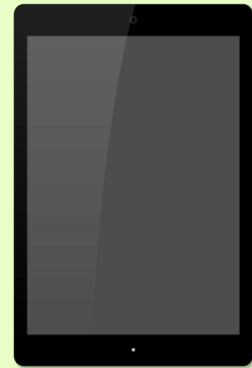
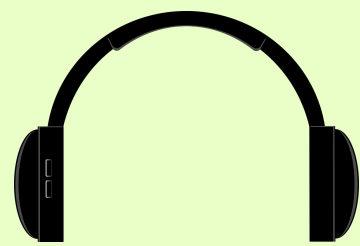
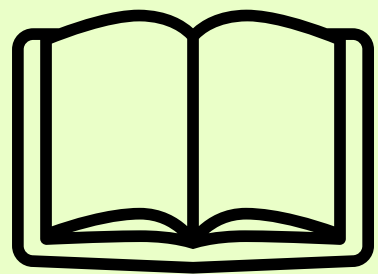
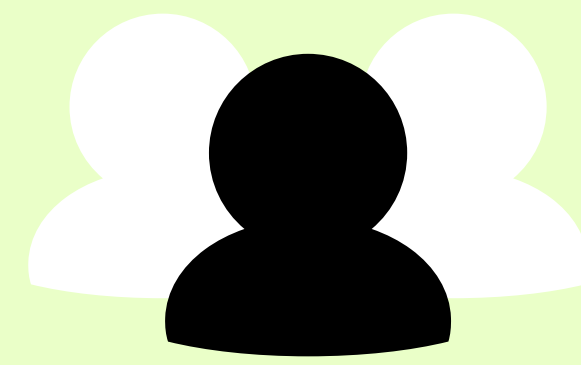


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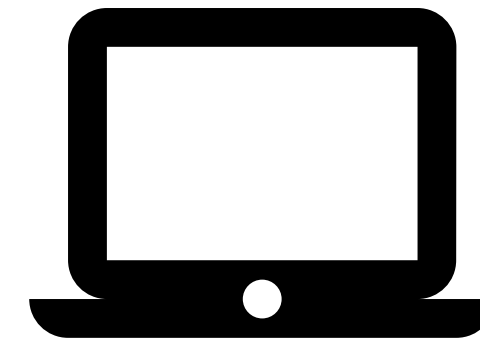
active card holders in our legal service area of 16580 citizens in the City of Wahpeton and Richland County ND and reciprocal patrons from Lake Agassiz Regional Library-Breckenridge. 309 new card holders were registered in 2023.

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in-person and online visits to the library



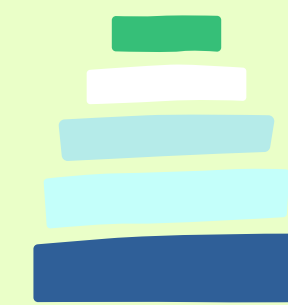
24082 physical items circulated
16817 electronic items circulated
1054 items shared between libraries



2220 total internet/computer users
26077 WIFI sessions provided
16676 website visits

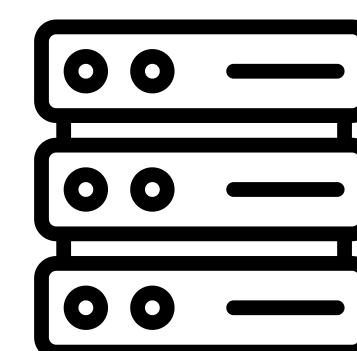


\$21919 received in very gracious gifts and grants
\$4845 collected in fees and fines



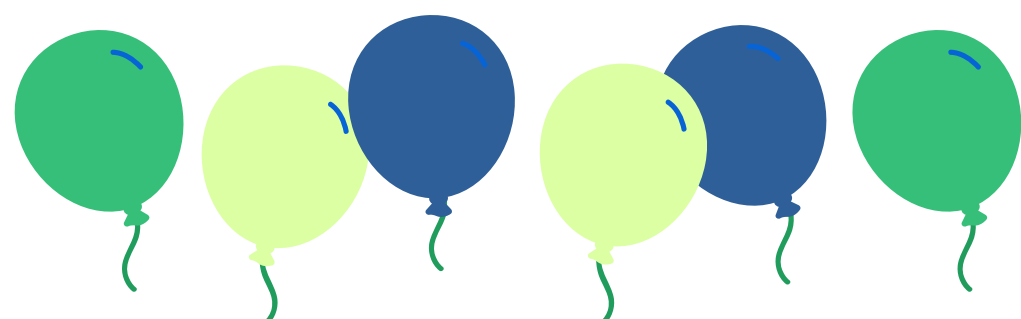
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Total number of physical and electronic items in the Library's Collection
1295 new items added in 2023



452

retrievals of electronic information from the Online Library Resources including Ancestry, Mango Languages, Tumblebooks, Bookflix, and many others



1850

citizens attended in-person, virtual/online and Outreach programs like Storytimes, Author Visits, Performances, Summer Reading Program, Craft sessions STEM and STEAM classes



Our Friends of the Leach Library group continues to give generously of their time and funding.

Projects supported by the Friends in 2023 include: Grant writing for grants received in the amount of \$3500 for projects including the Newspaper Digitization Project, movie licenses, furniture, the Chocolate Day Event and Book Sales



Mission Statement

The Leach Public Library supports and fosters literacy and life-long learning by providing resources and services to meet the informational, recreational, and cultural needs of our community.

Vision

The Leach Public Library aspires to be a welcoming space within our community, where communication, connection, and diversity flourish.

Library Staff

Melissa Bakken, Director
Rachel Kercher, Youth Services Librarian
Sandra Willson, Library Clerk
Char Tracy, Library Clerk

2023 Annual Report

The Leach Public Library continues to be a vital source for the citizens of Wahpeton and Richland County to connect with over 89539 items to enrich, entertain and educate people of all ages. In addition to the always popular traditional book collections, the library also offers audiobooks, movies, music, e-books, STEM kits, and programming for all ages.

Fun Library Trivia

The Library's 2023 Summer Reading Program saw 113 patrons registered, who read a total of 2160 days. The most popular in-person program the Library held was the Haunted Library-we had over 70 participants.

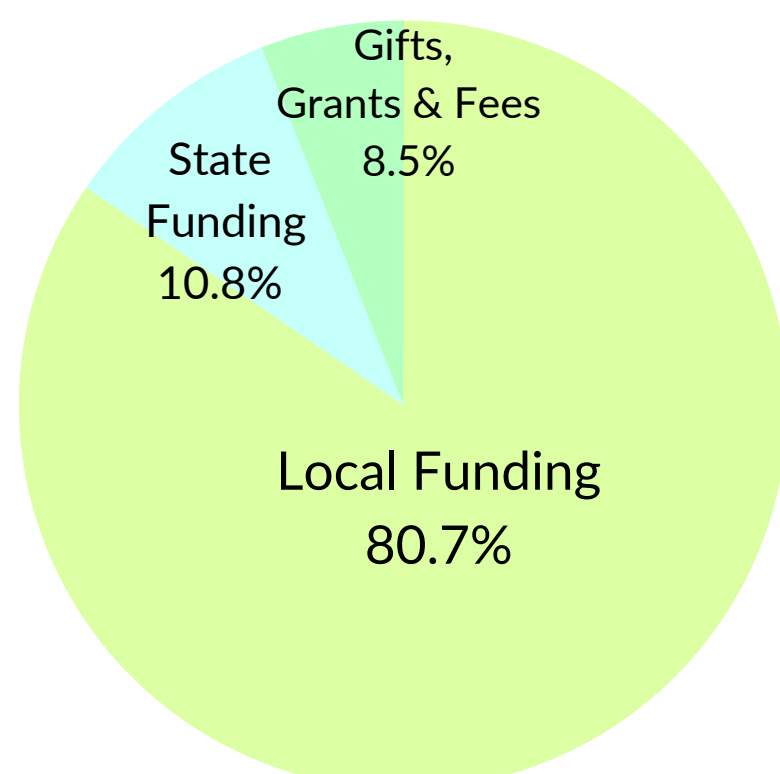
The Library has 28 Outreach programs, reaching 1134 citizens.

In 2023, we updated our public access computers, did a re-hab of our Young Adult area, and had some outdoor masonry repair completed.

Revenue

- Local - \$276690
- State - \$30851
- Gifts, Grants & Fees - \$18630

Total: \$326172



Expenditures

- Salaries & Benefits - \$205766
- Collection - \$29297
- Operating - \$78251

Total: \$313313

