Nine locations throughout the City of Madison

**TOP 3 CHECKOUT LOCATIONS**

- Sequoya: **572,750** items
- Pinney: **469,633** items
- Central: **351,207** items

**ALICIA ASHMAN LIBRARY**
733 North High Point Road
608.824.1780

**SEQUOYA LIBRARY**
4340 Tokay Blvd.
608.266.6385

**MEADOWRIDGE LIBRARY**
5726 Raymond Road
608.288.6160

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1705 Monroe Street
608.266.6390

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201 W. Mifflin Street
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2222 S. Park Street
608.266.6395

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2845 N. Sherman Ave.
608.246.4547

**HAWTHORNE LIBRARY**
2707 E. Washington Ave.
608.246.4548

**PINNEY LIBRARY**
516 Cottage Grove Road
608.224.7100
Madison Public Library and Madison Public Library Foundation are always evolving and responding to changing community needs. Last year, the library experienced significant growth in visitors, checkouts, and programs as our community bounced back following the pandemic. We’re thrilled to see all nine libraries teeming with activity!

Next year, the library will celebrate its **150th birthday**. As the library staff and board discussed the future, it became clear that the library needed to evaluate shifting patterns in use and requested services, and determine what its role and focus should be in providing service to Madisonians.

Madison Public Library Foundation provided library leadership with a grant to work with a consultant on the development of new library strategic priorities. Staff, board members, patrons, community partners, and other stakeholders inspired and informed these guiding principles through participation in numerous engagement sessions.

You can find the library’s new mission and vision statements, values, and strategic priorities on pages 15 of this report.

Additionally, the library is under **new leadership**: Tana Elias — who has served as the library’s Digital Services & Marketing Manager for many of her 31 years on staff — became Library Director this month. Our foundation is excited to continue working with Tana, who will rely on her deep institutional knowledge to
increase efficiencies in the library budget as the City of Madison anticipates an operating budget shortfall.

One of our favorite phrases that came out of the strategic planning work is **Strong Libraries, Thriving Communities**. Every day, the library connects Madison residents with services and resources, as well as each other, so they can become informed, inspired, and engaged citizens. Our strong library system relies on taxpayer dollars for basic services, but it’s **you, our library donors**, who make it possible to offer so much more — from an expanded collection of books, audiobooks, music, movies, and magazines, to fun and educational programming, to engagement outside library walls. Your support will become even more essential as we work to build a 10th library — the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park — on the city’s northeast side, an area that lacks library service.

We’re so thankful for your investment in our libraries and ultimately, our communities, throughout last year and for years to come.

Gratefully,

CONOR MORAN
Executive Director,
Madison Public Library Foundation
Building Better Libraries Every Day

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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Board President Tanya Salman, husband Owen Sizemore, and Richard Thomas at Ex Libris

Photo by Shanna Wolf
Engage the community as stakeholders for the library system

Demonstrate transparency in how gifts are used to support the library

Champion what is best for the library and the community

Act as visionaries in advancing the library
Foundation Strategic Goals

**FUNDRAISING**

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

**PROGRAMMING AND VITAL SERVICES**

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

**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.

River Food Pantry's Munch mobile meals delivery at Goodman South Madison Library

Photo by Shanna Wolf
2023 Foundation by the Numbers

**Foundation REVENUE total**
- Contributions $1,816,409
- Investment income held at Madison Community Foundation $749,976
- Special events $210,171
- Special events in kind $13,489
- Other income $35,097
- Investment income $32,112

**Foundation EXPENSES total**
- Grants & library programming $902,358
- Fundraising $360,851
- Wisconsin Book Festival $313,379
- Administration $247,237
- Capital campaigns $108,212

**Donors**
- 3,157

**Gifts**
- 5,302

**Bequests**
- $363,686

**Volunteers**
- 267

**Endowment balance**
- $8,731,109

**Loyal Friends households giving 5+ years**
- 839
Contributions and grants from individuals, businesses, and organizations enabled Madison Public Library Foundation to provide more than $1 million to the library last year. Thank you!

Author Michelle Zauner signing copies of *Crying in H Mart* at a Wisconsin Book Festival event

Wisconsin Book Festival author Leila Aboulela (left) in conversation with Ainehi Edoro

Patron family reading in Goodman South Madison Library
BOOSTING LITERACY

The library replaced lost items and expanded its collection with new popular titles, including graphic novels and manga, as well as audiobooks, eBooks, video games, and more. We Read, Anji Play, One Book at a Time, and Parents as First Teachers programs sparked a love of reading through interaction and play among early learners. The Dream Bus visited more than 15 underserved neighborhoods weekly, providing Wi-Fi access, library cards, physical checkouts, and activities for kids. More than 12,000 people attended 90+ Wisconsin Book Festival free, year-round author programs, including events with Elliot Page and Michelle Zauner.
ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY

Funds outfitted Sequoya Library with hybrid meeting capabilities, and added webcams, credit card readers, digital displays, projectors, and AV equipment to other libraries. Several libraries were outfitted with equipment that allows patrons to participate in hybrid city meetings as part of the Amplifying Community Voices grant.
SUPPORTING STAFF

Staff participated in valuable training sessions, conferences, workshops, and other professional development opportunities thanks to the annual fund and Professional Development Endowment Fund. The annual fund also fueled BIPOC and Pride Affinity Groups to encourage a sense of belonging.
INVESTING IN FACILITIES

Endowment gifts allowed libraries to make improvements and update furnishings at many libraries. Library and foundation leadership worked with City of Madison partners in numerous planning meetings for what will be the library’s 10th facility, the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park.
BUILDING EQUITY

Ensuring access to library programs and resources is fundamental to both the library and foundation. Bubbler artist residencies and hands-on arts activities engaged patrons of all ages. Library staff led podcast, video, and visual art workshops for incarcerated and at-risk teens through the Making Justice program. Library Takeover provided underrepresented groups the opportunity to present their own events at the library. BCycle Community Passes gave patrons the chance to check out e-bikes and helmets at no cost. The library also offered several AASPIRE (Affirmative Action Student Professionals In Residence) internships for underrepresented students to gain experience with City of Madison agencies.
MISSION
Madison Public Library sparks literacy, fosters curiosity, and supports community. We provide equitable access to experiences, ideas, and resources necessary to thrive.

VISION
Madison Public Library: Where worlds connect and dreams are built.

VALUES
• Learning in all forms • Diverse perspectives
• Intellectual freedom • Customer experience
• Collaboration • Innovation
• Making a difference
Our community looks to its libraries for a wide variety of services and activities. Our priorities focus on helping community members and library users connect with services and resources, interact with others, and find the tools they need to be informed, inspired, and engaged in their own communities.

**ENGAGING & ACCESSIBLE SERVICES**
We share collections, programs, and digital resources that foster learning, literacy, and personal growth.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**
We actively partner with community leaders, organizations, and government services to connect visitors to needed services in areas of basic needs, technology, and education.

**NOURISHING SPACES**
We provide welcoming, safe, environmentally friendly, community-responsive spaces which are accessible and well maintained.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**
We invest in people and structures to provide an affirming workplace where staff at all levels can pursue their goals and best serve our community.
2023 Library Financials

Library REVENUE total $22,830,166

- City of Madison Library appropriation $19,770,825
- Dane County Library System contractual services $1,277,496
- Grants $750,228
- LINK contractual services $404,255
- South Central Library System contractual services $308,111
- Other $268,134
- Library fees $42,417
- Endowment $8,700

Library EXPENSES total $23,747,486

- Salaries and benefits $14,371,380
- Debt retirement $2,667,314
- Dane County Library System contractual services $1,805,294
- Library books, media, and databases $1,363,294
- Facilities $1,306,613
- Purchased services, miscellaneous $1,052,870
- LINKcat online computer operations $624,172
- Supplies $556,549
2023 Library by the Numbers

1,283,565
Library visits

16,426
Library cards issued

121,680
Library cardholders (42% of Madisonians)

321,530
eBook checkouts

329,821
audiobook checkouts

2,300,564
Physical items checked out

Library play materials paid for with a foundation grant
2023 Library by the Numbers

Ex Libris guests creating self-portraits for the Bubbler’s Our Town Everywhere project

1,046
Our Town Everywhere portraits created

12,391
Book Festival attendees

34,600
Seed packets distributed

91
Wisconsin Book Festival events

161
Bubbler artists engaged

Top 10 Most Requested Titles

1. Lessons in Chemistry
2. Demon Copperhead
3. Tom Lake
4. Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow
5. The Covenant of Water
6. Remarkably Bright Creatures
7. Hello Beautiful
8. The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
9. Happy Place
10. Fourth Wing
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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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visit to Hawthorne Library
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