St. Helens Public Library

Semiannual Report
to the City Council
February 1, 2023

[My six-year-old child] designed a robot then held onto it for a week, which he never does. Then he came in, learned how to make a 3D model of it, and made it!

- Proud mom

Your reference librarian Brenda has regularly been a standout in our area for finding information . . . She has a real talent for tenacious and imaginative pursuit of sometimes obscure information.

Strategic Plan & Our Vision

The St. Helens Public Library is dedicated to providing optimal access to the best vocational, educational and recreational information to the people of the Greater St. Helens area in order to promote and encourage lifelong learning, self-development and life enhancement.

Our Goals

Lifelong Learning

Library as Community/Cultural Center

Access to Library Services

Communication

2022 – 2024 City Workplan

- ✓ Elimination of overdue fines

- Courier service between Columbia County libraries

- Sustainable operation of Makerspace staff and operations

- Expand hybrid programs

- ✓ Increase digital library resources

- Explore rebranding of the library

The Makerspace

Allen and [the] Makerspace are awesome. I just had an hour appointment that was super informative. Thanks for a super technical public library. Great staff!
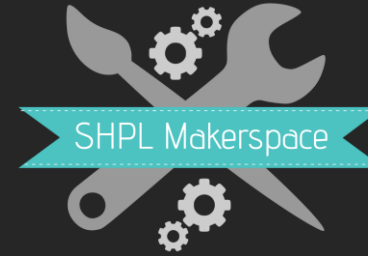
– Library patron

Engagement in the Makerspace

SHPL Makerspace

2022 By the Numbers

Number of classes	46
Class attendance	254
Open hours attendance	273
One-on-one appointments	225

Classes in the Makerspace

SHPL Makerspace

Circuit boards and LED lights

Pumpkin carving

Laser-cut crane

Custom leather wallet

3D a decorative bowl

Business Partnerships with the Makerspace

Chamber of Commerce Presentation

Potential business partnerships

GRO Oregon
OMIC and PCC-OMIC

Youth Services

Return to programs for youngsters

Regular storytimes Tuesday - Thursday

Upcoming – programs for ages 6 to 18

Library Visits

Fiscal Year	F/Y 17/18	F/Y 18/19	F/Y 19/20	F/Y 20/21	F/Y 21/22	07/22-12/22
Open hours	2,352	2,352	1,696	247	2,348	1,168
Population	13,240	13,240	13,410	13,915	14,560	14,371
Staff	6	6	6	5.5	6	7
Visits	54,249	67,477	42,982	9,077	25,500	13,527
Open hours per capita	0.178	0.178	0.126	0.018	0.161	0.081
Visits per capita	4.097	5.096	3.205	0.652	1.751	0.941
Visits per open hour	23.065	28.689	25.343	36.749	10.860	11.581
Staff per 1,000 residents	0.462	0.462	0.462	0.423	0.429	0.500

Data compiled on 1/20/2023

Library Board

Welcome **Ellen Jacobson**

(one vacant slot)

We thank **Dan Davis** *for his 4 years of service*

Friends of the Library

Monthly book sales yield $200+

Non-profit affiliated organization

Supports library programs

Seeking new members

Three Little Libraries

Newest at the Food Bank

Summer Library Challenge

Programs curtailed – Youth Librarian position vacant

168,938 minutes read and logged

Registrations
- Birth – 12   119
- 13 – 18   19
- Adults   38

Data compiled on 1/12/2023

Volunteers

15 active volunteers

Logged 354 hours since July 1, 2022

Shelving, book repair, preparing items for use, and more

Data compiled on 1/23/2023

Community Engagement

Collaborations
- Arts Guild
- Recreation department
- Columbia County Museum Association

Columbia County Health Department

St. Helens Writers Guild

The Collections

More than 40,000 items

- Adult
- Youth
- Young Adult
- DVDs, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines
- Library of Things
- Historical collections

Serving Our Patrons

Finding items

In-depth research

Homework

Employment and business

Local history

Active learning

Repair Fair

November 5, 2022

Volunteers

Jewelry repair, knife sharpening, sewing machine repair, mending

Annual event

Key Priorities

Permanent funding for Makerspace tech position

Complete Five-Year Strategic Plan

2023 Genealogy Conference

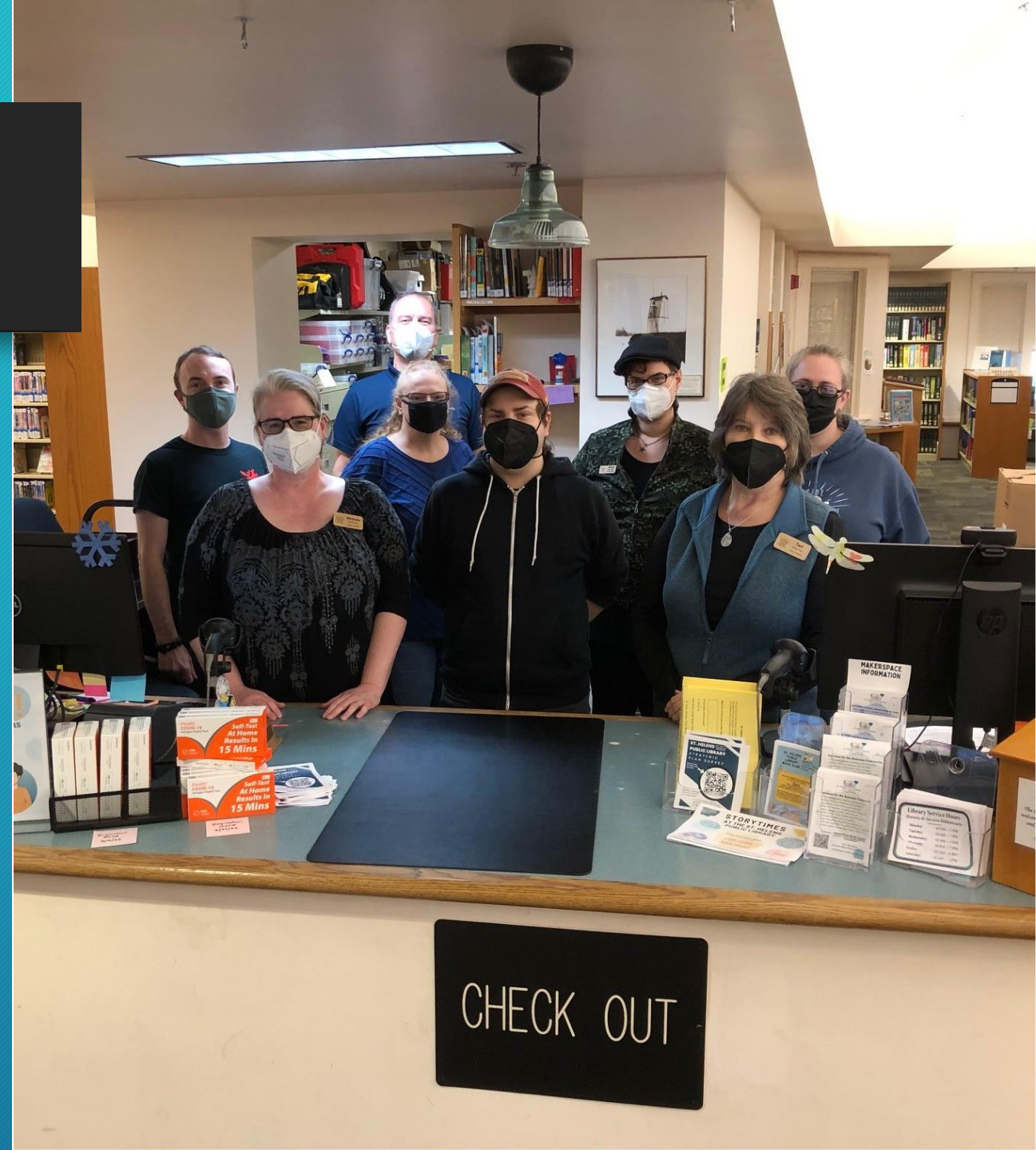Expanding programs for youth

Programs for adults (hybrid and in person)

Library Success

Library staff

Library Board

Friends of the Library

Volunteers

Thank you!

We are grateful for the support of our Mayor, City Council and city staff.