

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2023



**PATRONS SERVED**  
**32,250**



# 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!

*Brena Smith*

# Program Statistics

- 273 programs
- 2,491 attendees

## Program Highlights



Book Club



Tarot Club



Banned Books Week: GJM



Raised Bed Workshop

# Circulation

12,220

Books

380

Tool Library

12,137

Media

5,373

ILL- Lend

588

Library  
of Things

# New Books Purchased

765

Adult

402

Children

329

Young Adult

402

Spanish

# Services

- Added easy access card

## Computer/Internet Usage

3,190

Computer Sessions

31,041

Wifi Sessions

## AMAX/Baby Doe Room Usage

126

Community Uses



# 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

\$6K

Sponsorship

\$3.5K

LCCF

\$1,440

Flash Tattoo  
Fundraiser





