

# Annual Report 2022



## 30 Years and Growing



Last December, after 10 years as Wisconsin Book Festival Director, I became Madison Public Library Foundation's new Executive Director and I couldn't be more delighted.

In her final letter to donors, former Executive Director Jenni Jeffress' message resonated deeply: Change is good. Over the past two years, we made several additions to our wonderful staff and support team that truly understands the incredible value Madison Public Library brings to our community. What remains constant is our dedication to making our libraries even better.

Libraries are changing, too. At Madison Public Library, you'll still find the items you'd expect at any of our nine locations: books, magazines, newspapers, music, computers, databases. But increasingly, you'll find many nontraditional resources as well: birding backpacks, Bcycle passes, turntables and vinyl, garden seeds, and much more. The same is true of programs. Mainstays like the Wisconsin Book Festival continue to bring world-class authors to Madison. Newer initiatives reimagine how the library can serve the community. Library Takeover invites members of under-represented communities to plan their own library events, and Live Well @ Your Library events focus on physical and mental wellness.

The reason for these changes is simple: **Literacy is no longer just about being able to read.** It takes many forms: cultural, social, civic, environmental, and digital, to name just a few. We want our library patrons to have access to materials and programming that help them become well-rounded, fulfilled citizens. Expanding the role of the library helps us do just that.

This summer, we'll celebrate the foundation's 30th birthday. We'll spend the rest of 2023 highlighting how our libraries, literacy, and foundation have changed and evolved, and how we can maintain support.

Each of you has contributed in some meaningful way to help our libraries thrive. **Thank you.** We say this a lot in our written communications, but it's so important: **You** make our work possible. Your contributions allow us to Build Better Libraries Every Day — just as we have since 1993 and will continue into the future. Join us in celebrating 30 years of supporting our city's fantastic library system! Visit our website or check out our spring newsletter for details.

Gratefully,



**Conor Moran**

*Executive Director* • Madison Public Library Foundation





## 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.



## Foundation Board

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## Foundation 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.

### PR and Communication

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

### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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

### Programming and Vital Services

The foundation provides innovative programming for donors and supports expanded library services.

Board President Heather Clefisch (left) and Vice President Tanya Salman





## 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.



## Library Board

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## Library Core Values

Learning in all forms

Intellectual freedom

Innovation

Making a difference

Diverse perspectives

Collaboration

Customer experience



## Strategic Goals

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

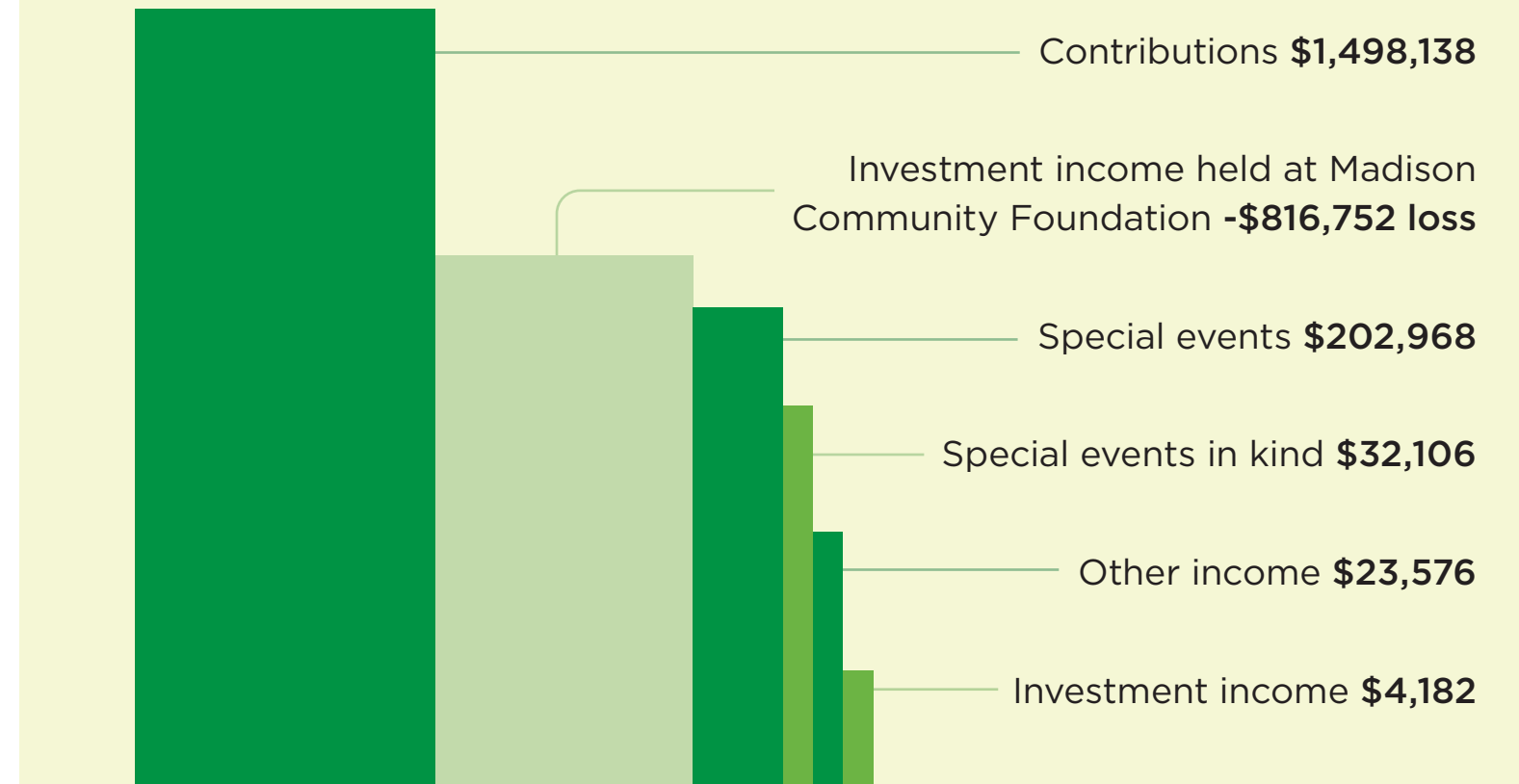
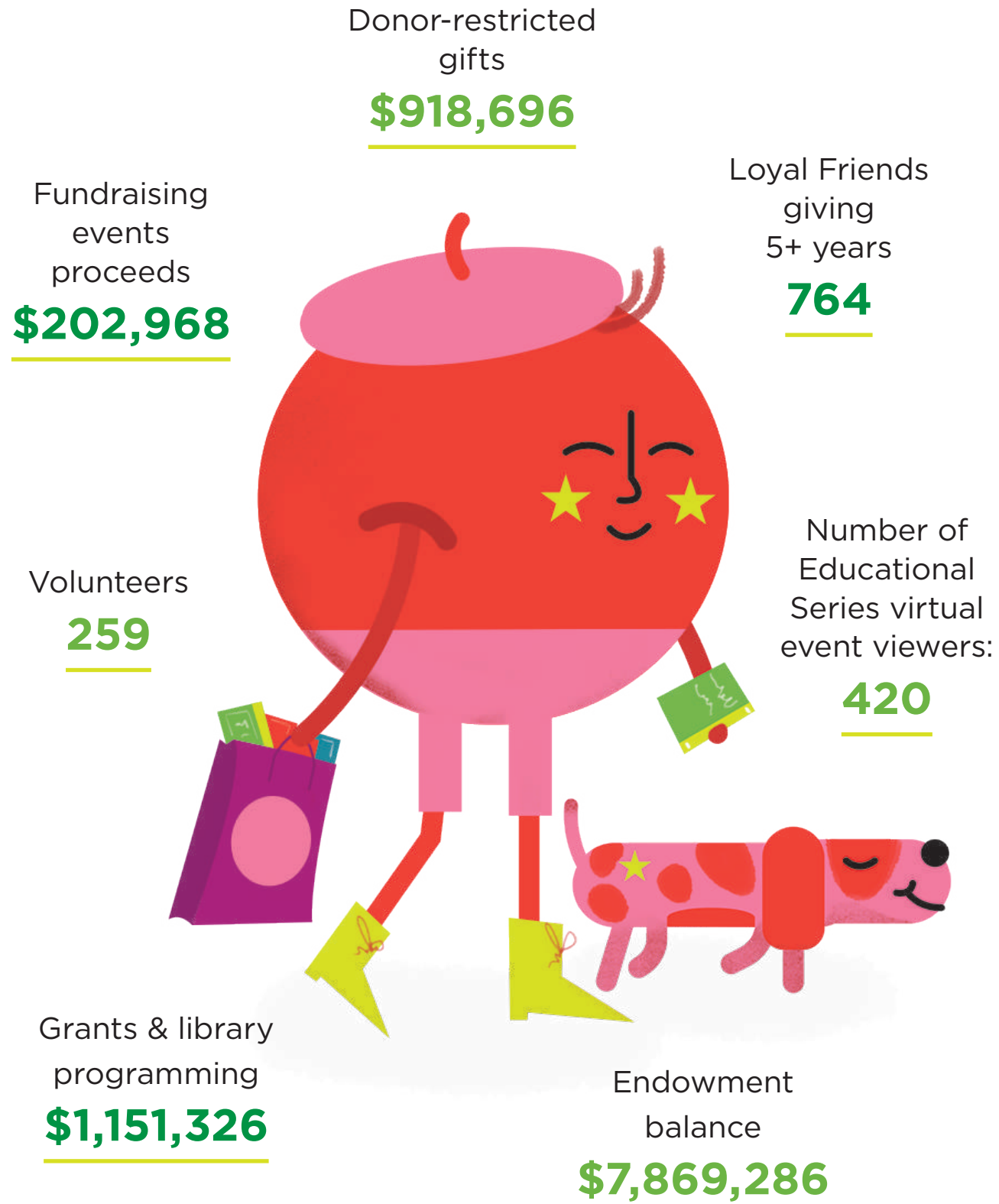
**Engagement**  
encompasses how we  
connect to the community  
and build relationships.  
**It is how we do business.**

**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.**

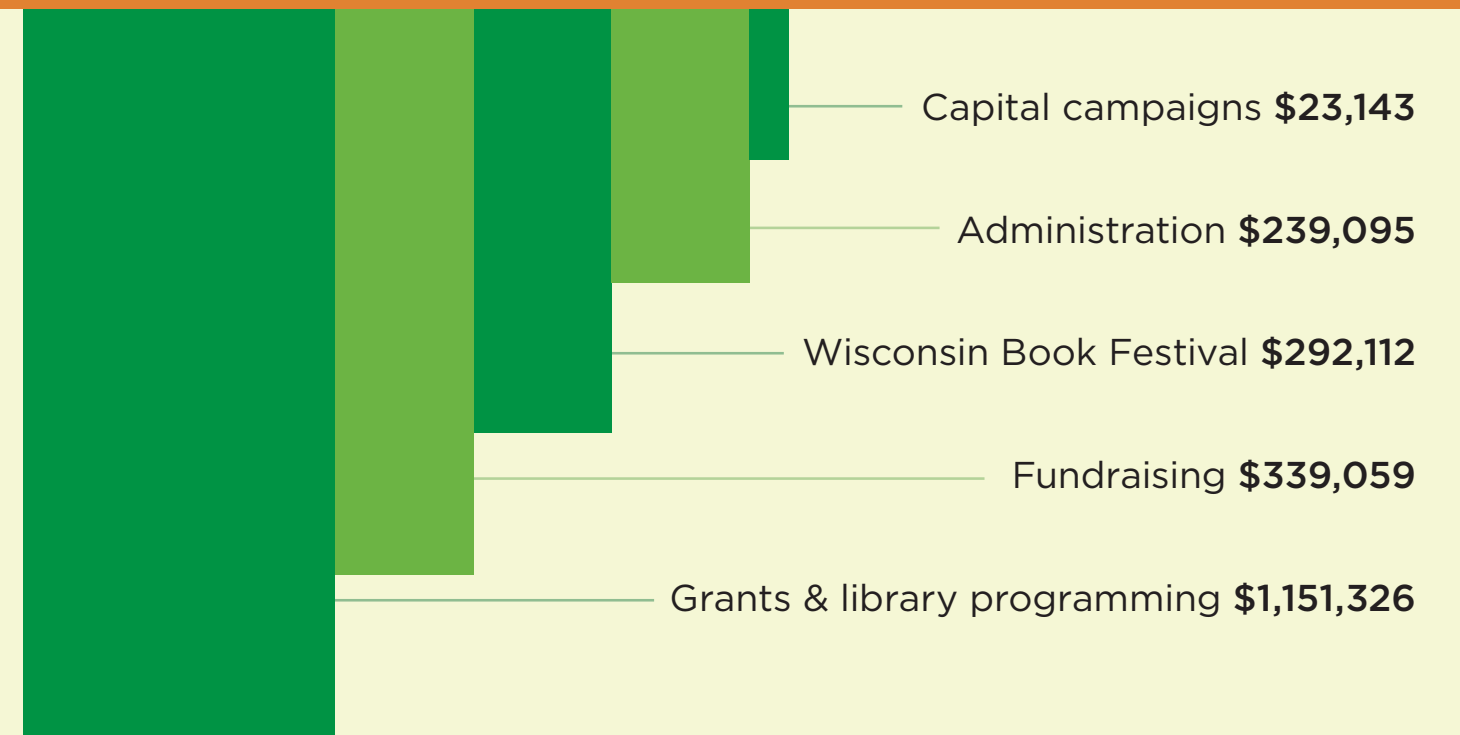
**Accountability**  
means we take  
responsibility for  
our actions and  
produce results.  
**It is our promise.**

# 2022 Facts and Figures



**2022 FOUNDATION revenues total \$944,218**

**2022 FOUNDATION expenses total \$2,044,735**





# 2022 Facts and Figures

Materials  
checked out  
**1,702,662**

Library  
visits  
**1,112,001**

Digital  
checkouts  
**670,920**

Dream Bus  
checkouts  
**7,449**



Vinyl checkouts  
**1,627**

Book Festival  
author programs  
**79**

Record player  
checkouts  
**36**

Computer sessions  
**112,009**

Free festival  
books given away  
**3,000+**

Library cards  
issued  
**14,058**

Book Club Kit  
checkouts  
**569**

Wi-Fi  
sessions  
**3,218,766**

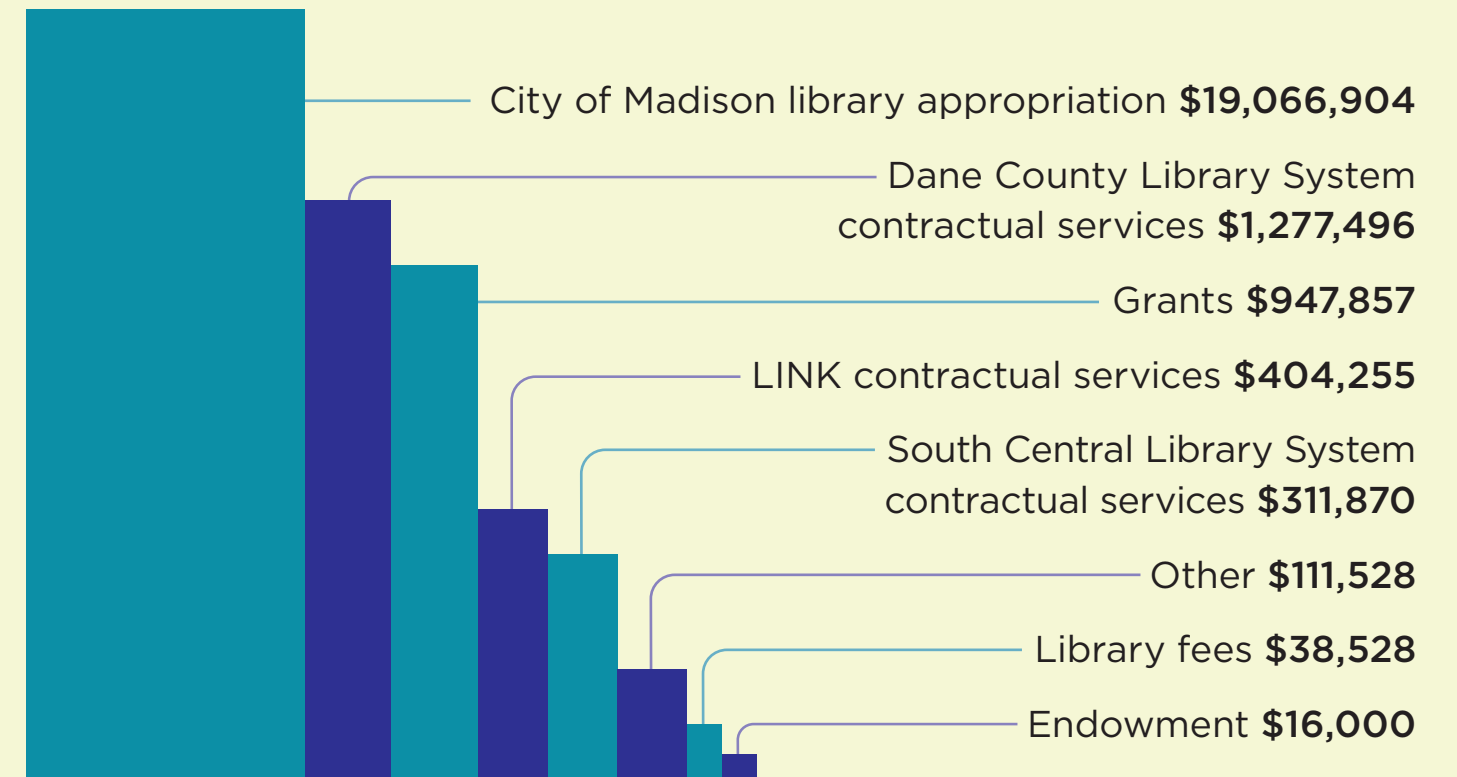
BCycle pass  
checkouts  
**325**

Kanopy  
video plays  
**33,000+**

Programs  
**3,800**

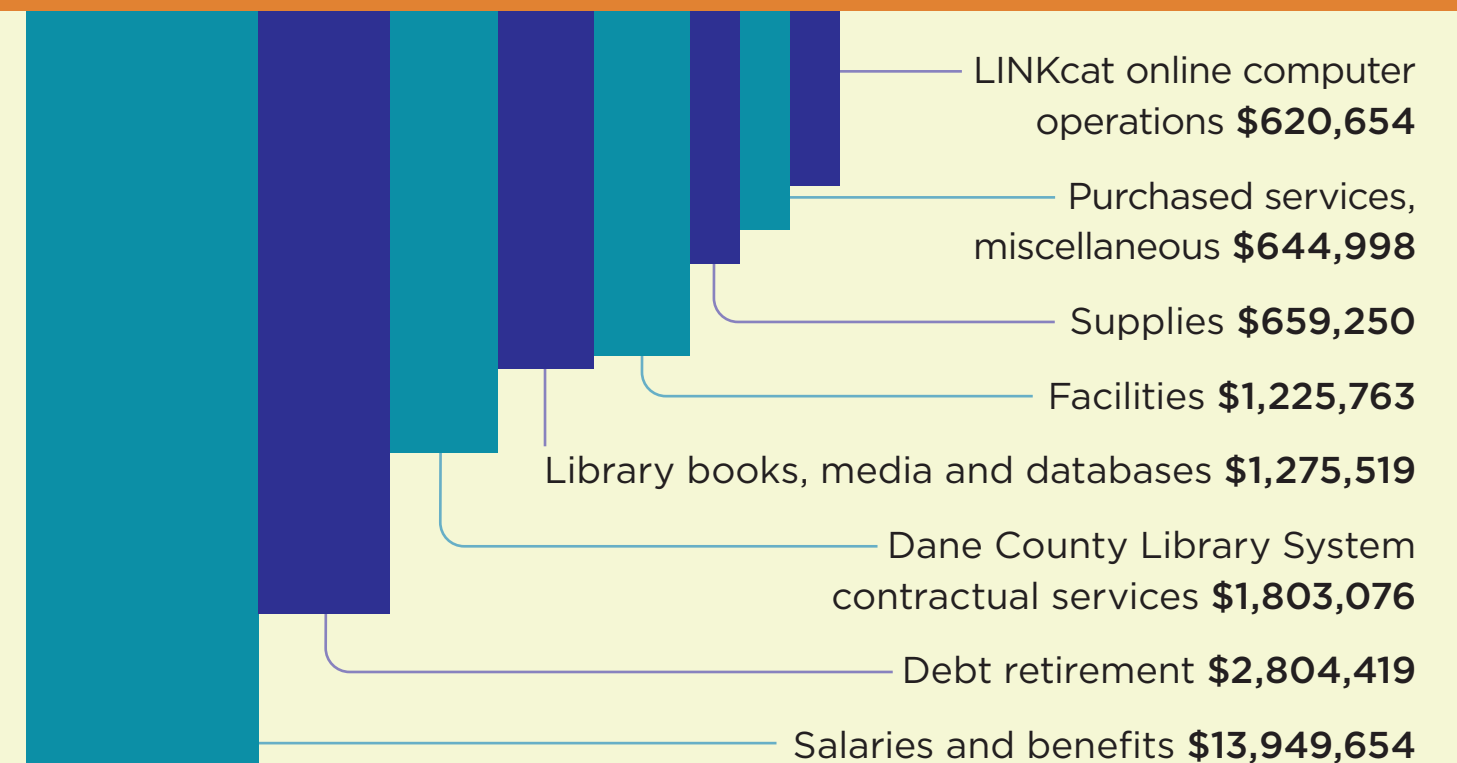
Program  
attendees  
**64,176**

*Note: Attendance and  
program numbers do not include  
one-on-one assistance options:  
tutoring, tax assistance, job help, etc.*



**2022 LIBRARY revenues total \$22,174,438**

**2022 LIBRARY expenses total \$22,983,333**





# Building Literacy in All Forms



A mini-grant funded a special collection of 250+ business, career, and wellness books for Madison’s **Progress Center for Black Women**. Martin Alvarado (pictured above left) and library staffer Kathy K. worked with Progress Center staff to curate a list of Black authored books and materials for the center’s entrepreneurs.



A \$25,000 annual fund grant expanded the **library collection**, including audio-enabled books for kids; book club kits; adult, teen, and juvenile graphic novels and manga; juvenile world language books; and Central Library Culture Collection titles.



The **Wisconsin Book Festival** celebrated its 20th anniversary with a full return to free, in-person programs featuring a diverse lineup of award-winning authors and local literary talent.



The **Dream Bus** visited more than a dozen locations throughout Madison and Sun Prairie each week, offering books, movies, music, programming, and Wi-Fi service. The mobile library also made appearances at community events, such as Forward Madison FC games and neighborhood festivals.



**Parents as First Teachers** provided books, resource kits, training, and more to Public Health Madison & Dane County’s nurse staff to weave early literacy practices into early childhood development during home visits.





# Building Literacy in All Forms

The **Bubbler**-coordinated exhibit *Time(is): An Exploration of Black Art in Madison* highlighted the works of four Black Madison-based artists who explored portrait creation through visual, performance, and conceptual art practices.



Bubbler in the Neighborhood embedded **Artists-in-Residence** in each of the nine libraries over the summer. Maria Schirmer Devitt led Open Art Studio sessions at Goodman South Madison Library.

Art was an outlet for incarcerated and at-risk teens, who participated in artist-led mural creation as part of the Bubbler's **Making Justice** program.



# Arts



Three **Library Takeover** grants elevated the voices of underrepresented communities, supplying them with training, resources, and funding to host their own events. They included *Thrival Tools: On Indigenous Winter Survival and Brilliance* (Native Americans); *Essential: True Stories of Unseen Work* (service industry workers); and *Muslim Mental Health Matters* (Muslim Americans).



# Cultural

The **BIPOC Affinity Group** — a supportive platform and resource for library staff of color — participated in several activities, including cardmaking for BIPOC seniors in partnership with Madison Senior Center and a Thanksgiving food drive for Goodman Community Center. Its monthly meetings center on four major themes: personal development, professional development, community/civic engagement, and advocacy.



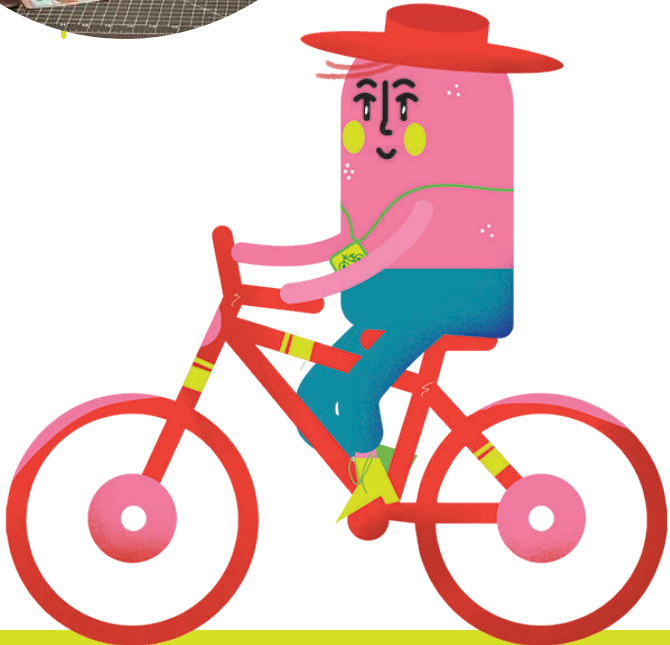
The **Pride Affinity Group** hosted *TRANScend: A Trans-Affirming Community Event*, including a storytime with books featuring trans and gender-creative characters; a resource fair and collaborative art project; and a Trans Trailblazers panel with local and regional trans speakers who discussed “Living Authentically.”

Second photo from top: Hannah Edwards



# Building Literacy in All Forms

**Live Well @ Your Library** free programming focused on health, wellness, and art-based activities for the BIPOC community and older adults, which included memory book workshops led by Bubbler Artist-in-Residence Angela Johnson.



Chef Lily Kilfoy taught hands-on **cooking classes for children and their families** at Lakeview and Meadowridge libraries. With a culinary degree and background in early childhood education, she has the perfect alignment of skills to educate youth on healthy eating so they can carry those habits into adulthood.

The **BCycle Community Pass Program** gave patrons weeklong access to eBikes and helmets at no cost. The foundation also funded an Art Bike outfitted with design by Pinney Artist-in-Residence Maria Amalia (pictured with Library Director Greg Mickells).



# Health

# Environmental



The library established a **Naturalist-in-Residence** program — led by John Newman — to present all-ages programs in the city's diverse natural areas, as well as outdoor library spaces. The project offered opportunities for community members to explore, learn, and reflect upon the natural world.

An annual fund grant covered the costs of **Birding Backpacks** at all nine libraries. Each is stocked with binoculars, field guides, and other successful birdwatching necessities.



Tapping foundation endowment funds, several libraries built up their **seed libraries**. Patrons were able to pick up flower and vegetable seeds for their gardens at no cost.





# Building Literacy in All Forms



The foundation granted funds for **play materials** at all nine libraries to combine social development, play, and literacy in a singular child learning experience.

The **Ex Libris: New Recipe** fall fundraiser at Central Library showcased delicious, locally crafted food and beverages alongside live music and a silent auction. The event set a fundraising record.



# Social



The foundation's **Lunch for Libraries** spring fundraiser for the Wisconsin Book Festival and Madison Public Library youth literacy marked its 10th anniversary. Pictured are event committee Co-Chairs Susan Goodwin (left) and Susan Tikalsky (right) with *How I Built This* author, podcast creator, and featured speaker Guy Raz.



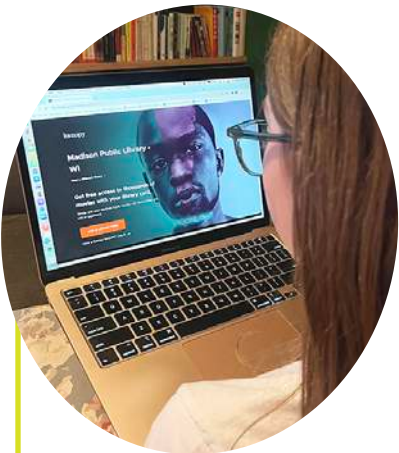
Funded with a gift from Miriam Simmons, a Café Domestique **coffee cart at Pinney Library** offered patrons time to interact and recharge every Tuesday morning.



# Digital



Endowment funds supported **self-check machine** upgrades at various libraries to better serve patrons across a universal platform.



A \$24,000 annual fund grant gave library patrons digital access to 30,000+ free videos on **Kanopy**, a streaming service offering high-quality films that inspire, educate, and entertain.

# Civic

Named after a longtime City of Madison public service champion, the **Rosemary Lee Civic Engagement** internship gave Katarina Ampian (pictured below) the opportunity to evaluate other libraries' strategic planning and community engagement efforts, and compare them with Madison Public Library's *Tell Us* strategic planning program. Ampian is working toward a master's degree in library and information science.





# Donors

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Formerly the Silas Pinney Legacy Society, this group was founded in 2012 and includes all who plan to leave or have left the foundation a gift, such as bequests, charitable gift annuities, stock, and life insurance.

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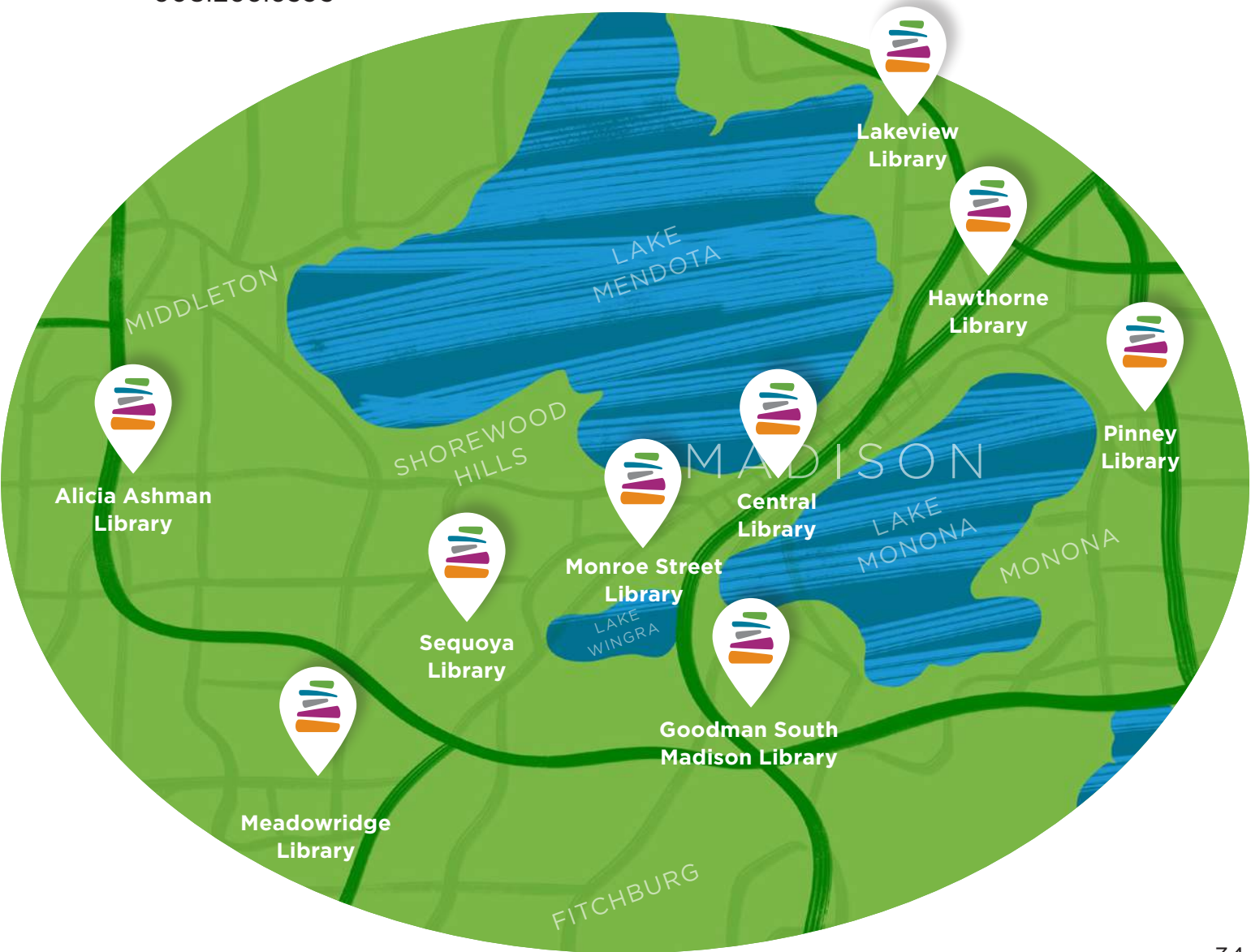
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