



2023 REPORT

BUTLER AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The past year brought several opportunities for staff members to step out of their comfort zones. Team members accepted the challenge of learning a new language, accepting new job responsibilities, and participating in thought provoking training. We also happily helped community members reach beyond their comfort zones.

Patrons searched for new employment, prepared for GED testing or explored a new hobby. We heard stories of children reading chapter books for the first time and tweens and teens learning to code using Fiero Code.

Alice Baptiste, moved out of her comfort zone as she retired after 27 years as the Circulation Supervisor.

We will miss her but wish her the very best as she begins a new chapter. We wish all of our community members the best as we transition from our comfort zone of 2023 into 2024..

Best Regards,

**LORI HINDERLITER
LIBRARY DIRECTOR**





ADULT SERVICES

1,041

1,041 adults attended 79 library events, including 87 participants in the **Un Libro**, **Un Butler** series.

Outreach included 111 participants in 11 adult storytimes at Lowrie Place and 54 participants in eight Concordia iPad classes.

150

150 participants enrolled in Adult Winter & Summer Reading programs, with over a third reaching their reading goals.

"I ransack public libraries, and find them full of sunk treasure."

-Virginia Woolf

CHILDRENS SERVICES



10,936

10,936 children, teens & tweens participated in 250 programs last year. Additionally, 783 children participated in 30 STEM programs.

The **Play Mateys** program was introduced in the fall, replacing the former storytime format. The program emphasizes play and meeting the social needs of young learners.

Imagination Island is a maker and exploration space created in 2023 in the space formerly known as the Storytime Room.



2,853

2,853 individuals learned about library programs and services in 15 outreach events last year.

In 2023, strong partnerships were fostered with Butler Area School District, WQED, the Butler Symphony Orchestra, ARMCO Credit Union, Slippery Rock University, and many other local organizations and businesses.

"Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning."

-Fred Rogers

INFORMATION SERVICES

167

5,676

167 Record Requests from 22 states, Ontario and Ireland were filled, resulting in \$1,728 in fees & donations for Weir Room services.

Unlocking Ancestry Text Records was the most watched video on the library's YouTube channel with 548 views. Genealogy videos accounted for 69% of all videos accessed in 2023.

"Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose."

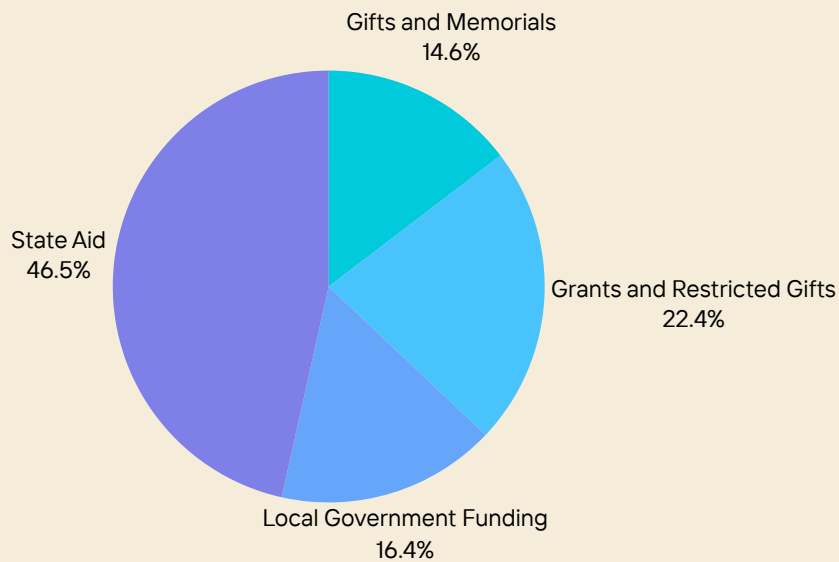
-Zora Neale Hurson

5,676 queries were addressed by Information Services staff, including research questions and technology support.

40 adults were tutored in 1:1 sessions and 54 community members attended 8 iPad classes at the Concordia personal care center.

Information Services videos, including professional resources and Library 101 videos were watched 1,385 times, accounting for over one third of all videos accessed in 2023.





**NUMBER OF
CARDHOLDERS:
3,189**

**Number of Items
checked out:
92,984**

LIBRARY STATS

38, 997 COMPUTER SESSIONS, 67,470 PAGES VIEWED



2024 - CELEBRATING 130 YEARS!

**JOIN US THROUGHOUT 2024 AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF
RECOGNIZE THE LIBRARY'S 130TH ANNIVERSARY. OUR YEAR-LONG
CELEBRATION WILL KICK-OFF WITH LIBRARY RETROFEST ON SATURDAY,
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