Belleville Area District Library Board Regular Meeting Agenda November 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM

The Belleville Area District Library Board will meet in person in the library's 2nd floor Conference Room.

Agenda:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call: Cichewicz, Fleming, Hughes-Grubbs, Juriga, Peters, Priest, Stoudemire
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Approve October 10, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. Public Comments
- 6. Committee Reports
 - A. Building-Cichewicz
 - B. Bylaws-Juriga
 - C. Finance-Stoudemire
 - D. Marketing-Hughes-Grubbs
 - E. Personnel-Priest
 - F. Policy-Fleming
 - G. Art
- 7. Approve Accounts Payable
- 8. Director's Report/Comments/Communications
- 9. Trustee Comments
- 10. Chair Comments
- 11. Adjournment

Any citizen wishing to provide input or ask questions about any agenda item may speak during the meeting's Public Comments section or forward comments to the Library Director in advance by leaving a message at 734-699-3291 or via the Contact Us link at www.belleville.lib.mi.us. Any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting may contact the library at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, using the above contact information.

Belleville Area District Library Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023

- 1. Call to Order: Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
- 2. Roll Call: The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz, Dan Fleming, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, and Linda Priest. Absent and excused: Alma Hughes-Grubbs and Tanya Stoudemire. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.

3. Approve Agenda:

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- **4. Approve September 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes**: Motion by Juriga, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve the September 12, 2023, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Public Comments: None
- 6. Committee Reports
 - A. Building: No report.
 - B. Bylaws: No report.
 - C. Finance: No report.
 - D. Marketing: Harvest Fest is on Saturday, October 14.
 - E. Personnel: No report.
 - F. Policy: No report.
 - G. Art: The next library art installation will feature the winners from the BACA art show.
- **7. Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Priest, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- 8. Director's Report: See attached.

9. Trustee Comments:

Juriga – Asked when the library's honey would be available for sale. (The Friends will have honey available for sale at Harvest Fest).

Fleming – Looking forward to all of the library's activities this fall.

Cichewicz – Is relieved to be playing only a very small part in working on Harvest Fest this year. Extended her thoughts to the Israelis and Palestinians who are suffering.

Priest – Received good feedback from the League of Women Voters who held their last meeting at the library. She is looking forward to the Classic Movie on Thursday and is excited about the Library of Things.

10. Chair Comments:

Peters – Received wonderful feedback from local officials who visited with the Friends of the Library at their last meeting. She attended the State of the Community last week with Linda and Alma and found it to be very informative.

11. Adjournment:

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Belleville Area District Library Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2023

| Account | Revenues | 2023-2024 Budget | 3 Months 2023-2024 <u>Budget</u> | 3 Months Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| 403.000 | Current Taxes less chg backs | \$ 2,460,000 | \$ 615,000 | \$ 615,000 * | \$ - |
| | Total Current Taxes | 2,460,000 | 615,000 | 615,000 | |
| 502.000 | Grant Revenue | 6,300 | 1,575 | | (1,575) |
| 665,000 | Interest Income | 1,500 | 375 | 83 | (292) |
| 575.000 | State Aid | 43,000 | 10,750 | 22,488 | 11,738 |
| | Library Fines and Fees | | | S | . : |
| 659.000 | Late Fees | 2,000 | 500 | 514 | 14 |
| 658,000 | Penal Fines | 36,000 | 9,000 | 49,956 | 40,956 |
| 677.000 | Lost Book Fees | 700 | 175 | 609 | 434 |
| | Total Fines and Fees | 38,700 | 9,675 | 51,079 | 41,404 |
| 674.000 | Contributions and Donations | 2,500 | 625 | 1,622 | 997 |
| 674,002 | Contributions New Library | | <u> </u> | - | · · |
| | Miscellaneous Income | | \——— • | U | |
| 680,000 | Miscellaneous | | | | |
| 630.000 | Copies | | | | |
| 631,000 | Fax Fees | | | | |
| 647.000 | Newspaper Sales | 4 | · | 5: | |
| | Total Miscellaneous | 20,000 | 5,000 | 7,186 | 2,186 |
| | Grand Total Revenues | \$ 2,572,000 | \$ 643,000 | \$ 697,458 | \$ 54,458 |
| | Expenditures | | | | |
| | Salaries | | | | |
| 702.000 | Salary- Librarians | | | | |
| 705.000 | Salary- Library Aides | | | 0 | |
| | Total Salaries | \$ 1,160,000 | \$ 290,000 | \$ 246,181 | \$ 43,819 |
| | Benefits and FICA | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| 715,000 | FICA/ Medicare | 88,740 | 22,185 | 18,833 | 3,352 |
| 716,000 | Employee Health Insurance | 215,000 | 53,750 | 59,111 | (5,361) |
| 718,000 | Retirement (MERS) | 78,000 | 19,500 | 13,481 | 6,019 |
| | Total Benefits and FICA | 381,740 | 95,435 | 91,425 | 4,010 |
| 981.000 | Books and Acquisitions | 275,000 | 68,750 | 39,971 | 28,779 |
| 809.002 | Contracted Services-Acq. | 23,000 | 5,750 | 4,725 | 1,025 |
| | Supplies | | | \ | Q |
| 730,000 | Office Supplies | | | | |
| 775,000 | Supplies- Maintenance | | | | |
| 950.002 | Library Programs Supplies | | | | |
| | Total Supplies | 50,000 | 12,500 | 15,820 | (3,320) |

^{*} Actual taxes collected to date \$5,499.76

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| Account | Professional Fees | 2 | 2023-2024 Budget | | Months 023-2024 Budget | 3 | Months Actual | F | /ariance avorable nfavorable) |
|-----------|--|-----|---------------------|---|------------------------------|----|------------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| 804.000 | Audit | \$ | 8,600 | S | 2,150 | \$ | 2 | \$ | 2,150 |
| 805,000 | Finance | 350 | 13,500 | | 3,375 | Ψ | 3,075 | Ψ | 300 |
| 801,001 | Legal | | 7,000 | | 1,750 | | 5,075 | | 1,750 |
| 801.002 | Legal-Building Program | | 7,000 | | 1,750 | | - | | 1,750 |
| 807.000 | Architect | | 10,000 | | 2,500 | | 8 | | 2,500 |
| 806.000 | Other | | 10,000 | | 2,500 | | 425 | | 2,075 |
| | Total Professional Fees | | 49,100 | | 12,275 | | 3,500 | - | 8,775 |
| 815.000 | Bank Fees | _ | 1,000 | | 250 | | 264 | - | (14) |
| 808,000 | Dues | - | 5,000 | - | 1,250 | | 302 | | 948 |
| | Contracted Services | | 5,000 | | 1,200 | - | 302 | - | 740 |
| 809.001 | Contracted Services | | 20,000 | | 5,000 | | 4,129 | | 871 |
| 809.005 | Delivery | | 6,000 | | 1,500 | | 7,127 | | 1,500 |
| 720.000 | Payroll | | 15,000 | | 3,750 | | 2,703 | | 1,047 |
| 809.003&4 | Automation System & Cataloging | | 41,000 | | 10,250 | | 9,413 | | 837 |
| 809.007 | Outside Maintenance | | 20,000 | | 5,000 | | 645 | | 4,355 |
| | Total Contracted Services | - | 102,000 | | 25,500 | | 16,890 | | 8,610 |
| | Telephones & Telecommunications | - | 102,000 | - | 20,000 | - | 10,070 | - | 0,010 |
| 851,000 | Telephone | | 15,000 | | 3,750 | | 1,376 | | 2,374 |
| 851,002 | Telecommunications | | 16,000 | | 4,000 | | 512 | | 3,488 |
| | Total Telephone and Telecommunications | - | 31,000 | _ | 7,750 | | 1,888 | | 5,862 |
| | Insurance | _ | 21,000 | | 1,700 | | 1,000 | - | 5,002 |
| | Building Insurance | | | | | | | | |
| 810.000 | Liability Insurance | | | | | | | | |
| 811.000 | Worker's Comp. Insurance | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Insurance | - | 38,000 | | 9,500 | - | 5,555 | - | 3,945 |
| | Utilities | | 20,000 | | | | 0,000 | - | 3,7 (3 |
| 921.000 | Heat | | | | | | | | |
| 922.000 | Electrical | | | | | | | | |
| 923.000 | Water and Sewer | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Utilities | | 86,000 | - | 21,500 | - | 9,211 | - | 12,289 |
| 931.000 | Repairs and Maintenance | | 85,000 | | 21,250 | - | 12,735 | - | 8,515 |
| | Printing and Publications | _ | | - | | - | 12,700 | - | 0,0 10 |
| 901.002&5 | Printing | | | | | | | | |
| 901.004 | Publications- Newspapers | | | | | | | | |
| | Total Printing & Publications | _ | 24,000 | - | 6,000 | | 3,938 | • | 2,062 |
| 727.002&3 | Postage | | 12,000 | - | 3,000 | - | 3,524 | _ | (524) |
| 820.000 | Computer Hardware/ Software | _ | | | 2,000 | - | 2,020 | - | (521) |
| 982.000 | Computer Repair & Maintenance | | | | | | | | |
| 982.000 | Hardware and Software | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 80,000 | - | 20,000 | | 224 | | 19,776 |
| | | | , | - | | - | | | .,,,,,, |

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| Account | Miscellaneous | | 3-2024 udget | 20 | Months 023-2024 Budget | 3 Months Actual | Variance Favorable Infavorable) |
|---------|-----------------------------|--------|-----------------|----|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 863.000 | Travel and Meetings | \$ | 8,000 | \$ | 2,000 | \$ - | \$ 2,000 |
| 950.001 | Miscellaneous (Programming) | | 18,000 | | 4,500 | 2,264 | 2,236 |
| 983.001 | New Equip/ Office Furniture | | 25,000 | | 6,250 | 611 | 5,639 |
| | Other | | 4,000 | | 1,000 | 6 | 994 |
| | Total Miscellaneous | | 55,000 | | 13,750 | 2,881 | 10,869 |
| | Total Expenditures | \$ 2,4 | 57,840 | \$ | 614,460 | \$ 459,034 | \$ 155,426 |
| | Current Year | \$ 1 | 14,160 | \$ | 28,540 | \$ 238,424 | \$ 209,884_ |

Belleville Area District Library

Date: 11/05/2023

Time: 12:47 AM Page: 1

Operating:

| Check Date | Vendor Namne | Check Description | Amount |
|------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------|
| 10/06/2023 | PHILLIP HALE | Library Program | 100.00 |
| 10/17/2023 | A PRODUCTION BUILDING SOLUTION | Tile Cleaning | 4,815.00 |
| 10/17/2023 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | Program Supplies, Bldg Supplie | 189.10 |
| 10/17/2023 | AMY O'BRIEN | Program Supplies | 148.63 |
| 10/17/2023 | BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICH | Dental | 989.16 |
| 10/17/2023 | CREATIVE PRODUCT SOURCE, INC | Program Supplies | 121.59 |
| 10/17/2023 | DC LAWN & SNOW | Lawn Service September | 208.00 |
| 10/17/2023 | DTE ENERGY | Gas/Electric Sumpter Branch | 148.36 |
| 10/17/2023 | FLAT ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY | Lost Music CD | 16,00 |
| 10/17/2023 | FRIENDS OF THE BELLEVILLE AREA | Sept Payout | 858.60 |
| 10/17/2023 | GARDEN FANTASY GREENHOUSES | 16 Landscape Pots | 235.00 |
| 10/17/2023 | LONG MECHANICAL SERVICE | Testing of Backflow Devices | 690.00 |
| 10/17/2023 | ODP BUSINESS SOLULTIONS LLC | Office/Bldg Supplies | 255.21 |
| 10/17/2023 | SHARON DUCKWORTH, CPA | Accounting Services Oct | 1,025.00 |
| 10/17/2023 | SMAL L HOUSE FARM | Library Program Nov 7 | 387,33 |
| 10/17/2023 | THE LIBRARY NETWORK | Bookbilling, Telephone, Telecomm | 21,193,15 |
| 10/17/2023 | UNIFIRST CORP | Maintenance/Mats | 143.32 |
| 10/17/2023 | UNIQUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC | Sept Placements | 24,30 |
| 10/17/2023 | WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MI, INC | Dumpster Service | 419.02 |
| 10/17/2023 | BEVERLY MEYER | Library Program Oct 28 | 350.00 |
| 10/31/2023 | AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES | Office Supplies | 293.68 |
| 10/31/2023 | ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY | Lost Book | 40.00 |
| 10/31/2023 | BELLEVILLE CENTRAL BUS. COMM | Christmas Coloring Book Page | 50.00 |
| 10/31/2023 | CHASE CARDMEMBER SERVICE | Program/Office Supplies | 186.01 |
| 10/31/2023 | CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS | Fax Service | 289.02 |
| 10/31/2023 | DTE ENERGY | Fourth Street Gas | 458.64 |
| 10/31/2023 | DTE ENERGY | Electric Service 4th St | 3,003.34 |
| 10/31/2023 | FISH WINDOW CLEANING | Window Cleaning | 3,114.00 |
| 10/31/2023 | GA BUSINESS PURCHASER LLC | Alarm Service Sumpter | 49.05 |
| 10/31/2023 | JEFF MORRISON | Library Program Nov. 15 | 300.00 |
| 10/31/2023 | KAREN DUBKE | ALA Membership | 208.00 |
| 10/31/2023 | LINDSAY LORE | Program Supplies | 43.17 |
| 10/31/2023 | ODP BUSINESS SOLULTIONS LLC | Office/Bldg Supplies | 677.69 |
| 10/31/2023 | STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY | Long/Short Term Disability Plan | 635.91 |
| 10/31/2023 | STRYKER SALES, LLC | Building Supplies | 9.38 |
| 10/31/2023 | SUMPTER TOWNSHIP | Sumpter Branch Water | 111.45 |
| 10/31/2023 | TECH LOGIC | AMH Equipment | 282.98 |
| 10/31/2023 | THE LIBRARY NETWORK | Automation, Acquisitions, Delivery, Tech | 21,652.15 |
| 10/31/2023 | UNITED HEALTHCARE | Health Insurance | 15,789.35 |
| 10/31/2023 | WYANDOTTE ALARM COMPANY | Radio Monitoring 4th St | 462.00 |
| 40 | Chacks Total | | 70 072 50 |

| 79,972.59 | Checks Total: | 40 |
|-----------|---------------|----|
| 79,972.59 | Bank Total: | 40 |
| 79,972.59 | Grand Total: | 40 |

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

November 2023

| LIBRARY PROGRA | AMS | October: Adults: | 15 Youth: 16 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| LBRARY VISITS October | 2023/24 13,656 | 2022/23 11,785 | % change 15.88% |
| Fiscal Year | 48,630 | 42,653 | 14.01% |
| TOTAL CIRC October | 2023/24 20,983 | 2022/23 21,416 | % change -2.02% |
| Fiscal Year | 88,202 | 88,168 | 0.04% |
| ADULT PROGRAMMING | 2023/24 | 2022/23 | % change |
| October | 193 | 174 | 10.92% |
| Fiscal Year | 409 | 474 | -13.71% |
| YOUTH/TEEN PROGRAMMING | 2023/24 | 2022/23 | % change |
| October | 318 | 294 | 8.16% |
| Fiscal Year | 1,571 | 1,238 | 26.90% |
| ALL AGES PROGRA | AMMING: | October: 450 | Fiscal Year: 450 |
| REF. QUESTIONS October | 2023/24 1,722 | 2022/23 1,541 | % change 11.75% |
| Fiscal Year | 6,662 | 6,087 | 9.45% |
| INTERNET USE October | 2023/24 1,069 | 2022/23 1,064 | % change 0.47% |
| Fiscal Year | 4,457 | 3,857 | 15.56% |
| YOUTH/TEEN INTERNET October | 2023/24 | 2022/23 | % change |
| | 362 | 200 | 81.00% |
| Fiscal Year | 1,220 | 704 | 73.30% |

BUILDING: The library's analog phone lines are partially working. The elevator line is staticky and the fax line is still out of service. The Otis Elevator service person was here for our quarterly elevator servicing and he recommended not converting to cellular for the elevator unless we absolutely have to.

Dean is in touch with the lighting manufacturer regarding ordering a new light fixture and/or replacement parts for the existing fixture.

PROGRAMMING: The weather did not dampen the fun at this year's Harvest Fest, although crowds were a little bit lighter. Nikki Pickeral's historical program on Victorian death rituals was very interesting. A big thanks to the Dearborn Historical Museum and the Monroe County Museum System for loaning parts of their Victorian collections to our library for this program. We are again celebrating Dinovember this November. Dinosaur games, books, and scavenger hunts are on hand. Dino Storytime is Saturday, November 17 at 11 am.

The library will host a presentation by historian and photographer Jeff Morrison, the author of *Guardians of Michigan* a book about architectural sculpture found on historic buildings in Michigan. He is also the author of *Guardians of Detroit*. The program will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 7 pm.

STAFF: Noelle Douglas has accepted a full-time position and will be dropping her hours at our library to one day a week. She will also continue to assist with the Comic Book Club. The library has posted a library intern position and will post for another library assistant. I am working on a job description for a library monitor to assist us after school in enforcing our policies and ensuring that our library's environment is safe and pleasant for all. Ideally, candidates for this position will have experience working with teens.

WINTER FEST: The library will offer cookies and hot chocolate at Winter Fest on December 2 from 5-6 pm. The staff plan on marching in the parade as characters from *A Christmas Carol*. If you have never been to a Winter Fest parade, this would be the year to go. Someone you know has been asked to be the Grand Marshal!





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7 surprising ways the public library can help you save money

Updated November 2, 2023 · 4:16 PM ET By Marielle Segarra, Audrey Nguyen

15-Minute Listen

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Everyone knows you can save money on books by checking them out at the library instead of buying them. But did you know that libraries can help you save on other

things too?

In some locations, you can borrow tools (saving a purchase at the hardware store), take free language classes and even get free tickets to local museums and attractions.

The resources that your library has to offer will depend on its size and funding, which comes in part from taxpayer dollars and donor funds. These perks are part of the public library's mission to serve the needs of the local community, says Joan Johnson, library director at Milwaukee Public Library. "Libraries are one of the most important parts of the social infrastructure. The possibilities for how you explore are endless."

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To take advantage of these money-saving benefits, sign up for a library card, says Mychal Threets, the supervising librarian at the Fairfield Civic Center Library in Fairfield, Calif. Then check out the library website or simply walk into your local library and talk to a librarian.

Here are 7 surprising ways the library can help you save money.

1. Before you buy something, see if you can borrow it from the library

Libraries offer all kinds of items on loan. "Video games, musical instruments, board games. Some libraries have bakeware collections where you can get baking pans," says Threets.

Akhila Bhat, branch manager at Harris County Public Library in Katy, Texas, says her library system has a seed library. "Patrons can pick up seeds to start a garden and drop off seeds for others to take home and plant."

Meanwhile, libraries like the Providence Public Library in Rhode Island have tools you can check out. That includes a cordless drill, safety goggles and a laser level.

2. Reserve free tickets to local museums and attractions

In some places, you can get free or discounted tickets to local attractions in your city or town. The Nashville Public Library, for example, offers free passes to the Cheekwood Estate and Gardens (saving patrons \$29 in admission fees), the Country Music Hall of Fame (saving about \$28) and the National Museum of African American Music (saving about \$27). And library card holders in California can gain free entry to over 200 state parks, saving patrons \$20 in entry fees.

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3. Print out your documents at a discount

You can use the computers to print out documents like plane tickets, concert tickets or shipping labels. There's usually a small fee, but it's often cheaper than printing at an office supply store or a shipping center, says Threets. For example, it costs 10 cents to print a page in black and white at the Brooklyn Public Library in New York, and 23 cents at Fedex.

4. Get free help with homework and standardized tests

Your library card may grant you access to free online help from expert tutors or Tutor.com, which offers live one-on-one homework help for students in K-12 and higher education. It's a sweet deal considering that hourly rates for a private tutor can range from \$25-80 an hour.

If you're preparing for college, check out whether your local branch has resources for standardized tests like the SAT or ACT. Broward County Library in Florida, for example, has a free 10-hour test prep workshop for high school students that can cost hundreds of dollars elsewhere. Aspiring graduate students can find resources for exams such as the GRE, LSAT, MCAT and MAT.

Librarians can help with school projects too. If you need to research something, they can identify relevant books or order them from other branches for you. Bhat says a lot of kids come in looking for help with biographies.

5. Take free fitness, hobby and language classes

Some libraries often offer fun, free programming you'd pay money for elsewhere.

Queens Public Library in New York offers workout classes ranging from yoga to tai chi to Zumba, saving patrons potentially hundreds of dollars in monthly class fees at a fitness studio.

Libraries can also help you find a new hobby. You can join a knitting club, learn photography or take a class with a naturalist. Some locations will even let patrons borrow the necessary gear. Libraries in Florida and Philadelphia, for example, have "birding backpacks" that come equipped with items for birdwatching, like binoculars and field guides to help identify local birds.

And many libraries grant patrons access to online language learning resources such as Mango Languages, a service that has courses for over 70 languages.

6. Attend free concerts and performances

Save money on live music by checking out what your local branch has to offer. The New York Public Library's performance art space, for example, has upcoming concerts featuring a choir and a quartet. And people can watch a classical guitarist or a harpist perform at different libraries in Los Angeles County.

7. Access free social services

In addition to recreation and entertainment, many libraries in the U.S. offer programs to support the community. People who need help finding a job can take computer literacy courses and get assistance with applications and interview prep. Immigrants can take English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and classes to prepare them for their U.S. citizenship exam.

Libraries also provide resources for practical matters. Around tax time, check if there are volunteer tax experts available to give you advice and help you file for free. At Threet's library, patrons can book time with a lawyer if they need legal advice. "We

have volunteer lawyers who will meet with people for 15 to 20 minutes at a time on a monthly basis," he says.

Johnson says library resources like these aim to level the playing field. "The hope is that people use our services to educate and inform themselves, and gain wisdom about any topic under the sun."

The audio was edited by Meghan Keane and Sylvie Douglis. The digital story was edited by Malaka Gharib. The visual producer is Kaz Fantone.

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New ALA report: Gen Z & Millennials are visiting the library & prefer print books

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Gen Z and Millennials are using public libraries, both in person and digitally, at higher rates compared to older generations, according to a new report released today by the American Library Association (ALA). Gen Z and Millennials: How They Use Public Libraries and Identify Through Media Use (https://www.ala.org/advocacy/sites/ala.org.advocacy/files/content/tools/Gen-Z-and-Millennials-Report%20%281%29.pdf) draws on a nationally representative survey to reveal the attitudes and behaviors young Americans have regarding library use and media consumption.

Authored by Kathi Inman Berens, Ph.D., and Rachel Noorda, Ph.D., both of Portland State University, the report and survey data show that **54 percent of Gen Z and Millennials visited a physical library within the previous 12 months**. Of the 2075 Gen Z and Millennials surveyed in 2022, more than half who self-reported visiting a physical library said they also borrow from a library's digital collection. The data also revealed younger Americans' distinct preference for physical versions of books: **survey respondents read and bought on average twice as many print books per month as any other category**.

"Great news: Younger generations of people are reading books, buying books, and visiting libraries," said Dr. Noorda. "Not only are Gen Z and Millennials engaging with books, but they are also engaging with other forms of media. They are gamers, readers, writers, and fans who are comfortable with malleability between media categories and forms."

Libraries are drawing even Gen Z and Millennials who don't self-identify as readers. More than half of the 43 percent of Gen Z and Millennials who don't self-identify as readers have been to their local library in the past 12 months.

"These digitally-immersed generations make clear that libraries are about more than books," said ALA President Emily Drabinski. "Programming relevant to teens and their parents – coding clubs, job application help, gaming – draws even non-readers to the library, as does the physical space to connect and collaborate."

Library services and programs that attract non-readers are based on the specific needs of local communities and are the focus of the Public Library Association's 2022 Public Library Services for Strong Communities Survey (https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2023/06/pla-releases-first-public-library-services-strong-communities-report).

"Libraries are popular among Gen Z and Millennials, even among self-identified non-readers. Gen Z and Millennials want and need the resources public libraries offer," said Dr. Inman Berens. "Just as they flit between multiple media formats, they also jump between modes of access: libraries to bookstores to influencer posts to subscriptions, and back again. Libraries are a notable way Gen Z and Millennials discover books."

Through analysis of survey and demographic data, the authors uncovered additional key findings, including:

- Younger library users view the library as a place to "sample" materials, supplementing and informing their purchases and paid subscriptions of books, information, and media.
- Members of the survey cohorts who also identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color are more impacted by wait times for digital materials; more Black and Latinx Gen Z and Millennials report using digital collections than the general survey population.
- Seventy-five percent of Gen Z and Millennial physical library patrons believe a library wait of one week or less is "long."

The Gen Z and Millennials public libraries and media use report builds on earlier data collected by the authors in Immersive Media 2020 (https://www.panoramaproject.org/immersive-media-reading-2020), published by the Panorama Project, which sought to understand how today's readers and consumers view books in relation to other forms of interactive media. Both reports are intended to serve library professionals, educators, publishers, and local governments in assessing and planning outreach and services geared toward various generational cohorts.

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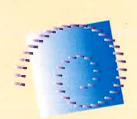
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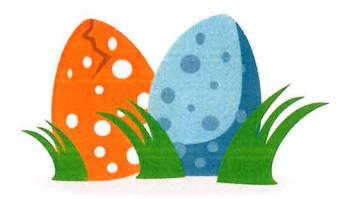
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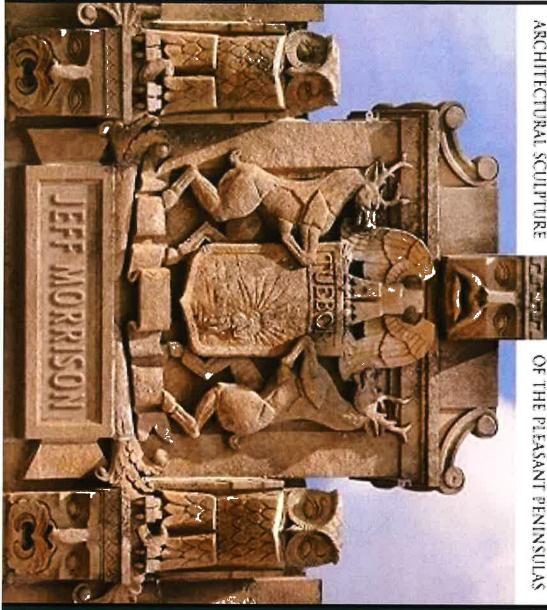








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