

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



The County Library



Dear Library Patron

When we began talking about strategic directions for 2023, we knew our focus would be on a recommitment to programming and a re-introduction to Salt Lake County residents. Library habits and routines changed during the pandemic, and although we had seen strong circulation in materials, we wanted to encourage all county residents to return to the County Library. Regardless of their reason for using library services, our patrons are looking for an easy, enjoyable way to meet their needs. We remain committed to offering a welcoming, comfortable and professional environment, whether virtually or in person.

The County Library was visited more than 2.6 million times in 2023. Branches are where families look for school resources and homework help, new parents find early learning resources for their baby, residents access computers and technology, and community groups collaborate. Around 70% of Salt Lake County households are active library users, and we continue to make sure our collections, programs, and resources benefit our community.

Joey McNamee
Director

Mission: Make a positive difference in the lives of our community by inspiring imagination, satisfying curiosity and providing a great place for everyone to visit.

Salt Lake County's Core Values

These define how we serve our colleagues and community every day.

- **We value and respect people.**
- **We serve with integrity.**
- **We care about one another.**
- **We strive for excellence.**

The County Library Board

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Community Services Department Director,
Robin Chalhoub

Community Services Department Associate Director,
Joey McNamee

District Attorney's Office, Megan L. Smith

The County Library Leadership Team

Library Director, Jim Cooper, retired January 2024

Associate Director for Public Services, Jennifer Fay

Associate Director of Community Engagement,
Matt McLain

Associate Director for Finance and Operations,
Leslie Webster

Senior Manager of Collections, Christa Warren

Human Resources Manager, Pamela Park

Marketing & Communications Manager, Sara Neal

The County Library branches and managers

Bingham Creek, Ann Marie Barrett

Daybreak, Leslie Schow

Draper, Sarah Brinkerhoff

Granite, Kim Welch

Herriman, Alli Parker

Holladay, Trudy Jorgensen-Price

Hunter, Lee Whiting

Kearns, Trish Hull

Magna, Melissa Wayman

Millcreek, Laura Renshaw

Riverton, Stephanie Tilt

Sandy, Darin Butler

South Jordan, Erin Rigby

Taylorsville, Christina Walsh

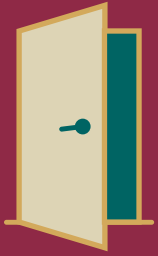
Tyler, Davie Bird

West Jordan, Vern Waters

West Valley, Joel Poppleton

Whitmore, Maggie Mills

Statistics



Door count:
2,627,097



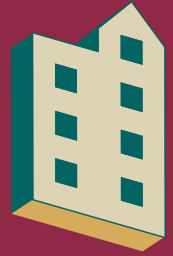
Items checked out:
12,440,323



Reference questions answered:
163,120

create

Create appointments:
13,276



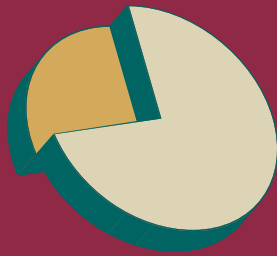
Rooms booked:
36,328

Library programs, outreach, and self-directed programs

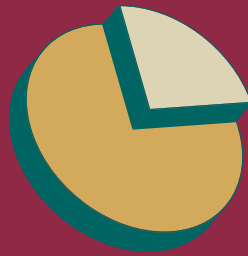
Program count:
12,384
programs

Program attendance:
506,808
attendees

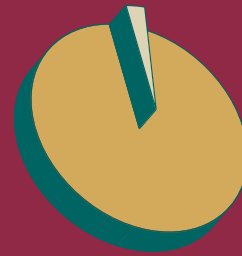
Materials circulation



Physical: **73%**



eMaterials: **24%**

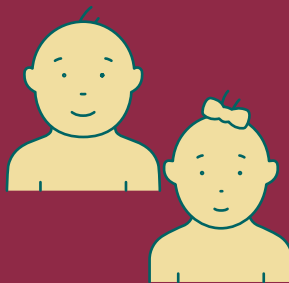


Databases: **3%**

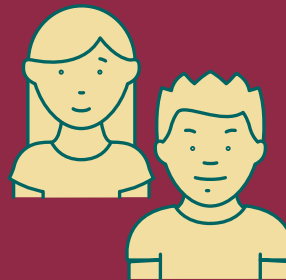


Items added to the system **710,412**

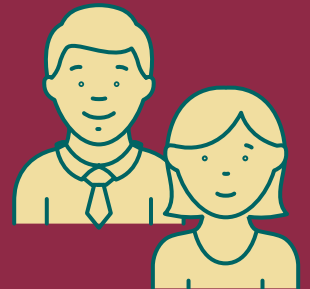
Available physical materials



Children: **5,111,408**



Teen: **485,623**



Adults: **3,370,521**

Highlights

Storytime to go backpacks in Spanish

The County Library expanded the Storytime to Go backpacks to include Spanish-language materials thanks to funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This funding was provided through the Library Services and Technology Act and administered by the Utah State Library Division. Storytime to Go backpacks contain activities, toys, books, and songs designed for families to share learning with little ones.



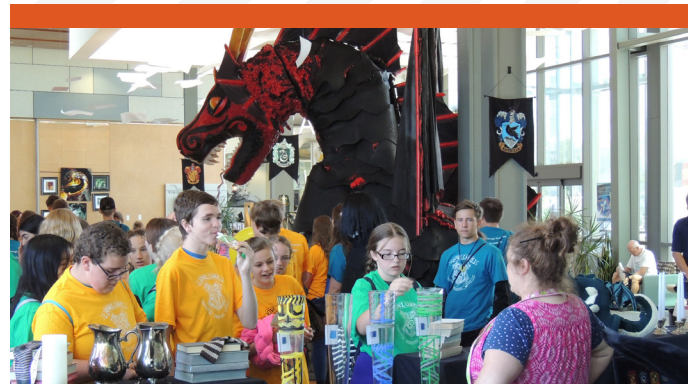
All-Star Winter Reading

In February 2023, the NBA All-Star game came to Salt Lake City, and the County Library had a unique opportunity through the Salt Lake County Mayor's Office to collaborate with the Utah Jazz and create a basketball-themed Winter Reading program. This special theme and promotion resulted in double the usual Winter Reading participation and a mascot meet-and-greet for finishers.



OWL Camp

Tweens and teens came together for OWL Camp—the County Library's annual STEAM summer camp with a wizarding theme. Through collaborations with Salt Lake County divisions and community partners, 1,000 kids met mysterious animals, explored the solar system, and created clever concoctions.



Branch Anniversary

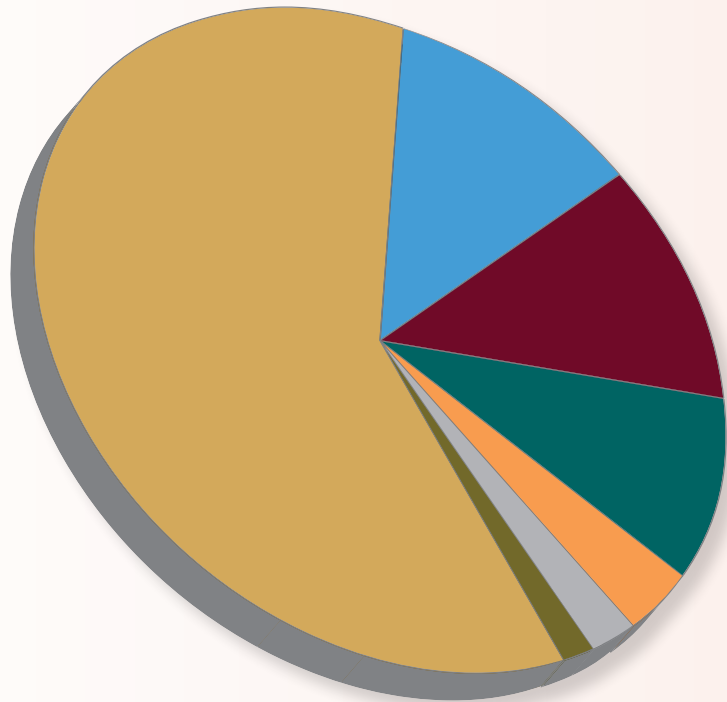
The Bingham Creek branch celebrated 25 years by traveling back in time to their opening in 1998. The anniversary party highlighted the late 90s with books, movies, music, and pop culture flashbacks. The Bingham Creek branch welcomes around 11,000 visitors every month, and circulated more than half a million items in 2023.



Financials

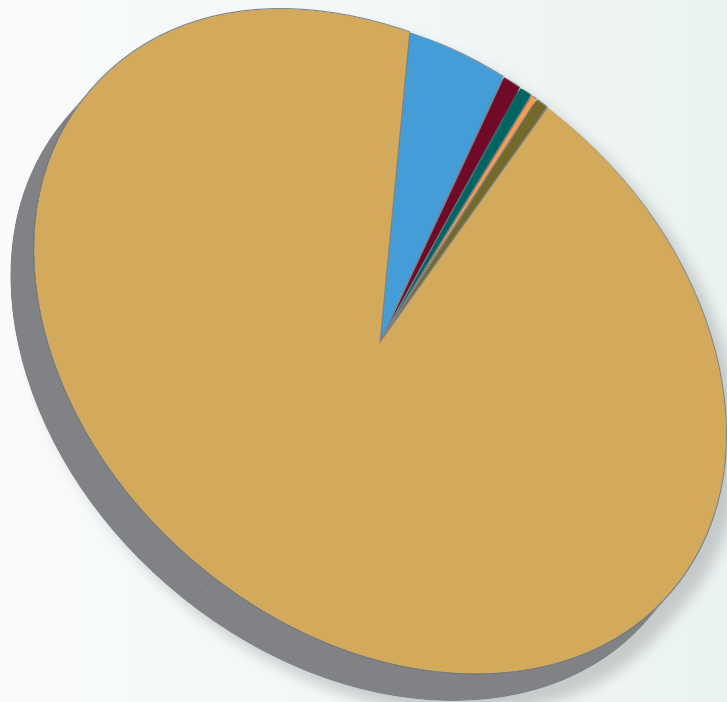
2023 Library Expenses

Personnel.....	\$34,588,095
Materials.....	\$6,435,009
Operating.....	\$6,369,097
Debt Service.....	\$5,604,969
Indirect Costs.....	\$2,186,839
IT Services	\$1,390,857
Capital Projects	\$903,110
Total	\$57,477,976



2023 Library Revenue

Property Tax.....	\$58,868,792
Motor Vehicle Fee.....	\$2,779,787
Fines & Fees	\$626,454
Grants & Contracts.....	\$372,146
Viridian Rental Income ..	\$146,219
Miscellaneous/Other	\$215,396
Total	\$63,008,794





Building investments

Xeriscaping

Replaced lawns at Granite, Hunter, and Sandy

Lighting

Upgraded lighting to LED at Herriman and South Jordan

Carpet

Replaced at Magna

Parking Lots

Repaired and resurfaced parking lots at Holladay, Hunter, Riverton, and Taylorsville

Roofing

Metal roof replacement at Whitmore



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