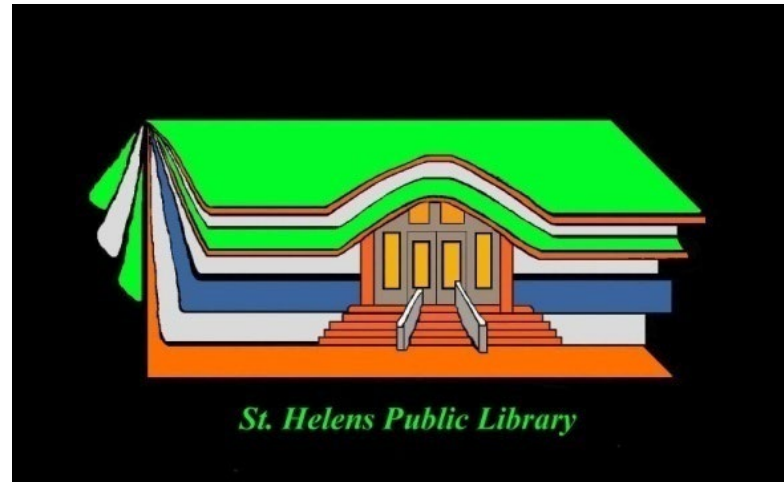


St. Helens Public Library

Semiannual Report to City Council
February 5, 2025





2023 - 2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal 1 Develop the Library as the community's "living room."

Goal 2 Engage the community in lifelong learning.

Goal 3 Enhance access to library services.



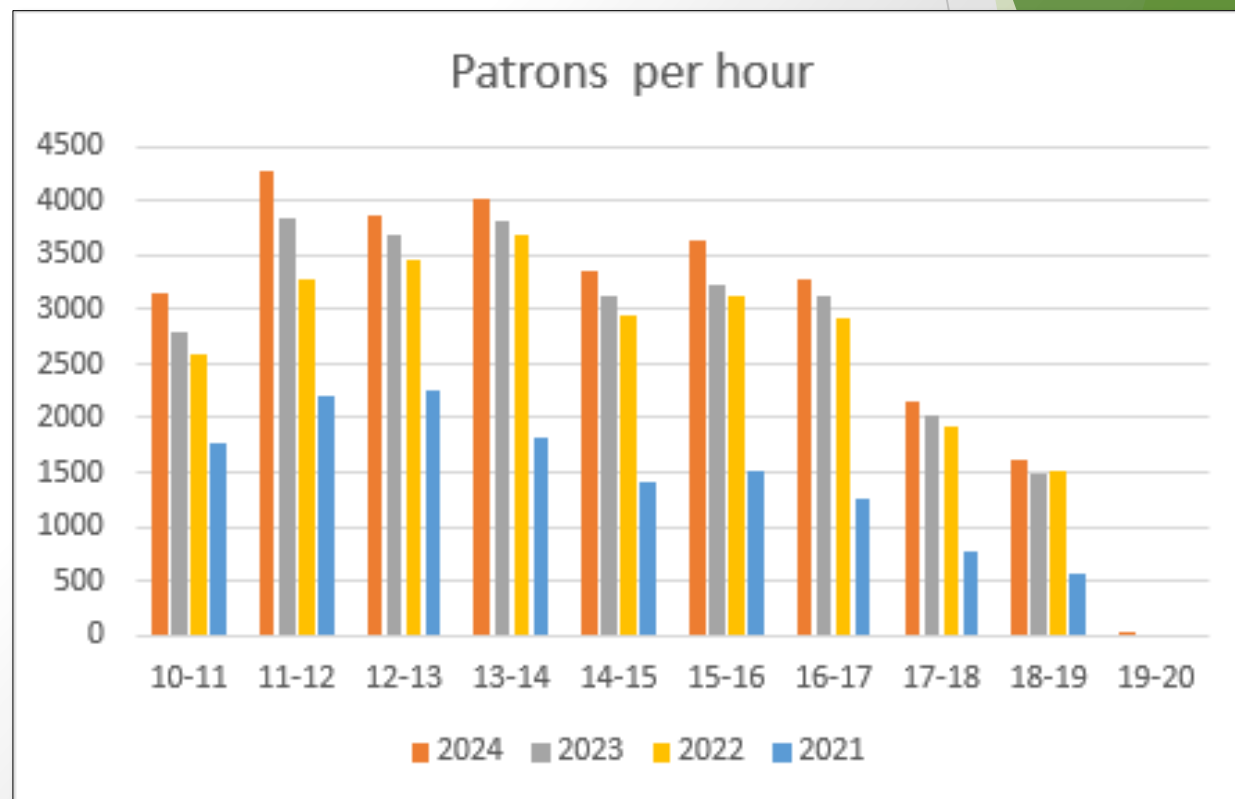


BUILDING USE

- ▶ 65,737 building visits in 2024
- ▶ *Building hours*
 - ▶ Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am to 7:00 pm
 - ▶ Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
 - ▶ Saturday, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm
- ▶ *Library hours*
 - ▶ Monday - Thursday, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
 - ▶ Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 - ▶ Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- ▶ Wi-Fi, 5:00 am to 12:00 am
- ▶ Auditorium and Armstrong Room
 - ▶ Library-sponsored programs and events
 - ▶ Nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies, community events, and private gatherings

LIBRARY USE

- ▶ Library visits
 - ▶ 30,172 in 2024
 - ▶ 26,630 in 2023
- ▶ Average 100.24 patrons/day
- ▶ 2.03 visits per capita in 2024*



* Based on St. Helens population: 14,492



LIBRARY STAFFING

PATRON USE

REFERENCE

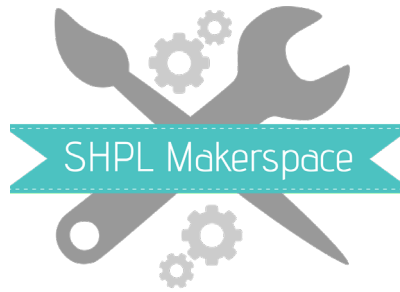
▶ Paid staff per capita*	0.40
▶ Registered patrons	3,204
▶ Percent of population registered	21.35%
▶ Reference questions answered	3,692
▶ Number of open hours	2,578

* Based on St. Helens population: 14,492



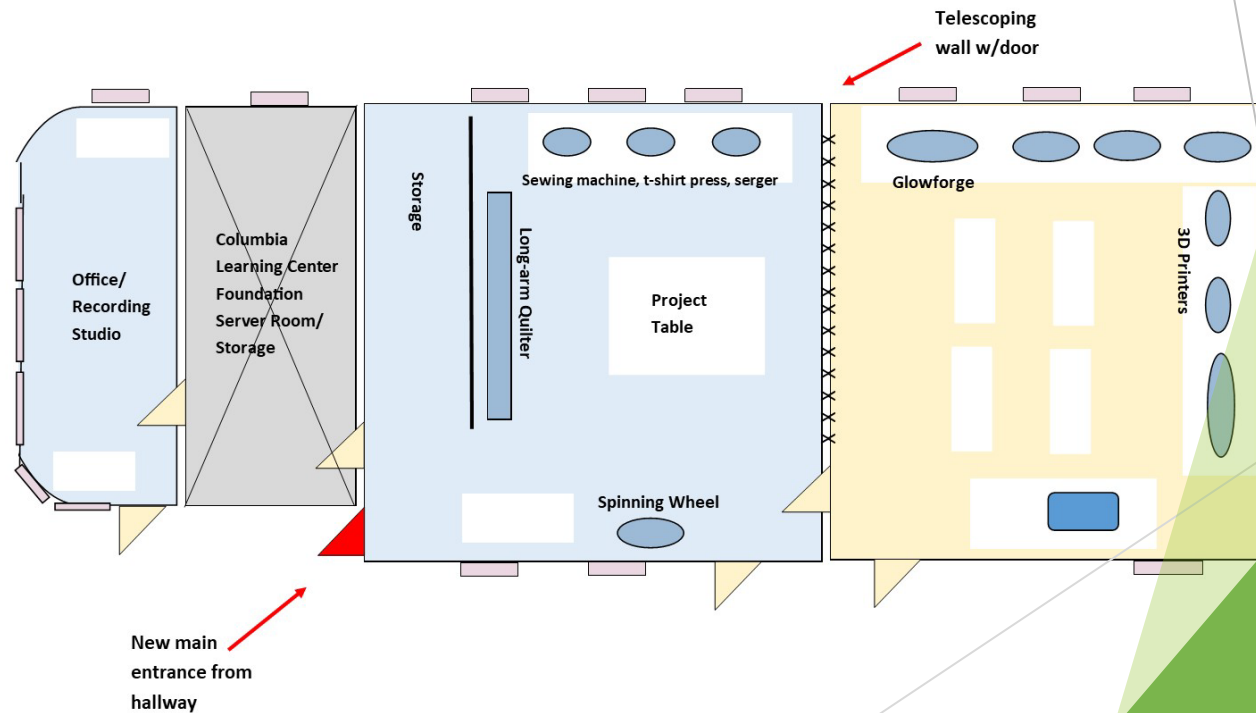
SAMPLES OF LIBRARY RESOURCES

- ▶ 65,737 Items borrowed in 2024
- ▶ 42,000+ items owned
- ▶ 200+ Library of Things
 - ▶ Mobile hotspots, telescope, hand tools, Air Fryer, robotics, musical instruments, bicycle repair kit, and much more
- ▶ Multiple online databases and reading/listening resource access
- ▶ Seven public computers
 - ▶ Finding and applying for jobs, using Federal forms, filing court documents, homework, entertainment

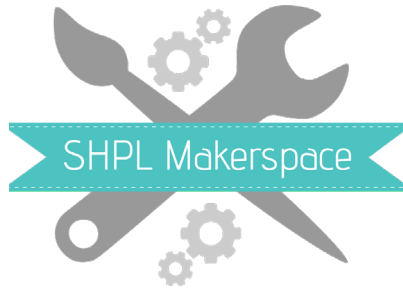


► Expansion Plans

- March opening (tent.)
- Fundraising for flooring, furnishings and equipment
- Renovating MS-A
 - Sinks
 - Tables and storage
- Renovating MS-C for recording studio and local history collection

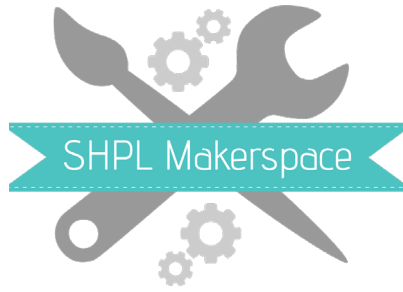


- Infrastructure Needed (external funding)**
- Large project table/ADA
 - Worktables (4)
 - Enlarge sink
 - Shelving units for storage (8)
 - Improve lighting in new space
 - New tile floor



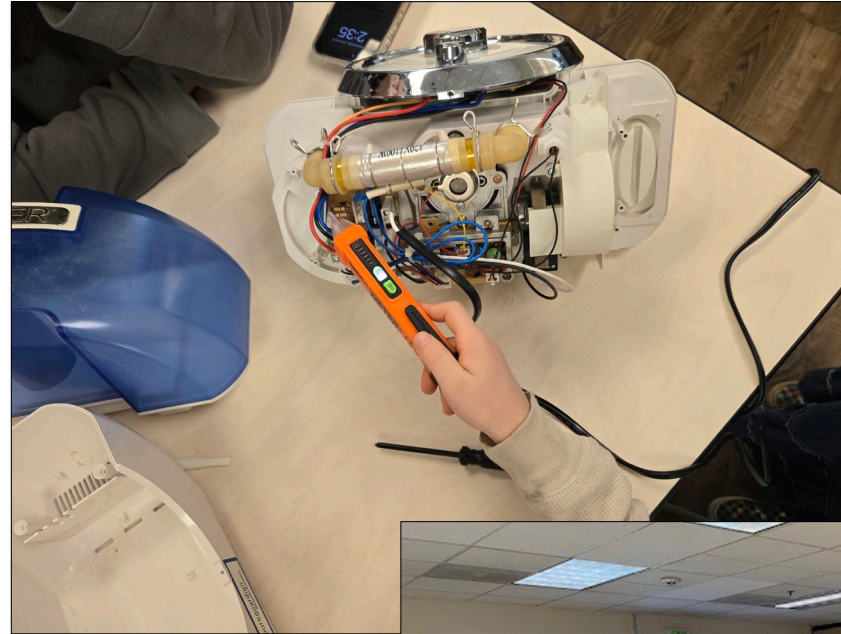
- ▶ 111 users (October - December 2024)
 - ▶ 84 adults
 - ▶ 22 - ages 5 to 13
 - ▶ 5 - ages 14 - 17
- ▶ 57 hours open
- ▶ Volunteers
 - ▶ Present programs
 - ▶ Repair and prepare equipment
 - ▶ Assist users
- ▶ Outreach





► Programming

- Weekly certification classes required for some equipment, e.g., 3D printer
- Biweekly Maker three-hour open hours
- Biweekly three-hour blocks for half-hour appointments
- Monthly Maker Kids STEAM Wednesday (ages 6 to 10)
- Monthly Junior Makers STEAM Wednesday (ages 10 - 14)
- Monthly Teen Makers STEAM (ages 13 - 17)
- Special Programs



SEED EXCHANGE

- ▶ Partnership with committee of OSU Master Gardeners
- ▶ Free seeds to share and take
- ▶ Programs - seed saving
- ▶ In the future
 - ▶ Specialized gardens
 - ▶ Programs



YOUTH SERVICES

- ▶ Regular programming
 - ▶ Early literacy guidance
 - ▶ Weekly storytimes
 - ▶ LEGO Free Play
 - ▶ Makerspace
 - ▶ Teen Anime
- ▶ Special programs
- ▶ Summer Library Challenge
- ▶ Outreach





ADULT PROGRAMS

- ▶ Adults and Crafts monthly
- ▶ Book Club monthly
- ▶ Genial Genealogists bimonthly
- ▶ Biannual Genealogist Conference
- ▶ Special programs



SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE (JUNE TO AUGUST)

► Minutes logged

► Youth	50,491
► Teens	75,164
► Adults	79,292

► Registered readers

► Youth	284
► Teens	57
► Adults	132



LIBRARY STAFF

- ▶ Library Director (1.0 FTE)
- ▶ Patron Services Librarian (1.0 FTE)
- ▶ Youth and Makerspace Librarian (1.0 FTE)
- ▶ Library Technician - cataloging (1.0 FTE)
- ▶ 4 Library Assistants (2.0 FTE)

SERVICES

- ▶ Reader's advisory
- ▶ Early literacy
- ▶ In-depth research
- ▶ Homework help
- ▶ Employment and business
- ▶ Local history
- ▶ Active learning
- ▶ Community outreach





KEY STAFF TRAINING



- ▶ Mandatory reporters
- ▶ NARCAN use
- ▶ CCMH Crisis Line support
- ▶ CPR and AED
- ▶ Ongoing professional development
- ▶ Improving front-line service
- ▶ Cyber security
- ▶ City-required

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES CORNER

- ▶ Funded in part by GRO Greater St. Helens
- ▶ First in Columbia County, model used by other county libraries
- ▶ Small meetings
- ▶ Private study
- ▶ Connections to Makerspace
- ▶ Partnering with Small Business Resource Center



LIBRARY BOARD

 **ST. HELENS** 
COOLING CENTER INFORMATION

ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY (COLUMBIA CENTER)
375 S. 18th Street., St. Helens, OR

Friday, July 5 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, July 6 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, July 7 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Monday, July 8 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, July 9 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The St. Helens Public Library is located inside the **Columbia Center**. Food and drinks are allowed in the Columbia Center lobby. Limited bottled water will be available. Restrooms and a drinking fountain are available. Only service animals are allowed inside the building. Other pets will be allowed on a leash or in a carrier on the covered porch as long as they are attended by a person (no livestock, please). For questions about this location, call the Library at 503-397-4544.

OTHER LOCATIONS TO STAY COOL:

St. Helens Senior Center	St. Helens Alano Club	Oregon Trail Lanes
375 S. 15th Street 503-397-3377	215 N 6th Street 503-397-9530	735 S. Columbia River Highway 503-397-1011
Fri., July 5: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mon., July 8: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tues., July 9: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Fri., July 5: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sat., July 6: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sun., July 7: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mon., July 8: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tues., July 9: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Fri., July 5: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sat., July 6: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sun., July 7: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mon., July 8: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tues., July 9: 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to all ages• Pets on leash or in a carrier allowed inside (no livestock)• Food and drinks allowed• Water and restrooms available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to all ages• No pets inside, pets under outside covered shelter allowed• Water and restrooms available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to all ages• Water and restrooms available• No pets allowed inside; pets outside under covered breezeway allowed

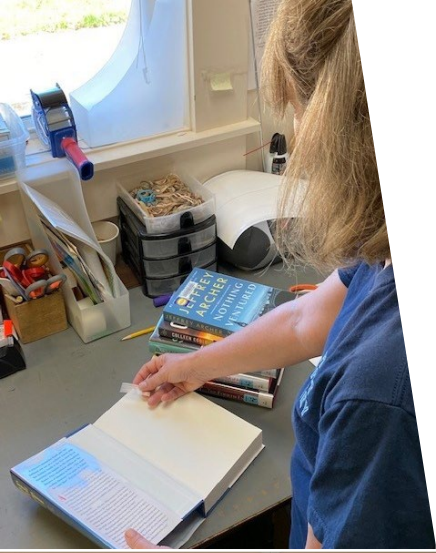
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- ▶ Aaron Martin, President
- ▶ Fatima Salas, Vice President
- ▶ Members
 - ▶ Robert Dunn
 - ▶ Jay Echternach
 - ▶ Ellen Jacobson
 - ▶ Jana Mann
 - ▶ Lynne Pettit
 - ▶ Diana Wiener
 - ▶ [vacant]

VOLUNTEERS IN 2024

- ▶ 27 volunteers
- ▶ Logged 954 hours
- ▶ Value of volunteer time \$32.27/hour -- \$30,785.58
- ▶ Non-specialized tasks
 - ▶ Shelving
 - ▶ checks book order on shelves
 - ▶ book repair
 - ▶ prepares items for use
 - ▶ and more



FRIENDS OF ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

- ▶ Purchased new Glowforge for Makerspace
- ▶ Funded
 - ▶ Summer Library Challenge programs
 - ▶ Book Club books
 - ▶ Genealogy Conference
- ▶ Semiannual book sales
- ▶ Bookshelves in lobby sales
- ▶ Volunteer support for special programs
- ▶ Little Libraries
- ▶ Donates books to WIC, Broadleaf Arbor, others

Officers

- ▶ Pam Benham, President
- ▶ Nancy Tarnai, Vice President
- ▶ Charlotte Hart, Treasurer
- ▶ Marilyn Cade, Secretary



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Recreation Programs	Youth ERA	GRO Greater St. Helens	Small Business Development Center	Columbia County Economic Team	Columbia County Mental Health
Oregon State University Cooperative Extension Service	Columbia Health Services	Amani Center	Columbia County Public Health Department	Columbia County Emergency Management	Arts Guild
Writers Guild	St. Helens Public Library Ukelele Orchestra	St. Helens Police Department	Columbia Learning Center Board	Community Action Team	Friends of St. Helens Public Library
C.E.R.T.	St. Helens School District	State Library of Oregon	St. Helens Elks Lodge #1999	Oregon Library Association	Others



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