



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Community Engagement Plan

VISION

An engaged community that learns, works, creates, and thrives together.

MISSION

Providing resources, experiences, and places that empower people to learn, explore, and succeed.

"IN-PERSON" WAS A POPULAR TERM FOR THE YEAR. The library saw a 40% increase in the number of visitors coming through our doors and a nearly 200% increase in the number attending programs over the previous year.

Our programs offered returning favorites such as blacksmithing, gardening, and the community art show along with new sessions that included Spanish-language programs and Goat Yoga. In addition, library staff launched an improved reservation system for the Library of Things, which makes checking out non-traditional items, such as new blood pressure monitoring kits and STEM lesson bags, easier. For those looking for a good story, SCLD offered (and continues to offer) over 1.5 million items in the physical and digital collections.

The library continues to be the place where all are welcome to come in, flip through the latest magazines, see what's new in the community displays, put together a puzzle, read a book, and connect with others.

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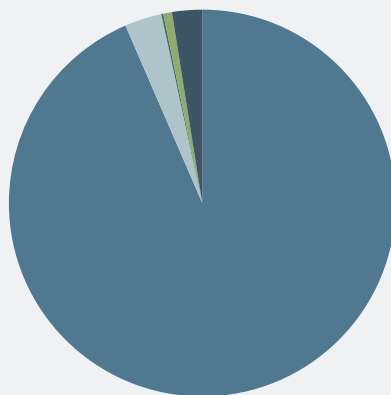
2022 Financial Information

A property tax levy of \$0.42496 per assessed valuation in the District service area accounts for 93.5% of annual funding. Remaining revenue is derived from interest earnings, other fees and charges, and miscellaneous revenues, such as gifts and donations.

Revenues

Year 2022 (from C4 for revenues)

Taxes.....	16,453,179
Intergovernmental	546,032
Goods & Services.....	28,378
Fines & Penalties	127,469
Miscellaneous	442,428
Total Revenues.....	17,597,486

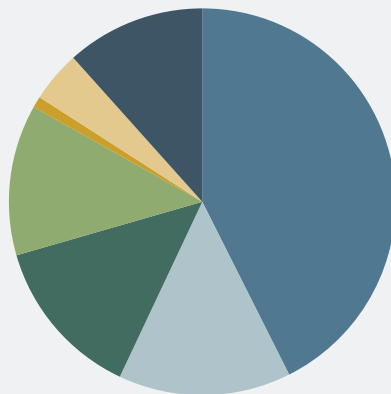


93.5%	Taxes
3.1%	Intergovernmental
0.2%	Goods & Services
0.7%	Fines & Penalties
2.5%	Other

Expenditures

From internal statements for expenses

Salaries.....	7,325,845
Benefits	2,481,401
Library Materials	2,326,694
Services	2,171,434
Supplies	160,125
Capital Expenditures	736,948
Transfers Out	2,000,000
Total Expenditures	17,202,447



42.6%	Salaries
14.4%	Benefits
13.5%	Library Materials
12.6%	Services
0.9%	Supplies
4.3%	Capital Expenditures
11.6%	Transfers Out

2022 Highlights

NEW SPOKANE VALLEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

Spokane County Library District broke ground in March on the new Spokane Valley Library at 22 N Herald Road (Sprague Avenue and Herald Road) that is expected to open in early summer 2023.

The new, 28,000-square-foot Spokane Valley Library is a single story, \$15 million project, featuring an open, multiple-use floor plan that meets current and future needs, along with efficient building systems and a functional layout.

Financing for the library has come from a unique combination of sources, including a loan through the Washington State Treasurer's LOCAL program, the Library District's capital fund savings, a grant from The Taxpayers of Washington State, a contribution from the City of Spokane Valley, and a community fundraising campaign led by the Library Foundation of Spokane County.

SUMMER READING at the libraries explored the theme: Read Beyond the Beaten Path. Kids and families were treated to performances by Guinness World Record holder Alex Zerbe and musically creative Eric Herman as well as other activities in libraries and area parks.

Readers of all ages were challenged to read and track at least 600 minutes each over the summer to earn badges. Each earned badge gave readers a virtual ticket in a prize drawing. A prize was given out at each library, and there was one overall winner. Countywide, readers totaled up 907,305 minutes of reading and 13,435 books read. Prizes were sponsored by the Library Foundation of Spokane County.

SCLD ONLINE AUTHORS SERIES, in collaboration with Library Speakers Consortium, was introduced in June. This series offers online talks and discussions with award-winning and bestselling authors of fiction and nonfiction, history and self-empowerment, global ideas and personal insights.

Each month two to four events are offered, during which attendees can ask questions of the author. For customer convenience, each talk is recorded for later viewing. There were 538 viewers of the series in 2022.

SPOKANE IS READING, the annual community-wide reading event, filled the meeting room at North Spokane Library in October. Featured author Kate Lebo read from her nonfiction title *The Book of Difficult Fruit: Arguments for the Tart, Tender, and Unruly* and talked about her writing process with readers. Spokane Is Reading is presented in partnership with Spokane Public Library and Auntie's Bookstore and is supported by the Friends of the Library.



SPOKANE WRITERS CONFERENCE celebrated its sixth year with sessions offering informative and creative approaches to writing as well as insights about the process of getting published. The conference offered both in-person and online sessions and attendance was free.

A total of 347 writers attended the full day of workshops in October and explored topics of writing, editing, revision, and research for a variety of genres.

SCLD was the **SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY** Neighborhood Champion for four communities again this year and extended the program to a weeklong event. American Express launched Small Business Saturday and the Shop Small program in 2010. Along with SCLD's regular programs for business and career development, the library spotlights and supports the locally owned and operated shops that are the backbones of our communities.

Small Business Saturday saw participation of 22 businesses in Cheney, 11 in Deer Park, 14 in Medical Lake, and 17 in Millwood.

The **MUSEUM & CULTURAL PASSES** program provides family admission to museums, music events, and natural habitats when they borrow passes from the library. The program includes Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, Mobius Discovery Center, Check Out Washington Discover Pass, and Spokane Symphony.

Museum and cultural passes are funded by the Diane E. Zahand Fund, the Library Foundation of Spokane County, WSECU, Washington State Parks Foundation, and in-kind donations from Spokane Symphony.

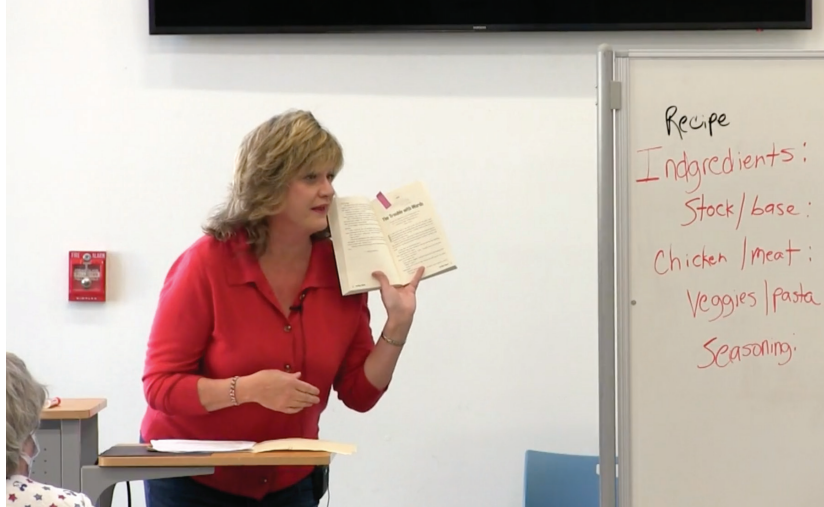
LINC, the new mobile service library vehicle, got its name from the acronym "Libraries In Neighborhoods & Communities," and it is literally a library on wheels. LINC debuted in spring and frequents community events and makes regular location stops throughout Spokane County.

LINC delivers a full library experience that includes:

- Materials to browse and check out
- Computers and Wi-fi access for mobile devices
- Printing—both mobile and from LINC's computers
- Library programs—such as storytimes and crafts for all ages.

SCLD also purchased a **NEW SPRINTER VAN**. This vehicle makes regular visits to retirement facilities, assisted living homes, daycare centers, and apartment complexes.

Both LINC and the new SCLD van were made possible by voter approval of the library levy in 2019.



2022 AT A GLANCE

▶ 770,267
people came through the doors in 2022

▶ 1,955,235
items borrowed

▶ 722 Storytimes & Early Learning
programs with 11,783 in attendance

▶ 389 Education & Enrichment
programs with 8,230 in attendance

▶ 65 Business & Career Development
programs with 1,213 in attendance

▶ 36 School tours
with 1,489 in attendance

▶ Talked with 10,772 people during
60 different community events

▶ 3,342 reservations made for our
public meeting rooms



Most popular physical checkouts

KIDS

The PAW Patrol series (DVD)

TEENS

My Hero Academia series, by Kohei Horikoshi

ADULTS

Wish You Were Here, by Jodi Picoult



Most popular digital checkouts

KIDS

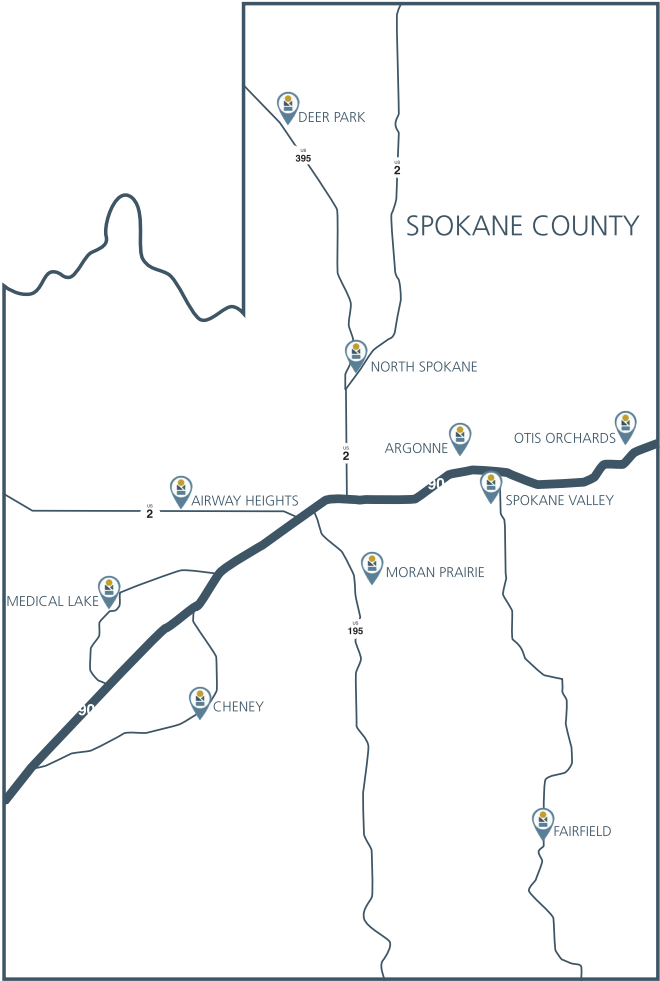
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
by J. K. Rowling

TEENS








The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins

ADULTS

The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel
by Laura Dave



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