

A photograph of a woman with dark hair styled in braids, wearing a green long-sleeved top and a white beaded necklace, smiling while holding a young child. The child, wearing a white shirt and a red plaid vest, is laughing. They are in a library with bookshelves and arched windows in the background.

ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION **IMPACT REPORT** **2023**





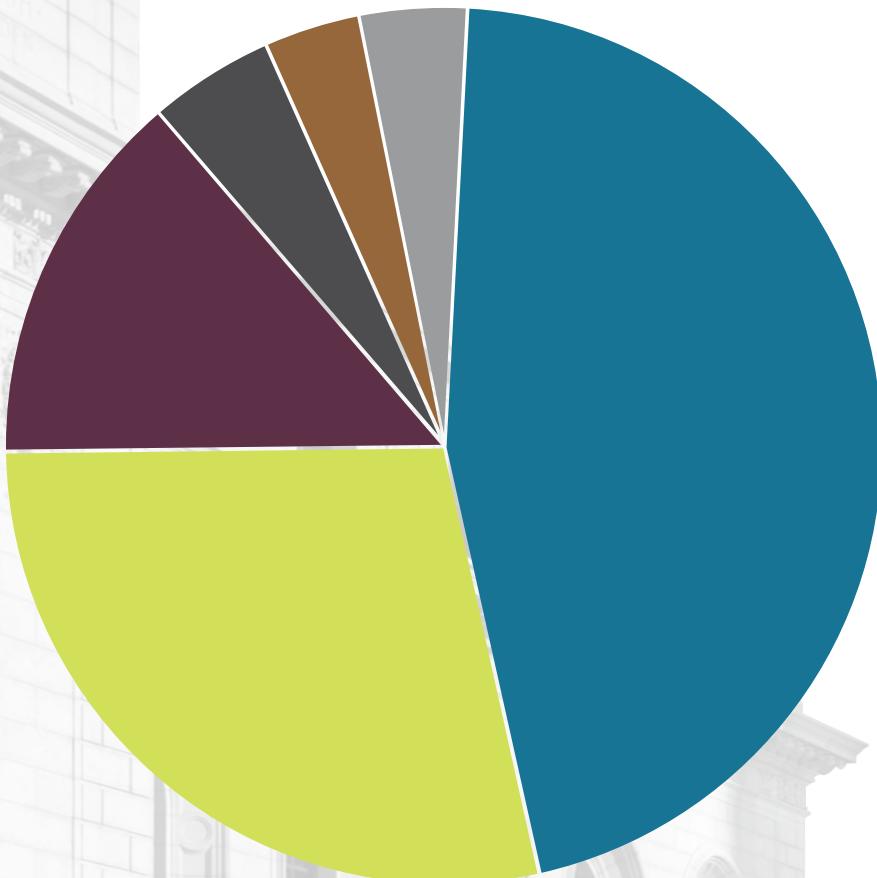
Support from businesses, foundations and individuals enables St. Louis Public Library Foundation to fund a wide range of programs and projects that serve the people of the City of St. Louis.

St. Louis Public Library (SLPL) programs and projects have a direct impact on the lives of those who live and work in our city. Through them, residents have access to free internet, digital resources, early childhood literacy programming and outreach services supporting thousands of St. Louis families.

Together, St. Louis Public Library and St. Louis Public Library Foundation meets the needs of our community and keeps them connected to each other and the world around them.

THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIVING

In fiscal year 2023, your St. Louis Public Library Foundation raised and provided \$941,971 in support of St. Louis Public Library.



YOUTH PROGRAMMING:

- Born to Read Bags for New Parents
- Youth Services Training
- Early Childhood Outreach Team
- Storytimes (In the Library and in the Community)
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Read it Together
- Reading Pays
- Read it Forward
- Summer Programming
- Summer Camps
- School Year Camps
- Take and Make Learning Kits
- Diaper Distribution and Period Supplies
- Live @ SLPL

GENERAL PROGRAMMING:

- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Programming
- Not So Quiet! Concert Series
- Exhibits

TECHNOLOGY:

- Creative Experience Programming
- Equipment
- Software

NEW MATERIALS

ENDOWMENT

CAPITAL:

- Central Library
- Central Library Pollinator Garden



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SUMMER @ SLPL SCHOOL IS OUT. CAMP IS IN.

Funding from St. Louis Public Library Foundation helped provide free summer camps to area youth. Children ages 3-18 enjoyed a wide variety of free camp sessions, experiencing everything from bike building and wilderness medicine, to computer animation and coding!

Summer @ SLPL programs help counteract "summer slide" - the partial learning loss students experience during the summer months when schools are out of session. Summer camp participants are better prepared to move forward with their academic studies when they return to school in the fall.



93
Camps
*(spring, summer,
fall)*

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1,368
Children
Served

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

St. Louis Public Library Foundation funded summer reading programs including the Summer Challenge, which encouraged children and their families to read during the summer months.



STORYTIME ALL THE TIME

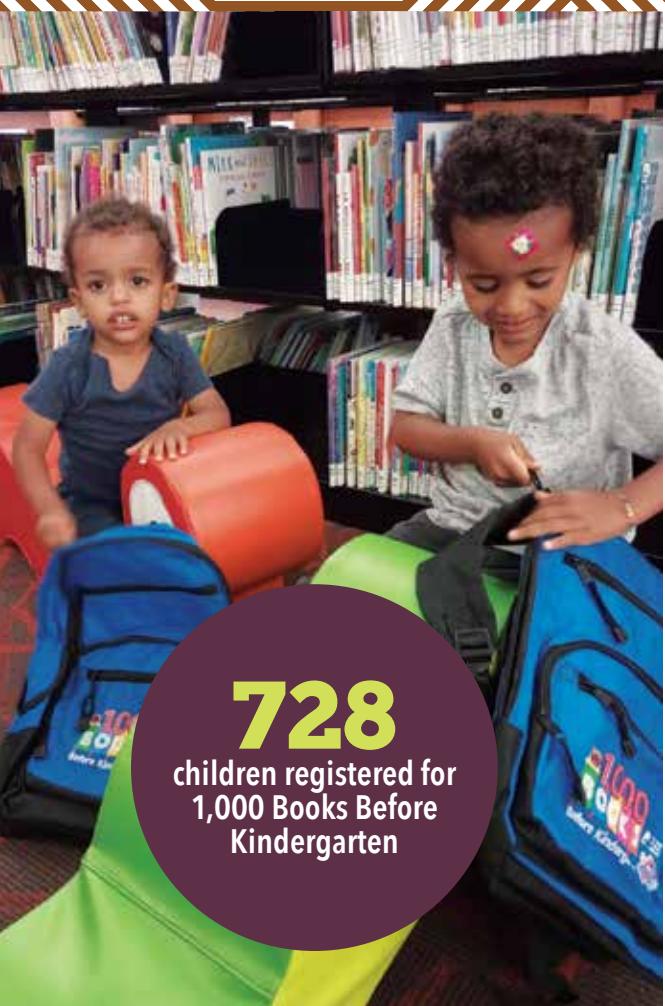
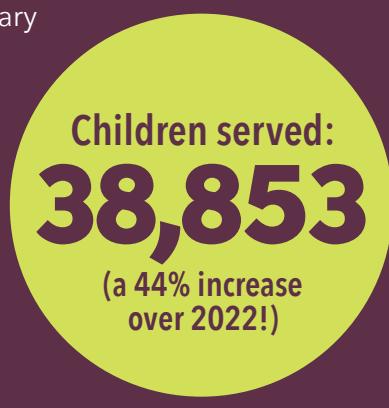
In 2023, St. Louis Public Library provided creative and fun ways to introduce early childhood literacy to the Library's youngest readers and their families.

STORYBOOK WALKS

St. Louis Public Library works with community partners to place Storybook Walks in city parks throughout St. Louis. Ruth Porter Mall Park in partnership with Great Rivers Greenway is home to an installation in which St. Louis Public Library installs a new story each month.

STORYTIMES

- Baby Bookworms
- Sensory Storytime
- Bilingual Storytime



EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY

In 2023, thousands of children and their families participated in early childhood literacy programs, including Read It Together and 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten.



STATS BEYOND THE STACKS: EARLY CHILDHOOD OUTREACH TEAM

In 2023, St. Louis Public Library's Early Childhood Outreach Team (ECOT) brought programming and materials to childcare centers throughout the city. ECOT served young children through storytimes, providing training for educators and by bringing literacy and learning materials to expand classroom libraries.

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63
Schools, Daycares
and Childhood
Centers

2,728
Deposit
Collections

38,762
Items Circulated

946
Storytimes



SUPPORTING FAMILIES

To support women and families with young children, St. Louis Public Library established a two-part program in partnership with the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank. This valued community partnership is one way St. Louis Public Library supports its mission to improve individual, family and community life in our city.

DIAPERS

Families with young children can pick up 50 free diapers per month for each child at one of three Library locations - Central, Carpenter and Julia Davis Libraries.

PERIOD SUPPLIES

Through the Alliance for Period Supplies, an initiative of the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank, St. Louis Public Library provides free period supply kits at all 16 Library locations.

Purchasing period supplies is not always a possibility for some in our community, and lack of access to health products can impact the daily lives of many women. In fact, 1 in 3 low-income women miss work, school and other outings due to lack of period supplies.

3,636
Children Served

3,801
People Served

EXHIBITS AT CENTRAL LIBRARY



PROM

WHERE DID YOU GO TO HIGH SCHOOL?

The Event

St. Louis Public Library hosted an adult PROM at Central Library to celebrate and support the Library's upcoming exhibit, "PROM Magazine: Where Did You Go to High School?"

Guests enjoyed a fun night dressed in prom attire, listening to iconic radio personality Johnny Rabbitt call out hits from past decades while professional dancers led the crowd in various dances, including the Twist, Jitterbug, Watusi and the Stroll.



**EXHIBIT
APR. 10
THROUGH
JAN. 7
2024**

Where did you go
to High School?

PROM

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The Exhibit

"PROM Magazine: Where Did You Go to High School," highlighted St. Louis Public Library's archive of the publication. It featured firsthand accounts from Prom reporters, an opportunity to look through the digitized collection and examples of prom outfits and pop music throughout the decades. Published from 1947-1973, PROM Magazine was produced "exclusively for the youth of Greater St. Louis" and represented all high schools - public and private - in the area.

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47,692

Total Visitors

LET'S GET DIGITAL

CREATIVE EXPERIENCE @ ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

St. Louis Public Library offers three Creative Experience digital makerspaces. The Creative Experience is a state of the art technical facility designed for group and individual work equipped with computer workstations, recording rooms, 3D printers, large format printers and laser cutters.

34,212

Computer Sessions

3,568

Recording Room Sessions



DIGITAL ACCESS

St. Louis Public Library Foundation helped provide hotspots and Chromebooks for checkout, which are available for free at Library locations throughout the city. Hotspots and Chromebooks allow students of all ages and their families to access the information and resources they need to participate in our increasingly digital world.

1,736
hotspots
circulated

726
Chromebooks
circulated

240
hotspot/
Chromebook
bundles
circulated

170,793
Public Wi-Fi
Sessions



NOT SO QUIET! LIVE ON THE ROAD CONCERT SERIES

The Not So Quiet! Concert series brings musical artists to Central Library and to different Library locations around the city with its "Live on the Road" series. During the warmer months, the concert series travels to various Library locations bringing free cultural programming to city neighborhoods, highlighting distinctive musical talents that contribute to our city's diverse cultural makeup.

Support provided by:

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SO
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CONCERT SERIES
Live
**ON THE
ROAD**

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