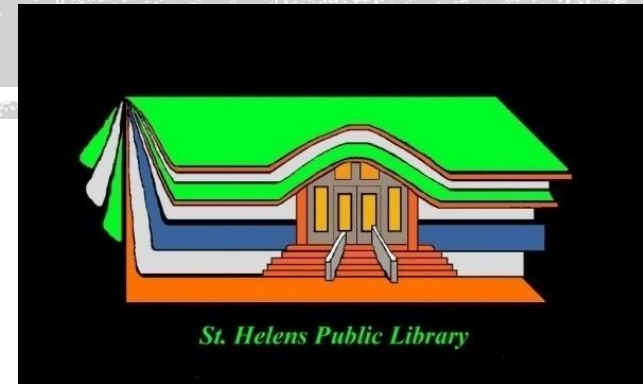


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Semi-annual Report to City Council

March 6, 2024

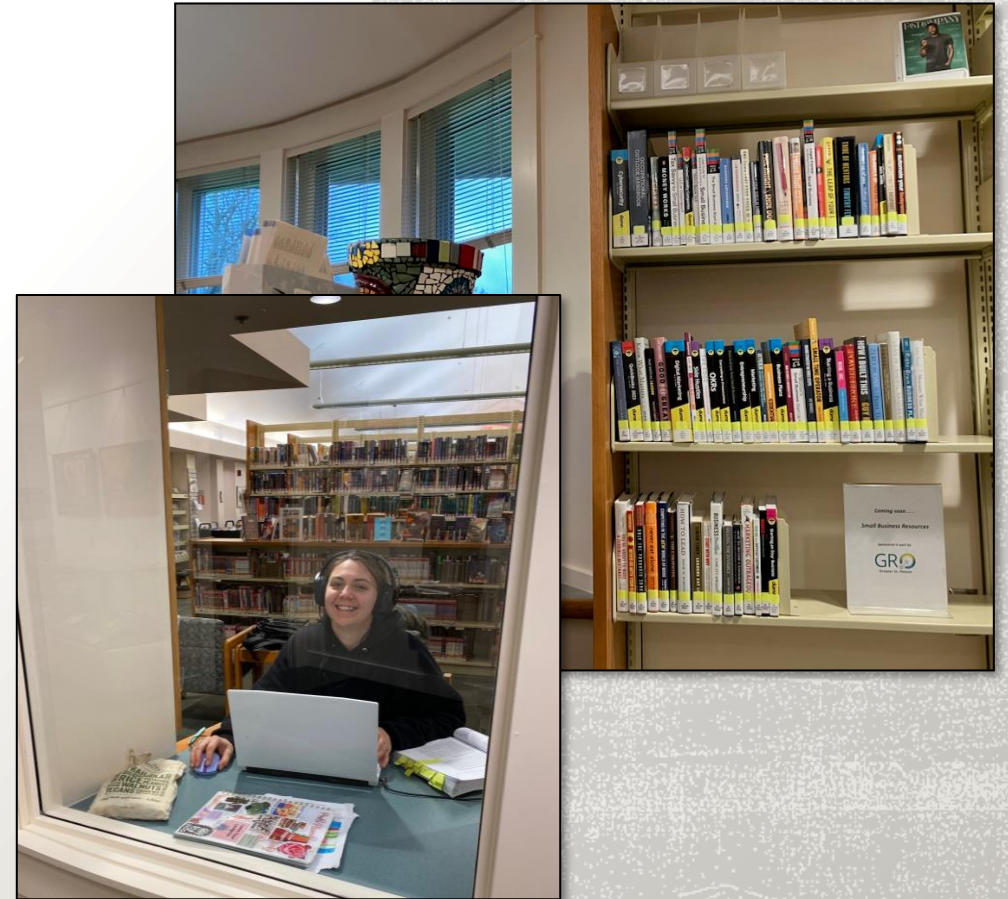


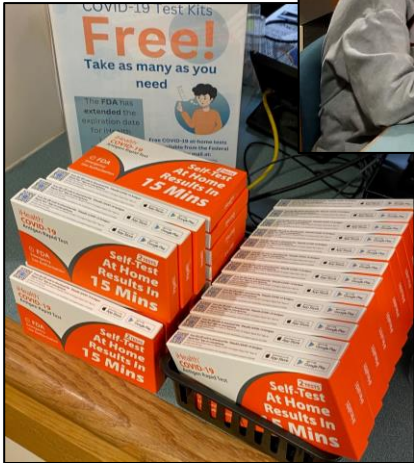
2023 – 2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

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.





SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

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



OPEN HOURS AND VISITS

Fiscal Year	FY 17/19	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24 PARTIAL
Open hours	2,352	2,352	1,696	247	2,348	2,348	1,159
Population	13,240	13,240	13,410	13,915	14,560	14,371	15,009
Staff	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0
Visits	5,249	67,477	42,982	9,077	25,500	25,500	20,506
Open hours per capita	0.178	0.178	0.126	0.018	0.161	0.163	0.077
Visits per capita	4.097	5.095	3.205	0.652	1.751	2.600	0.960
Visits per open hour	23.060	28.689	25.343	36.749	10.860	15.911	12.390
Staff per 1,000 residents	0.462	0.462	0.462	0.432	0.429	0.0428	0.04



BUILDING USE

- 37,390+ visits in FY 2023
- Building hours:
 - Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am to 7:00 pm
 - Friday, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
 - Saturday, 9:30 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
 - Non-profit meetings, community events, and private gatherings



SOME OF YOUR RESOURCES

- 65,000+ items borrowed from the library in FY 2022 - 2023
- 42,000+ items in the library
- 200+ Library of Things
 - Examples: telescopes, hand tools, air fryer, robotics and other learning tools, musical instruments, mobile hotspots, moisture meters, bicycle repair kit
- Six public computers used for wide variety of tasks – finding job prospects and applying for jobs, finding Federal forms, filing Court documents, homeschool families finding educational materials



DATABASE USE FY 2022 - 2023

Ancestry.com 1,247

Freegal 5,089

Library2Go e-audio 8,725

Library2Go e-book 4,867

Gale (school kids, potential employment opportunities, brush up on skills, health conditions)

New this year

- A-Z Recipes
- Educate Station
- MediciTV



YOUTH SERVICES

- Regular programming
 - Weekly storytimes
 - LEGO Free Play
 - Homeschool Meetup
 - STEAM Zone
- Winter Break Fun
- Outreach
- Special programs

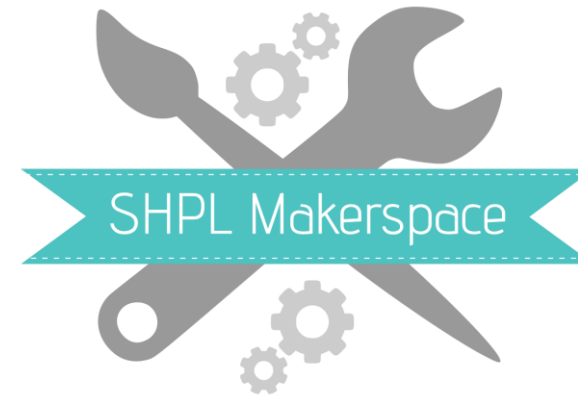


ADULT PROGRAMS

- Genial Genealogists (bi-monthly)
- Adults and Crafts (monthly)
- Book Club (monthly)
- Special programs



MAKERSPACE



- **Makerspace Tech funding**
- **Current use**
- **Plan**





RIVERS OF WONDER

September 15-17, 2023



RIVERS OF WONDER: COLUMBIA COUNTY GENEALOGY CONFERENCE

- Free
- 80+ attendees from around the world
- Hands-on sessions
- Hybrid format





PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

- Arts Guild
- Writers Guild
- Columbia County Museum Association
- Recreation Department
- Columbia County Health Department
- Columbia County Mental Health
- Amani Center
- Elks Club
- St. Helens Public Library Ukelele Orchestra
- And so many others!



LIBRARY STAFF



Six FTE

Library Director (1.0 FTE)

Adult Services Librarian (1.0 FTE)

Youth Librarian (1.0 FTE)

Library Technician – Cataloger (1.0 FTE)

4 Library Assistants (.5 FTE each)



VOLUNTEERS

- Value of volunteer time \$32.27/hour (more than \$16,000 this year)
- 19 active volunteers
- Logged 504 hours already this fiscal year
- Volunteers come for many reasons
 - Shelving, checking book order on shelves,
 - Book repair, preparing items for use, and more



LIBRARY BOARD

Officers

- Chair Jana Mann
- Vice Chair Aaron Martin

Members

- Robert Dunn
- Ellen Jacobson
- Lynne Pettit
- Fatima Salas
- Jessica Sturdivant
- Diana Wiener
- [Vacant]



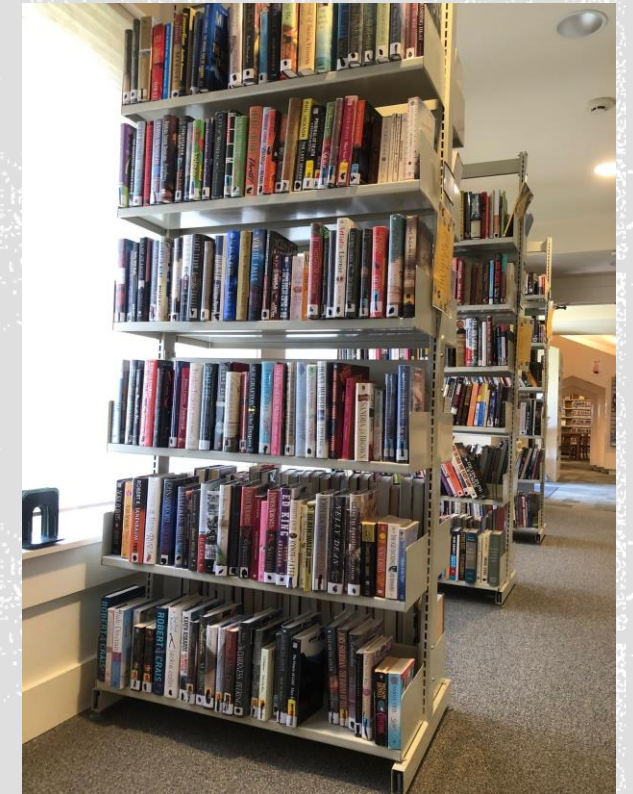
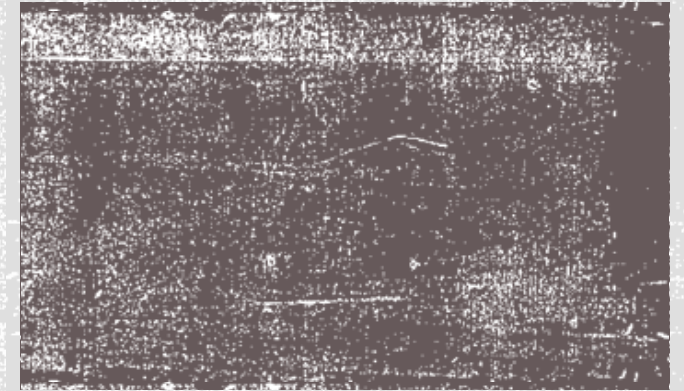
FRIENDS OF ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Support

- Summer Library Challenge
- Genealogy Conference
- Book Club

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



THANK YOU!

