Mission
Mobilize the Madison community to continuously improve, promote and support Madison Public Library.

Vision
Equip Madison Public Library with robust resources to deliver outstanding services, facilities and programs that meet the Madison community’s needs.

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CORE VALUES
Community
Engage the community as stakeholders for the library system
Integrity
Demonstrate transparency in how gifts are used to support the library
Advocacy
Champion what is best for the library and the community
Leadership
Act as visionaries in advancing the library

STRATEGIC GOALS
Fundraising
The foundation provides stable, consistent support to the library for ongoing and new initiatives.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
The foundation is a socially just and antiracist institution, and diversity, equity and inclusion is considered in foundation decision-making.

PR and Communication
Community members know that the foundation funds and advocates for Madison Public Library.

Programming and Vital Services
The foundation provides innovative programming for donors and supports expanded library services.
Mission
Madison Public Library provides free and equitable access to cultural and educational experiences. We celebrate ideas, promote creativity, connect people and enrich lives.

Vision
Madison Public Library: your place to learn, share and create.

STRATEGIC LENS

Literacy is the ability to interpret and understand. It is our purpose.

Engagement encompasses how we connect to the community and build relationships. It is how we do business.

Community includes all of Madison. It is who we serve.

Equity refers to the measures we take to help the people in our community realize their full potential. It is how we serve.

Accountability means we take responsibility for our actions and produce results. It is our promise.

OUR CORE VALUES
• Learning in all forms
• Diverse perspectives
• Intellectual freedom
• Customer experience
• Collaboration
• Innovation
• Making a difference

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**Foundation 2021 Financials**

- **Investment income**: $2,397
- **Investment income held at Madison Community Foundation**: $1,349,301
- **Foundation revenues total**: $2,883,044
- **Contributions**: $1,312,594
- **Special events**: $196,506
- **Other income**: $22,246

**Foundation Revenues Total**

- Donor-restricted gifts: $555,537
- Grants & library programming: $759,909
- Bequests: $166,276
- Fundraising events proceeds: $196,506
- Loyal Friends giving 5+ years: 543
- Endowment balance: $8,736,705
- Wisconsin Book Festival: $236,562
- Administration: $176,936
- Fundraising: $323,693

*Investment income earned from assets held at Madison Community Foundation increases endowment funds, which annually support library and foundation staff, collections, facilities and program services.*
Materials checked out: 1,458,937
Items added to the collection: 79,008
Computer uses: 63,771
Curbside appointments: 105,507
Library visits: 539,254
Book Festival author programs: 64
Dream Bus visits: 3,922
Library cards issued: 10,898
Youth engaged in Making Justice workshops: 430
Artists engaged through the Bubbler: 55
OverDrive checkouts: 593,262

**Library 2021 Financials**

- Library fees: $28,057
- City of Madison library appropriation: $18,849,564
- Grants: $554,448
- LINK contractual services: $404,255
- Dane County Library System contractual services: $1,277,496
- South Central Library System contractual services: $318,627
- Other: $172,454
- Endowment: $15,000
- Library revenues total: $21,619,901
- LINKcat online computer operations: $621,611
- Debt retirement: $2,885,756
- Supplies: $369,504
- Purchased services, miscellaneous: $573,860
- Library expenses total: $21,823,521
- Salaries & benefits: $13,258,744
- Library books, media & databases: $1,127,038
- Facilities: $1,187,796
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ANNUAL FUND GRANTS

Technology
The library purchased self-checkout machines, computers, printers and staff headsets for virtual meetings.

Collection
Adult graphic novels, large-print books, audio-enabled picture books and Equity Collection materials were just some of the items that the library added to its collection.

BIPOC Affinity Group Celebration
The library’s BIPOC Affinity Group marked its one-year anniversary with a foundation-funded party. The group provides allyship, celebrates culture and ideas, and enriches the lives of library staff of color through networking, professional development, meaningful conversations and community service.

Native American Storyteller-in-Residence
Storyteller-in-Residence Andi Cloud of the Ho-Chunk Nation hosted numerous fall and winter events — including a harvest walk, basket weaving, Rock Your Mocs Day and a drum circle — at the libraries and beyond for Madisonians of all ages.

Professional Development
Library staff learned about trauma-informed care within the library setting, being a community co-conspirator (through Urban Triage) and digital literacy. Forty-four staff were trained in suicide-prevention strategies, and 13 staff attended the YWCA’s Racial Justice Summit.
Dream Bus
The Dream Bus continued to be vital, especially while libraries were still closed. It visited numerous underserved city neighborhoods, delivering books, movies, music and Wi-Fi to residents who may not be able to reach the libraries due to transportation barriers.

Bubbler
The library’s arts and maker program engaged 55 artists, presented gallery exhibits, created maker kits for hands-on learning and hosted the Pinney Studio Artist-in-Residence, Maria Amalia Wood.

Parents as First Teachers
Youth Services librarians assembled early literacy learner kits and offered training to partner organizations to help educate new parents about the role they play as their child’s first teacher.

Making Justice
Library staff and artists worked with court-involved youth on a variety of art projects, and led workshops for them. Program participants helped complete the Waves of Change and I Belong murals outside the Shelter Home building.
Author Programs
The festival offered a mix of virtual and in-person programs. Guests took home free books at select events, thanks to a gift from the Cheryl Rosen Weston Estate. Highlights included programs with Emily St. John Mandel, Heather McGhee, Dantiel Moniz, Andrew Graff, Nickolas Butler, Elizabeth Warren, Kevin Kwan, Nick Petrie, Celeste Headlee and Carol Anderson.

We Read Youth Voices Writers’ Contest
The library, foundation and Wisconsin Book Festival teamed up to host the inaugural We Read Youth Voices Writers’ Contest. More than 40 youth submitted stories, with several winners. A Youth Voices Anthology featuring 19 stories from kids ages 6-17 in Madison is available for checkout at any of the library locations or online at madpl.org/youthvoicesanthology.
**BCycle Community Pass & Art Bike Programs**

The library and foundation partnered with BCycle to offer free passes for patrons to access e-bikes, and a We Read-themed bike designed by former Bubbler artist Emily Balsley was part of BCycle’s Art Bike series.

**We Read/ Nosotros Leemos**

The library’s community-wide, year-round celebration of reading included outreach programming, tote bags, crafts, free books and storytimes for all ages.

**Reopening of Libraries**

Patrons were overjoyed when all nine libraries opened their doors in May after COVID-19 forced their closure for more than a year.

**Endowments**

Libraries used their endowment funds for new furniture, a Seed Library display, self-checkout machines and collection materials.
**Lunch for Libraries**

Longtime former *Miami Herald* columnist and comic thriller writer Carl Hiaasen delighted the audience at the foundation’s virtual fundraiser on May 25. Many guests chose to watch the live-streamed event in a group in their backyards or homes.

**Educational Series Presentations**

The foundation facilitated four virtual workshops on donor-suggested topics, with more than 400 people attending the gerrymandering event and more than 300 logging on to learn about cybersecurity.

**Ex Libris: New Recipe**

Nearly 400 guests joined the foundation for its 11th fall fundraiser, which featured a diverse lineup of food and beverage vendors, and “Pagode” music by Grupo Balanca.
Madison Public Library Foundation is so thankful for the support received in 2021. From cash gifts to our annual fund and special efforts like the Dream Bus to volunteering at our fundraisers or the Wisconsin Book Festival, this long list signifies our community’s passion for literacy, lifelong learning and equity. Thank you!

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