# ANNUAL REPORT

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## Letter to the Community

Dear Friends and Members of the Lake County Community,

We are thrilled to reflect on another successful year at Lake County Public Library. A highlight was the unforgettable presence of George M. Johnson at our Banned Books Celebration. Their inspiring message on the power of resisting censorship and celebrating our unique identities resonated deeply with us. This echoes the ongoing national conversation about intellectual freedom, a principle that is not just a cornerstone of libraries, but a passionate commitment we uphold in serving Lake County.

This year marked a significant expansion in our community outreach and programming. By fostering deeper collaborations with our local partners, we've been able to offer a richer and more diverse range of activities. Highlights include canning workshops in the kitchen of St. George's, building raised gardening beds at C4, and enchanting storytimes at both The Healy House and The Tabor. These partnerships have allowed us to expand our spaces for learning, sharing, and connection.

As we look forward, we're excited to announce that we're gearing up for a period of strategic planning. This initiative is aimed at further enhancing our collections, services and programs, ensuring that they align with the evolving dynamics of our community. We see this as an opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reinvigorate our mission and vision. Your voices, experiences, and suggestions will be invaluable in this process, and we invite you to join us in shaping the future of Lake County Public Library.

Together, let's continue to celebrate intellectual freedom, creativity, and community spirit. We are grateful for your continued support and engagement!

BrenaSmith

# **Program Statistics**

- 273 programs
- 2,491 attendees

## **Program Highlights**



**Book Club** 



Banned Books Week: GJM



**Tarot Club** 



Raised Bed Workshop

## Circulation

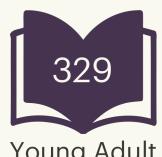


# **New Books Purchased**





Children



Young Adult



Spanish

#### Services

Added easy access card

#### Computer/Internet Usage





### **AMAX/Baby Doe Room Usage**





# **CMHC Highlights**



Extensive Physical Record Maintenance



Extensive Digital Collection Maintenance



8 History Programs



**Public Resource Additions** 

# **New Recruits**



Julian, Library Assistant



Melia, LCCHS Intern

#### **Grants**

