

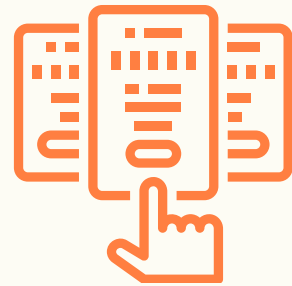
154,664

Total Items
Checked Out in
2024

9.2% Increase
from 2023



109,887
Visitors to the
Library



34,574
Digital Items Checked Out



2,570
Meeting Room
Bookings



125
1 on 1 Tech Sessions



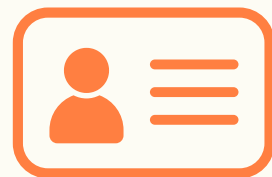
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Local History Inquiries



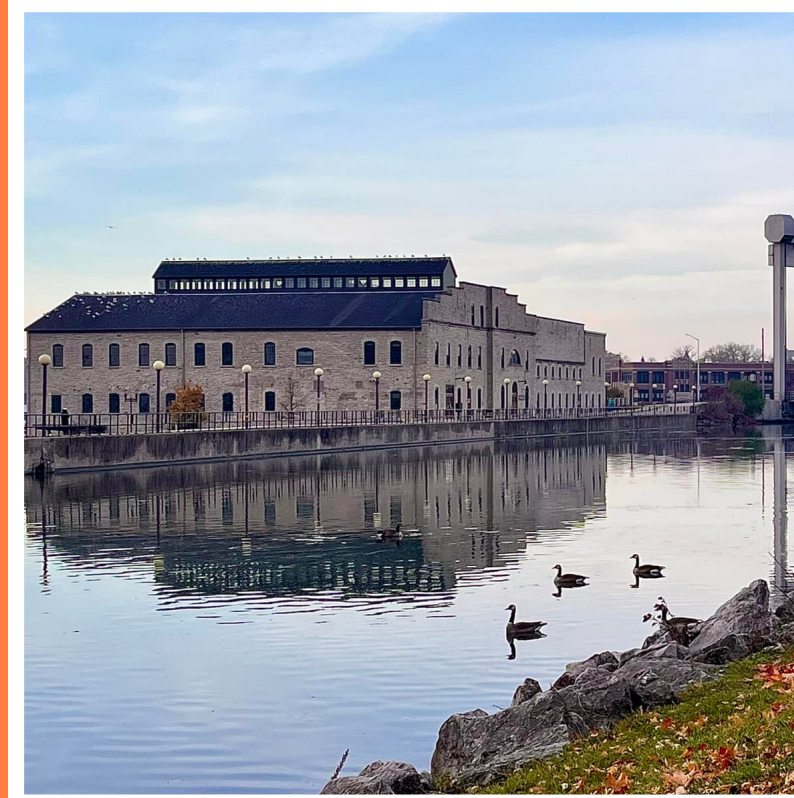
3,581
Public Computer
Sessions (in hours)



15,634
WiFi Connections



10,943
Kaukauna Library Card Holders



2024 Annual Report



Library Board

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President's Message

One of the most notable achievements this year was the City Council's approval of funding to build much-needed office space, creating room for our staff and the installation of a new Automated Materials Handling (AMH) system. This investment in infrastructure will improve operational efficiency and enhance the library's ability to serve the community.

Additionally, the City Council and City staff recognize the importance of continually adding new materials to our collection. As a result, our budget for new library materials has continued grow over the last several years, ensuring that we can continue to offer the latest resources for all ages and interests.

Looking ahead, we are also excited to announce that additional staffing will be added in 2025. This approval from the City Council, Finance Department, and City staff, will provide the necessary support to meet the demands of our expanding services.

These milestones are a testament to the collaborative efforts of our Library team, the City Council, and City staff. As we move into 2025, we look forward to continuing to grow and strengthen our role as a vital community resource.

We are proud of all we've accomplished and eager for the opportunities the new year will bring. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making 2024 another successful year for the Kaukauna Public Library!

Sincerely,
Mary Jo Kilgas, KPL Board President

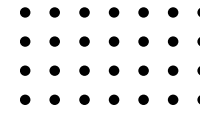
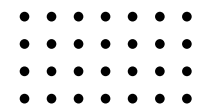
2024

Donors

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2024



Kaukauna Public Library

Donors

Thanks to generous donors, the Friends of the Kaukauna Public Library are able to help the library go above and beyond their municipal budget allocation to enhance materials, programs and services. The Library is extremely grateful to all those who donate supplies, time, and funds to make the library the heart of our community. We would like to give thanks and credit to our 2024 donors below.

Mission: The Kaukauna Public Library educates, inspires, and connects individuals and the community through materials, services, and programs.

Vision: The Kaukauna Public Library will create a welcoming space, offering accessible and inclusive services to our community by connecting and engaging with them as a trusted resource. The Library will be a community leader in supporting the growth and development of individuals as a whole, recognizing the importance of literacy and lifelong learning, as well as mental, emotional, social, and physical wellbeing.

Values: At Kaukauna Public Library we strive to be:

- Inclusive
- Accessible
- Connected
- Imaginative
- Trusted
- Knowledgable

Albany International

Bartels, Melissa

Bender, Julian & Judith

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Bock, Cindy

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Bruhn, Scott

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Busnelli, LuAnn

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De Bruin, Gary & Shirley

DeBruin, Rita

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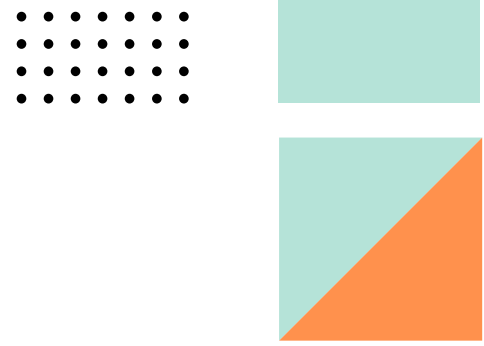
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Hinkens, Susan

Hoffman, Karlene



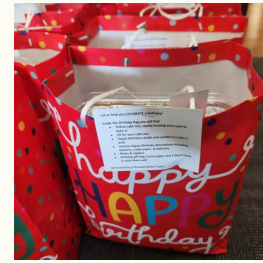
Library Programs



2024



KHS Civic Engagement Group
 Tim Roehrigs KHS Civic Engagement students collected three truckloads of food for the Little Free Pantry. These students organized the community drive, picked up donations from community member's homes, and organized the donations for the pantry. The City of Kaukauna donated the use of their trucks to deliver the donations to the library.



Thrivent Action Group



Tanner Elementary Teachers



Community Lemonade Stand



Baisch Engineering



Anonymous Family



Wienke's Market



Niemuth Construction



Modern Woodworkers of America



Kaukauna Lion's Club



Ahlstrom



313 Dodge



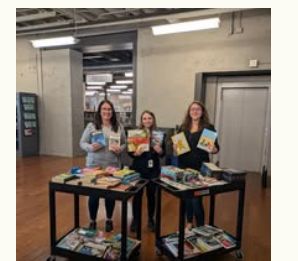
American Legion Auxilliary



Bernatello's Foods



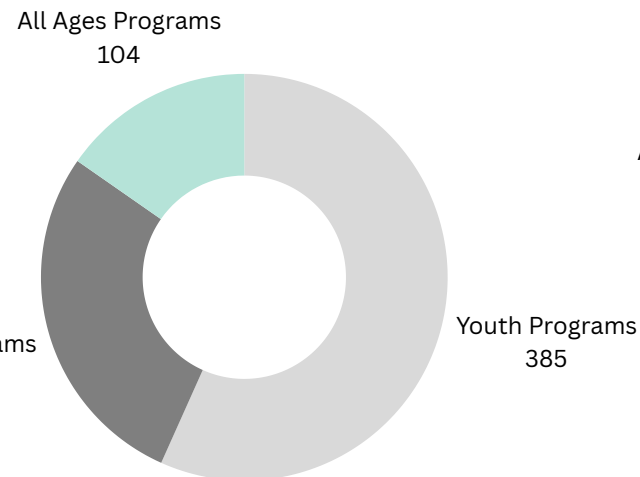
Women of Steel/Ahlstrom



Ahlstrom

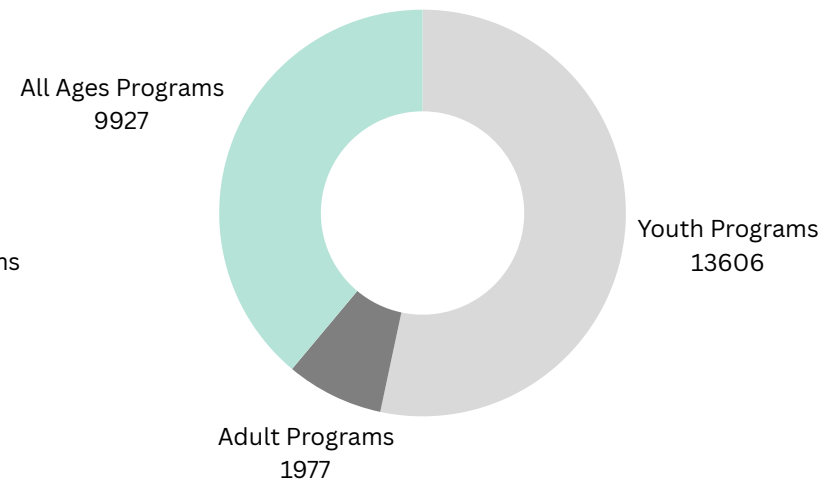
Total Programs

- Youth Programs
- Adult Programs
- All Ages Programs



Program Attendance

- Youth Programs
- Adult Programs
- All Ages Programs



Community Helpers

Throughout the year, many individuals, businesses, and community groups fundraise, donate, and complete service projects to help our library. We are so proud to be a connecting point for good!



Girl Scout Troop 2444



4 Imprint



Down Syndrome Association



Yarn It All Fiber Arts Group



Trim Hunger



Round House Manor



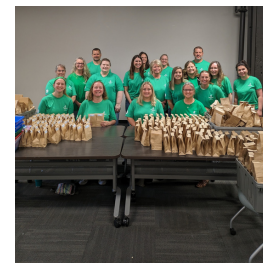
Kaukauna Utilities



Miss Landon



Sladek's Superheroes Social Studies Class



Associated Bank



Statesburgh Apartments



Miss Violet



Chillified Co.

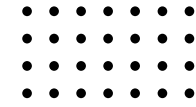


Elks #962



Community Lemonade Stand

Grants



Asian Cultural Day Grants- \$5500

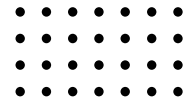
Funds from these grants include \$1000 from UW Madison's Center for East Asian Studies, \$2500 from US Venture, and \$2000 from the Community Foundation's Community Vision Fund. These monies were used to host our Asian Cultural Day in August of 2024. It financed the curry making class, a partnership with the Kanonji-Appleton Partnership, sponsored the many performers and speakers for the day, as well as Asian cookery books that were added to the library's collection. The library saw 1,129 visitors on Asian Cultural Day.

Dollar General Grant- \$5000

With this grant, the library purchased books in the native languages identified within our community. These books went directly to 50 families within the school district, helping to encourage early and ongoing literacy skills. The funding was also used for 12 weeks of an English language instruction program provided by Fox Valley Technical College ELL staff.



Marketing Highlights



In the last quarter of 2023, Facebook invited the Kaukauna Public Library page to become monetized. Because we have such a loyal and active following, we have raised over \$700 in a little over a year!

2,981,801

Times our content was viewed this year.

That is almost 3 million times!

1,142

New followers

6,336

Average daily reach

How many people see KPL content each day

120.45%

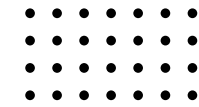
Engagement rate increase

Times a post was clicked, liked, or commented on

73rd Percentile

Our page performed better than 73% of Facebook pages, up 39 points from 2023

Volunteerism



15 Library Volunteers

Our regular library volunteers assist with many tasks around the library including, shelving books, plant care, programming assistance, and staffing our Friends of the Library book sales to name a few. Many of our volunteers put in regular, weekly service.

1,042 Volunteer Hours

In 2024, our volunteers worked 1,042 hours. Our volunteers extend the value of every tax dollar by providing an increased pool of labor and help build public awareness of the services offered by the library.

