TECHNOLOGY: $207,255

Hardware and Software Improvements
The foundation provided funds to the library for replacement of old printers and monitors, and for the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices, including iPads and licenses for Proloquo and TouchChat software. These devices improve communication for kids who are receiving services from a speech pathologist.
The library also purchased gaming bins containing multiple iPads preloaded with Minecraft and other collaborative games for group use. Other funds were spent on Mobile Device Management software that allows the library’s IT staff to simplify workflow and security by managing iPad, MacBook, and PC applications via a web-based platform.

Self-Check Replacements
The library updated self-checkout stations at Sequoya, Meadowridge, and Goodman South Madison libraries. This unified software helps staff manage the universal checkout system with a single program and improves data collection while allowing the library to promote its events on all machines.

Community Room Enhancements
Donor contributions helped spruce up meeting rooms at Goodman South Madison and Sequoya libraries, replacing dated audiovisual equipment such as projectors, speakers, and sound systems.

COLLECTIONS: $65,000

Last year, Central Library completed a multi-year weeding project to cull worn and outdated materials, which resulted in large collections gaps. The foundation funded a refresh of the Adult Nonfiction collection including self-help, LGBTQIA+, sports, military history, and travel titles. In addition, the library enhanced its digital content on OverDrive, adding adult graphic novels, juvenile world language books, and audiobooks.

KANOPY: $45,000

Anyone with a Madison Public Library card can access 30,000+ free videos from Kanopy, an online streaming service featuring high-quality films that educate and entertain. Kanopy’s unique selection offers something for everyone, including award-winning indie films, timely documentaries, foreign films, popular cinema, children’s shows, and more. The subscription includes unlimited access to Kanopy Kids and Great Courses, a collection of lectures on a variety of topics including literature, health, finance, and more.
**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: $30,000**

With improved pandemic conditions, library staff attended in-person conferences and other professional development events. Trainings focused on cultural competency and creation of a safe, inclusive environment for staff and visitors alike. Topics included LGBTQIA+ awareness; cultural appreciation focusing on Indigenous, Hmong, LatinX, African, Muslim, and Jewish traditions; microaggressions; and subtle acts of exclusion.

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**AASPIRE INTERNSHIP: $6,000**

The library’s marketing department hosted a paid AASPIRE intern. This annual internship allows college students from underrepresented backgrounds to engage with their community, learn new skills, and access resources that further their career goals.

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**SEQUOYA BCYCLE STATION: $14,400**

The library and foundation worked with Madison BCycle to create the Community Pass Program, which allows riders to use their Madison Public Library card to access one of over 350 electric bikes at stations located throughout the city. The program began with a station outside Central Library, then added one at Pinney. Most recently, BCycle installed a station outside Sequoya Library. The program expands accessibility and provides environmentally friendly transportation throughout the city.

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**MINI-GRANTS: $21,026**

**Birding Backpacks**

Together with the Feminist Bird Club (FBC), the foundation purchased backpacks to encourage library patrons to try out birding and eliminate equipment cost barriers.

**Library Takeover**

The Library Takeover program offered underrepresented groups the opportunity to bring their events to life at the library.

**Dane County Jail Library Self-Care Classroom Books**

Dane County Jail classrooms received 45 Spanish and English books to facilitate inmates’ self-care journeys.

**Prison Certified Peer Support Book Group Books**

Library staff and the Prison Ministry Project provided resources for Certified Peer Support (CPS)-led book discussion groups, a new initiative focused on empowerment and expanding opportunities inside prison.

**Progress Center for Black Women Business Library**

The library partnered with the Progress Center for Black Women to begin the center’s business library book collection featuring inspiring and focused titles for Black women in business.

**Staff Morale Boosters**

Post-pandemic, library staff experienced a high level of burnout. The foundation funded staff-identified activities and rewards to boost morale and productivity.

**Pride Affinity Group**

Pride Affinity Group funds ensure an inclusive library that meets LGBTQIA+ staff needs.