Nine locations throughout the City of Madison

**TOP 3 CHECKOUT LOCATIONS**
- Sequoya: 572,750 items
- Pinney: 469,633 items
- Central: 351,207 items

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733 North High Point Road
608.824.1780

**SEQUOYA LIBRARY**
4340 Tokay Blvd.
608.266.6385

**MONROE STREET LIBRARY**
1705 Monroe Street
608.266.6390

**MEADOWRIDGE LIBRARY**
5726 Raymond Road
608.288.6160

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201 W. Mifflin Street
608.266.6300

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2845 N. Sherman Ave.
608.246.4547

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

**GOODMAN SOUTH MADISON LIBRARY**
2222 S. Park Street
608.266.6395

**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
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MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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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.

**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.

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

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

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

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2023 Foundation by the Numbers

Foundation REVENUE total $2,857,254

- 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 $1,932,037

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

3,157 Donors
5,302 Gifts
Bequests $363,686

839 Loyal Friends households giving 5+ years

Endowment balance $8,731,109

267 Volunteers
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.

7,277
Dream Bus checkouts

4,070
Free Wisconsin Book Festival books given away
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.

Rendering of 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

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

1,046
Our Town Everywhere portraits created

12,391
Book Festival attendees

91
Wisconsin Book Festival events

34,600
Seed packets distributed

161
Bubbler artists engaged
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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Madison Public Library Foundation is so thankful for our donors’ steadfast support throughout 2023. From cash gifts to our annual fund and special efforts like the Bubbler to sponsoring and volunteering at our fundraisers or the Wisconsin Book Festival, this long list symbolizes the high value our community places on literacy, lifelong learning, and equity. Thank you!
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Family reading at Monroe Street Library

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