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.

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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.
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 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.

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.

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2022 Facts and Figures

- **Donor-restricted gifts**: $918,696
- **Fundraising events proceeds**: $202,968
- **Volunteers**: 259
- **Grants & library programming**: $1,151,326
- **Loyal Friends giving 5+ years**: 764
- **Number of Educational Series virtual event viewers**: 420
- **Endowment balance**: $7,869,286
- **Contributions**: $1,498,138
- **Investment income held at Madison Community Foundation**: -$816,752 loss
- **Special events**: $202,968
- **Special events in kind**: $32,106
- **Other income**: $23,576
- **Investment income**: $4,182
- **Capital campaigns**: $23,143
- **Administration**: $239,095
- **Wisconsin Book Festival**: $292,112
- **Fundraising**: $339,059
- **Grants & library programming**: $1,151,326

2022 FOUNDATION revenues total: $944,218
2022 FOUNDATION expenses total: $2,044,735
2022 Facts and Figures

City of Madison library appropriation $19,066,904
Dane County Library System contractual services $1,277,496
Grants $947,857
LINK contractual services $404,255
South Central Library System contractual services $311,870
Other $111,528
Library fees $38,528
Endowment $16,000

2022 LIBRARY revenues total $22,174,438
2022 LIBRARY expenses total $22,983,333

Library cards issued 14,058
Book Club Kit checkouts 569
Materials checked out 1,702,662
Library visits 1,112,001
Vinyl checkouts 1,627
Digital checkouts 670,920
Dream Bus checkouts 7,449
Record player checkouts 36
Computer sessions 112,009
Book Festival author programs 79
Free festival books given away 3,000+
Wi-Fi sessions 3,218,766
Kanopy video plays 33,000+
Library cards issued 14,058
Kanopy video plays 33,000+
Programs 3,800
Library visits 1,112,001
Free festival books given away 3,000+
Program attendees 64,176

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

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.

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Building Literacy in All Forms

The **Bubbler**-coordinated **Time(ish): 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.

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.

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).

The **Pride Affinity Group** hosted **TRANScend: A Trans-Affirming Community Event**, including a storyline 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.”

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 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.

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).

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.

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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.

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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.

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Epilogue Circle

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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