

# STARR LIBRARY

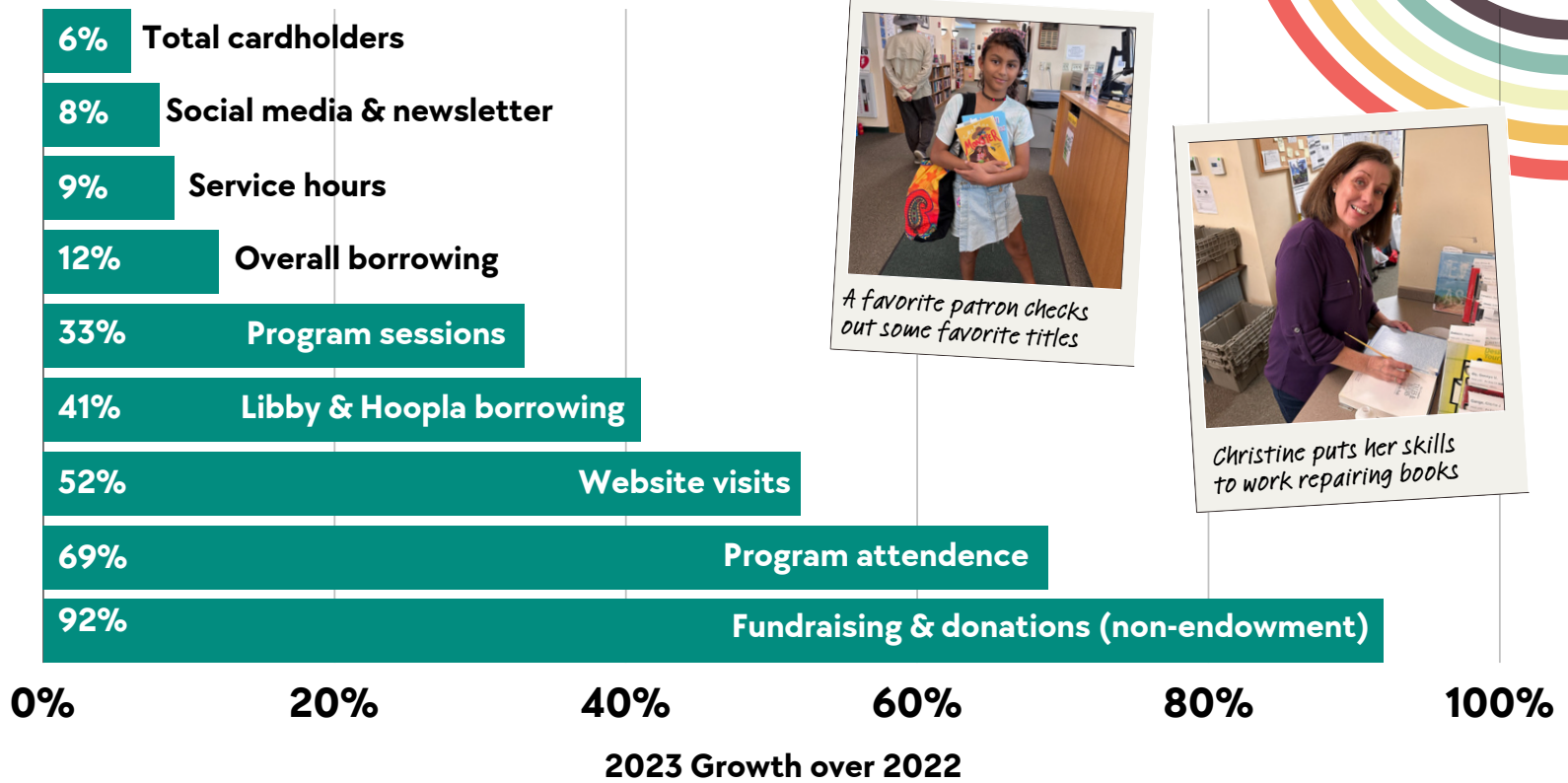


**2023**



**YEAR IN  
REVIEW**

# GROWTH ALL OVER!



## YOU INSPIRE US

Starr Library thrived in 2023 – a testament to our community's unwavering support and engagement. You visited us more frequently, and borrowed, renewed, or returned an additional 10,000 items compared to 2022! That surge includes almost 6,000 more loans of electronic items alone. Furthermore, program attendance soared by an impressive 69%, clearly demonstrating your enthusiasm for educational and enriching experiences. Your increased activity and dynamic participation have been so inspiring, reminding us of the vital role libraries play in bringing people together.

While maintaining such momentum can be challenging, we are determined to meet your evolving needs. Thanks to your generous contributions through the 160th-anniversary benefit, annual appeal, bequests, unsolicited donations, your vote to approve a tax levy increase, and your incredible involvement, we are well-positioned to make dreams of expanding our facilities and offerings a reality.

We've heard your desires for more flexible spaces (including meeting rooms and silent reading areas), diverse programs, and high-quality resources, and we're committed to making them happen.

On behalf of our dedicated staff, supportive trustees, and hardworking Friends group, thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors of Starr Library. Your kindness – whether through baked goods, homegrown produce and flowers, or simply your warm smiles – reinforces why this library is such a special place. We are truly fortunate to serve such an engaged and generous community.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2024 and beyond!

— Jaclyn Savolainen, Starr Library Director



*Student pages writing in our revamped Tech Zone*



*Paris showcases her Manga recommendations*



*Local author Wendy Chin-Tanner in conversation with Jamia Wilson*



*Summer Reading Program craft activities*



# HOW WE SERVE YOU

- Robust collection of physical and digital materials
- Wifi, computers, printing, copying, scanning
- Fine-free borrowing
- Museum passes
- Home delivery
- In-person and virtual programming
- Meeting space
- Organizational partnerships
- Free space to be alone or connect with others



*Volunteer Robert delivers books to homebound patrons*

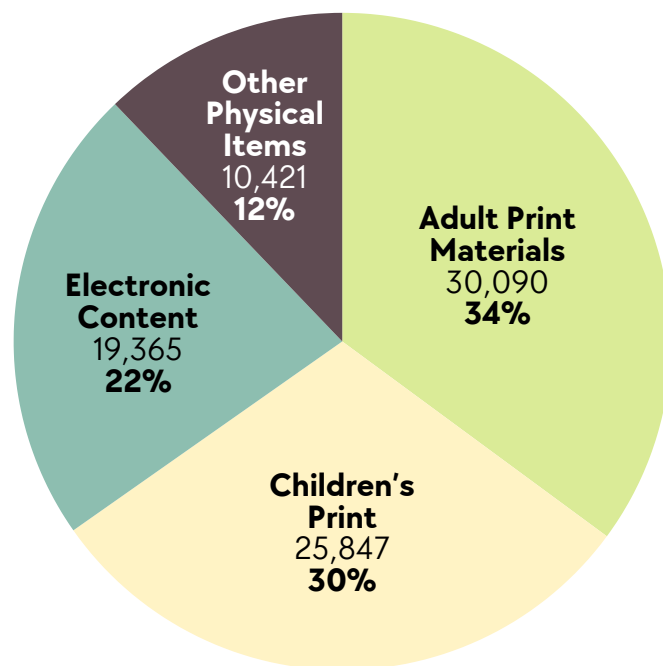


*Mentors meeting with 12th graders*

## HOW YOU ENJOYED THE LIBRARY IN 2023

- Cardholders: 5,963, including 333 new
- Chartered Population Served: 7,596
- Library Sponsored Programs:
  - In-person Sessions: 714
  - Virtual Sessions: 57
  - Attendance: approx 11,610
- Social Media & Newsletter:
  - 3.5k Facebook Followers
  - 1.7k Instagram Followers
  - 4.7k Newsletter Subscribers

### INTERACTIONS



*Laila displays our best sellers*



*Our play room is also a great place to get cozy*

## A STARRY NIGHT BENEFIT

Nearly 200 supporters celebrated 160+ years of Starr Library



# FRIENDS OF STARR...

held 3 book sales and contributed **\$35,300** to large print books, ebooks, our summer reading program, museum passes, computer replacements, water cooler, Teen Zone, outdoor bench, A Starry Night benefit, and general collection development. Thank you!



Book sale



Friends Bench

## PARTNERSHIPS

FriendsOfStarrLibrary

StaatsburgLibrary Winnakee Sinterklaas

SustainableHudsonValley RhinebeckHistoricalSociety

Kroeg OblongBooks CivicEngagement

BeckhookPride Bard CenterForIndigenousStudies

AndersonCenter MortonLibrary Town&Village

ENJAN KoreanSpirit&Culture Voting&Polling

AARP BardLLI CultureConnect

HudsonValley ClimateSmart RecCamp

PatternForProgress Rhinebeck

ArtsMidHudson RCSD PoliceDepartment

BeatrixFarrandGarden FarmersMarket

Dutchess MegabrainComics

FriendsOfRhinebeckCemetery Ruge's O-Zone

ThompsonMazzarelliPark UpstateFilms

Ramapo MVPHealth MuseumOfRhinebeckHistory

DutchessCountyHistoricalSociety

## GROUPS THAT MET AT STARR

NYPRTA

RotaryClub

BrainGames

NDBeekeepersAssn

ScrabbleClub

LegoRoboticsTeam

MahjongClub

RhinebeckCommunityGarden

RhinebeckScienceFoundation

RhinebeckDemocrats

StarrStitchers

LeagueOfWomenVoters

LaLecheLeague

CultureConnect

RhinebeckTheatreSociety

## LOCAL AUTHOR EVENTS THAT WOWED US IN 2023

- Alexis Coe
- Fenton Johnson & Joan Silber
- Dr. Ned Blackhawk & Dr. Christian Ayne Crouch
- Jamia Wilson & Wendy Chin-Tanner
- Beth Hayes & Thea Burgess
- Claudia Cravens
- Alex Gino
- Suzaan Boettger
- Elizabeth Clarke & Ann Sandri
- David Gonzalez
- Michael Gelb
- Seth Martel
- Miriam Pemberton
- Joseph Luzzi
- Susan Orlean
- Evan Hughes
- Mindell Dubansky
- Cait Johnson
- Nona Willis-Aronowitz
- Imbolo Mbue

2024  
WILL BE  
EVEN  
MORE  
EXCITING!



# LIBRARY ADVENTURES

## Literary

- Author Talks
- Book Clubs
- Writing Workshops
- Supporting local authors & our local bookstore

## Performances

- Rhinebeck Legion Band
- Hudson Valley Chamber Musicians
- Ávila Ensemble
- Paper Heart Puppets
- Aesop Bops
- Benji & Rita
- Nutty Scientists
- Robinson's Wildlife
- Storycrafters
- The Ulsterados

## Adult Education & Fun

- E-Resource Demos
- Medicare Info
- Houseplant Swap
- Nerds at Nite
- Knitting
- Improv Workshop
- Lotion Bar Making
- Silkscreening
- Button Making
- Historical Samplers
- Lotus Lanterns
- Hongbao Workshop
- Peace & Hope Flags

## Children

- Storytimes
- Legos
- Dungeons & Dragons
- STEAM
- Music & Movement
- Connect & Play

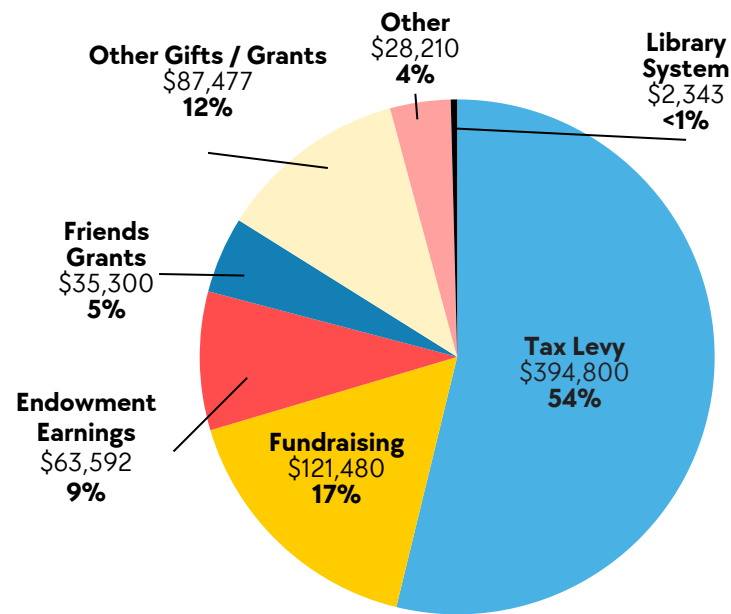
## Health & Wellness

- Tai Chi & Chair Yoga
- Sound Meditation
- Cooking / Nutrition
- Cardio & Core

# A STRONG FINANCIAL PICTURE

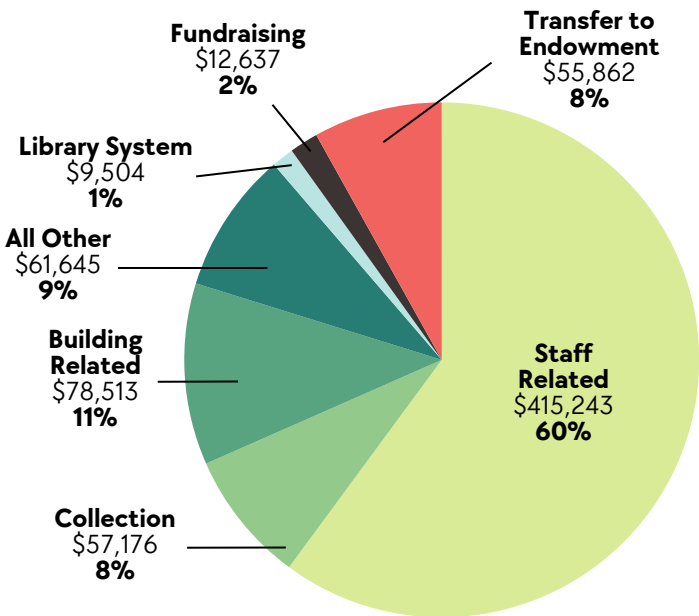
### INCOME

\$735,649



### EXPENSES

\$690,580



DIY workshop participants show off their screen prints



Honoring the lunar new year at a Hongbao workshop



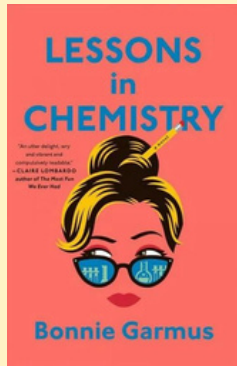
A great horned owl stretches on our Summer Stage



Librarians in the wild (Michelle, Jaclyn, Brooke)

# POPULAR TITLES

## #1 ADULT FICTION



## #1 ADULT NONFICTION



## #1 CHILDREN'S BOOK



# NEW ITEMS

- 2,080 new physical items added to the collection
- 4,518 new digital materials added to the collection

## TRUSTEES

**David Lavalley**, President  
**Eve Wood**, Vice President  
**Craig Oleszewski**, Treasurer  
**Valerie Jacob**, Secretary  
**Jay Burgess**, Trustee  
**Laura Charles**, Trustee  
**Erin Humbaugh**, Trustee  
**Andrew Schulkind**, Trustee  
**Laura Selicar**, Trustee  
**Stephen Frost**, President of the Friends of Starr Library



*Sinterklaas participants getting ready at Starr before the parade*



*Jaclyn & Sandy (Morton) take our book bike to Beckhook Pride*

## HOURS

**Monday 10 - 5**  
**Tuesday 10 - 7**  
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**Thursday 10 - 7**  
**Friday 10 - 5**  
**Saturday 10 - 4**  
**Sunday 1 - 4**

## CONTACT

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*A session of All Abilities Story & Craft with the Anderson Center*

**Thanks to our  
 friends, donors,  
 volunteers,  
 staff & patrons!**