction +12%
- Graphic Novels +21%
- Videos +11%
- Devices +624%
- Music +36%
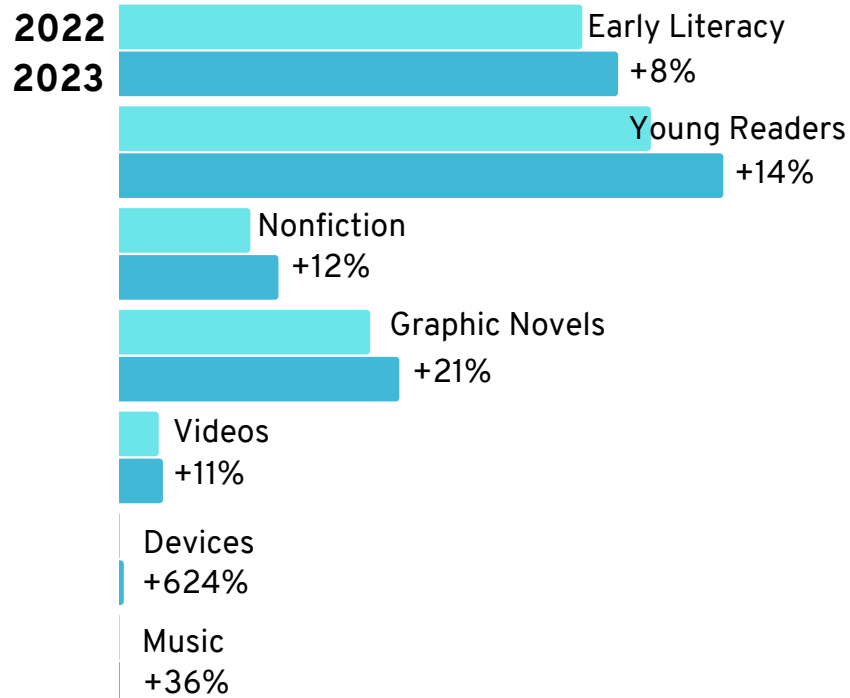
94%

of items checked out by **children** were physical copies from the Library building.

ON THE PAGE OR ON THE SCREEN?

A welcoming and inclusive place to gather.

52

The number of

SATURDAYS

we were open in 2023. We were open more on Saturday in 2023 than any other day (the least? just 44 Mondays). Thanks to our permanent and substitute staff for putting in those weekend hours!

Four Barbies gather at the *Saturday Spooktacular* in October.

READING PROGRAMS

This year we are looking at the number of people who finished each program, the finishers. Finishing the program (as opposed to registering only) can have the potential outcomes of improved reading skills, better critical thinking skills, increased interest in reading, enhanced comprehension skills, expanded vocabulary, increased confidence, and an overall improved academic performance.

READING DRAGONS

	2022	2023	CHANGE
% of Program Finishers	41%	78%	+37%

SUMMER READING

The highest percentages in our Summer Reading history!

	2022	2023	CHANGE
% of Program Finishers - Everyone	50%	58%	+15%
% of Program Finishers - Children	55%	57%	+5%
% of Program Finishers - Teens	44%	59%	+35%
% of Program Finishers - Adults	37%	60%	+60%
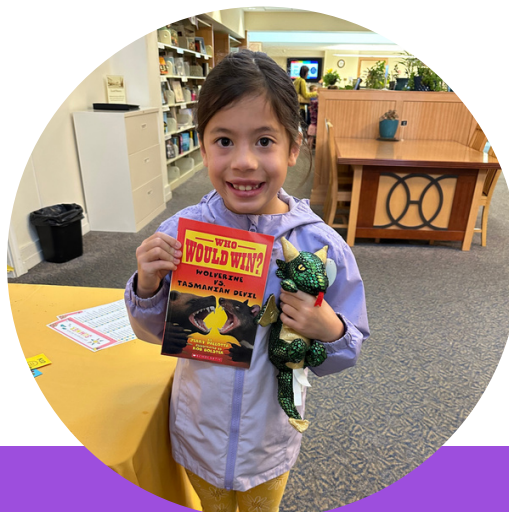
SIGN UP   PARTICIPATE   WIN!

Engaging enrichment.

9%

increase in Facebook followers.

11%

increase in Instagram followers.

Eleanor, a December Kid Librarian. *Kid Librarian* is one of the Library's most popular social media features.
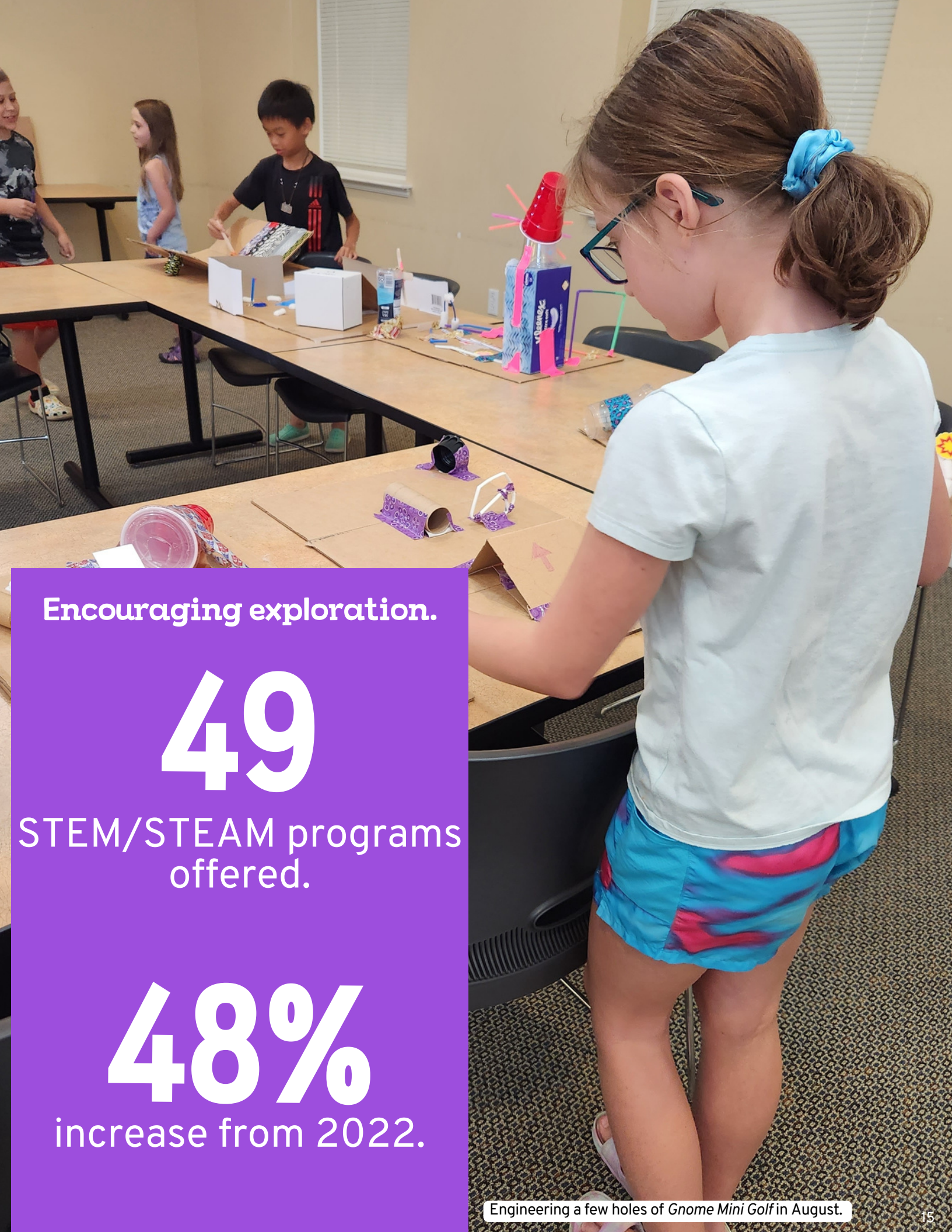
Encouraging exploration.

49

STEM/STEAM programs offered.

48%

increase from 2022.

Engineering a few holes of *Gnome Mini Golf* in August.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

2022	2023	CHANGE
679	1,220	+80%

Arts & Culture
4%

Book Clubs
8%

Books & Reading
7%

Classes & Discussions
12%

Crafts
3%

Culinary
3%

Games
2%

Outreach
13%

Services
2%

Shared Interests
3%

Speakers
3%

STEM/STEAM
4%

Storytime
36%

WHO WERE AT THE EVENTS?

ADULTS 48%   TEENS 6%   KIDS 46%

Delivering service with empathy and integrity.
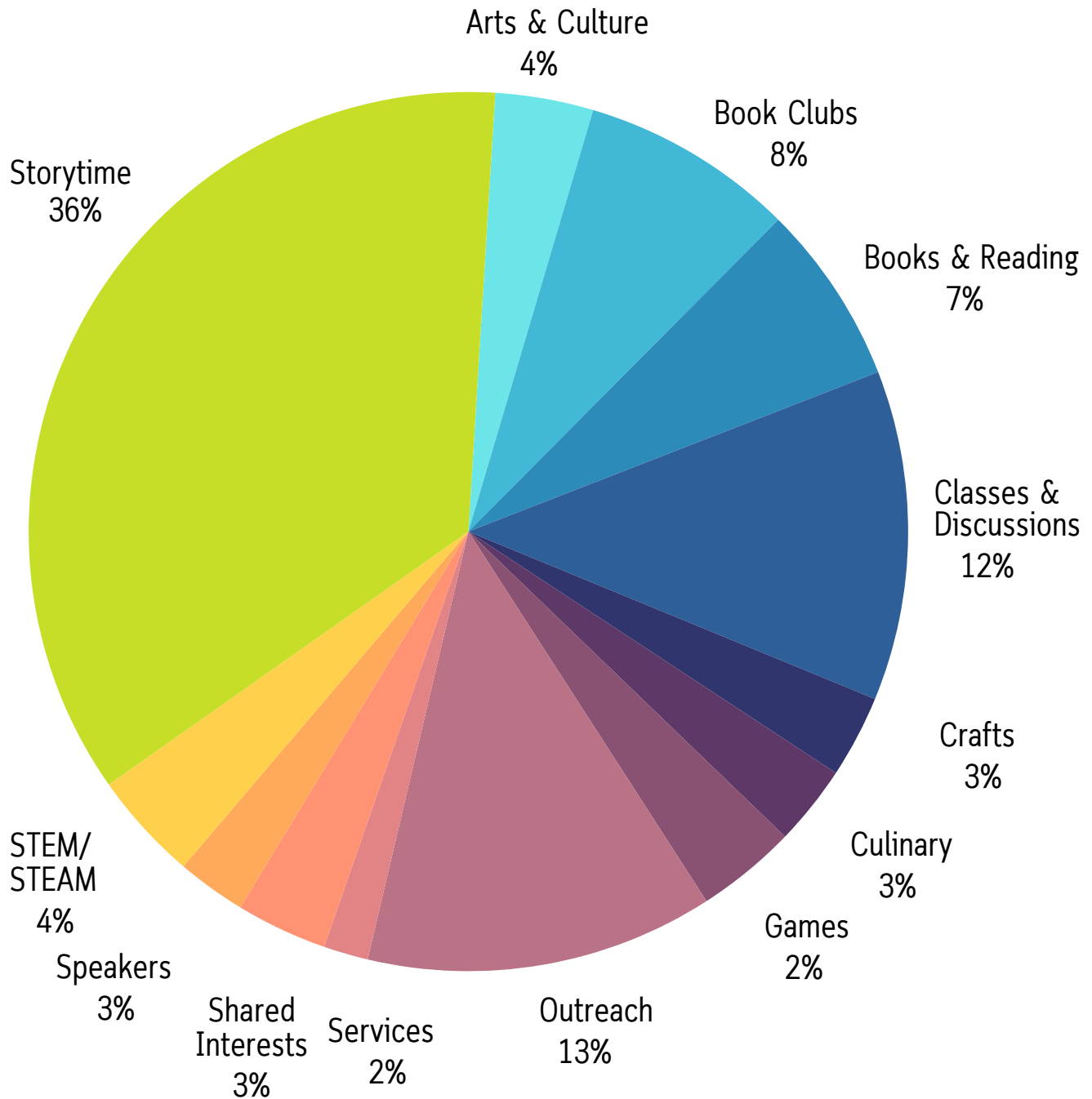
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programs for ages 0-5

178%

increase from 2022.

This was a Library action in direct response to community engagement feedback.

Preschool Monster Stack program in September.

Cultivating community.

1,506

The number of hours our

VOLUNTEERS

gave us, through:

- First Friday receptions
- Friends & Foundation of the Camas Library
- Internships
- Library Board of Trustees
- Special Events or Projects
- Summer Reading Program
- Teen Library Council

Book sorting volunteers for the FFCL in November.

Teen Library Council (TLC) members in September.

PROGRAMS HEADCOUNT

2022	2023	CHANGE
20,136	42,319	+110%

Chart categories (top to bottom):
- Arts & Culture
- Book Clubs
- Books & Reading
- Classes & Discussions
- Crafts
- Culinary
- Games
- Outreach
- Services
- Shared Interests
- Speakers
- STEM/STEAM
- Storytimes

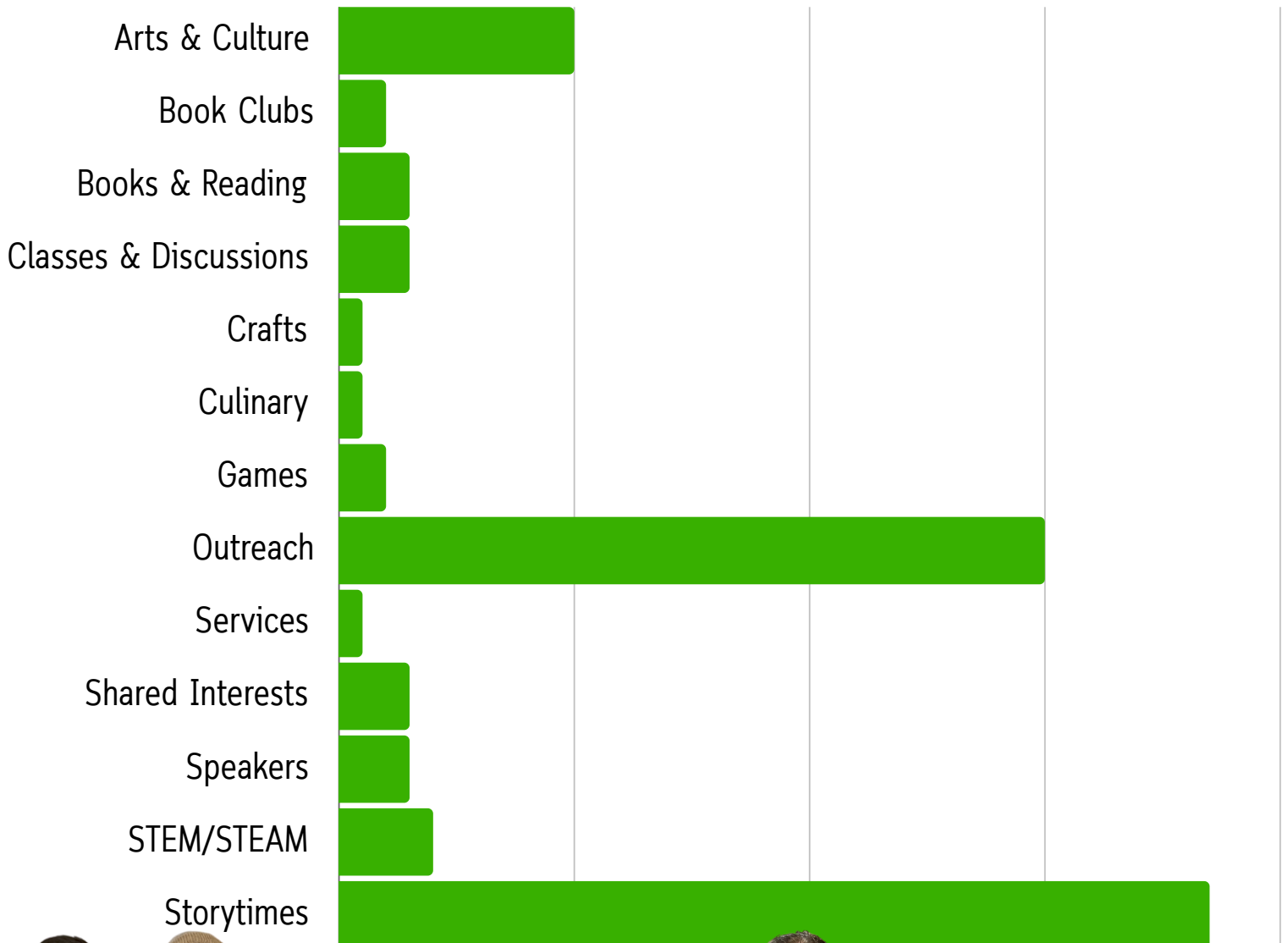X-axis: 0, 10, 30

Bad Art Night

Teen DIY: Macrame Ghosts

Felt Lavendar Bouquets

Snowy Owl Pine Cones

Halloween Suncatchers

Introduction to Botanical Art class in October.

Lifelong learning opportunities.

1,220

programs offered in 2023.

80%

INCREASE FROM 2022

Walking with our Ancestors: Bridging Generations in Chinook Culture presentation in November.

Free and equitable access to resources.

300

number of devices checked out last year.

8%

INCREASE FROM 2022

In-house tablets were added to the Children's Library this year.

DIGITAL NEWS

THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Library made *The New York Times* available digitally in June 2023. For the six months it was available, **168 articles** were accessed during **328 sessions**.

NEWSBANK

Over on the more general digital news database Newsbank, there was an 11% increase in use from last year. Users created 1,732 sessions and accessed 2,692 articles.
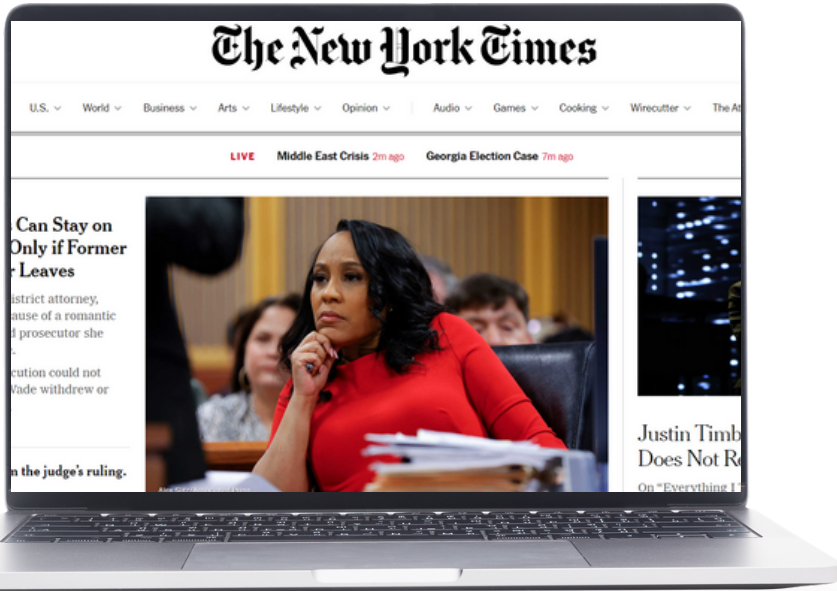
PUBLIC COMPUTERS

	2022	2023	CHANGE
Unique Users	264	316	+20%
No. of Sessions	7,364	6,876	-7%

PUBLIC PRINTING

DOCUMENTS PRINTED UP 134%   **PAGES PRINTED UP 255%**

Striving for growth in a learning culture.

151

The number of

TRAININGS, WEBINARS, & WORKSHOPS

taken by staff in 2023.

Both photos: all-staff training day in September.

WORK PLAN 2023

How'd we do?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

CONTENT DELIVERY

- [x] Curate oral histories and provide them through our website.
- [x] Digitize the Virginia Warren collection.
- [x] Bring World Languages materials together to form higlighted collection.
- [x] Install Tablet Station in Children's Learning Hive.
- [x] Revamp parenting collection.
- [ ] Research the City's history and provide timeline for City's website. `Goal rolled over to 2024 Work Plan.`

BUILDING & ADMINISTRATION

- [x] Explore ways to make Teen Room more conducive to hosting programs.
- [ ] Install new HVAC. `Goal rolled over to 2024 Work Plan.`
- [x] Finish roof project.
- [ ] Children's Learning Hive completion rate: 50%. `Goal rolled over to 2024 Work Plan.`
- [x] Complete salary study and reorganization as appropriate.
- [x] Implement regular meeting schedule with Public Works and IT.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES KEY

ORANGE	Remove barriers.
PINK	Focus on early literacy.
GREEN	Build or strengthen partnerships.
BLUE	Encourage lifelong learning at every age.

CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

2024 WORK PLAN

PROGRAMMING + OUTREACH

- 🟧 Increase the number of remote lecture programs for adults.
- 🟪 Research and purchase play options for the Early Learning Center.
- 🟩 Create the Nature-Smart Library (programming/outreach).

CONTENT DELIVERY + USER EXPERIENCE

- 🟩 Complete the City history project for the website.
- 🟩 Create the Nature-Smart Library (collection).
- 🟦 Execute Hoopla API implementation.

BUILDING + ADMINISTRATION

- 🟧 Find more accessible solution for the doors at 4th & 5th Avenues.
- 🟧 Complete HVAC project.
- 🟧 Finalize ADA improvements, restoration work on building exterior.
- 🟪 Raise additional funds for the Children's Learning Hive.
- 🟪 Work with architects to finalize design for Children's Learning Hive.
- 🟩 Implement recommendations from security audit.
- 🟦 Select furniture for the building.
- 🟦 Complete plan for lighting and flooring solutions.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES KEY

Remove barriers. 🟧

Focus on early literacy. 🟪

Build or strengthen partnerships. 🟩

Encourage lifelong learning at every age. 🟦

Fostering space for
creativity and joy.

COSTUMES
POTLUCKS
PARTIES

COUNTLESS!