

Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024



Springfield-Greene County
Library District
SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI





The past year has been a transformative one for the Springfield-Greene County Library District, marked by growth, innovation and leadership changes. We were thrilled to announce our new Executive Director, Dr. Ed Walton. We finalized three renovation/building plans for The Library Center, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and Republic Branch Library. Program attendance rose, reflecting the enthusiasm and engagement of our patrons and so much more. This annual report highlights YOUR Library's achievements, milestones and the remarkable impact we have made together as a community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rachael Morrow, President

Stacey Penney, Vice President

Aaron Jones, Treasurer

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Clinton Beecham, Member

James Nevins, Member
(joined Jan. 2024)

Robert Stephens, Member

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David Yancey, Member

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(resigned Dec. 2023)

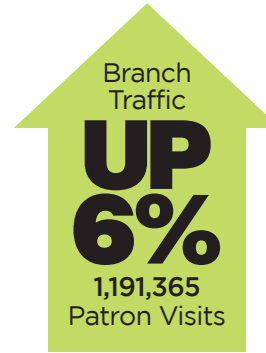
OUR MISSION:

Building a stronger community by enabling lifelong learning and enrichment.

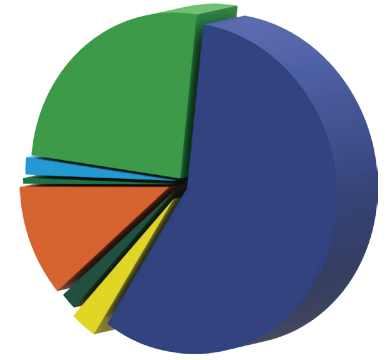
OUR VISION:

A thriving Library that is an integral part of the lives of the community.

NUMBERS



- Books: 1,554,758
- Digital Media: 683,101
- DVDs: 292,515
- Audiobooks: 72,191
- CDs: 43,696
- Interlibrary Loan: 39,355
- Other Physical Items: 19,705



Reference questions answered: 150,742

Attendance at library programs: 80,807 (up 16%)

Active Library cardholders: 101,061

Unique visitors to Website: 516,261

Bookmark contest entries: 1,214

Items in the collection (includes digital): 431,663

Items added in 2023-24: 75,365

SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook



18,552 Followers

Instagram



3,534 Followers

LinkedIn



912 Followers

e-Newsletter



15,928 Subscribers



SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2023

8,515 participants
12,071 books distributed
51,944 hours read

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALES

Fall 2023 \$190,326.05
Spring 2024 \$209,016.30

TOTAL \$399,342.35

SEVERAL MILESTONES

- Executive Director Regina Cooper retired December 2023 after 15 years
- New Executive Director, Dr. Ed Walton, announced June 2024
- Family Search Volunteers Jeff and Jodilyn Blake started scanning local history documents, August 2024
- Geezerfest, the Final Chapter, September 9, 2023
- Jan Brett visits December 9, 2023
- Community Fridge opened on August 22, 2023, at Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and then moved to the Library Station, distributing 9,316 pounds of free food to the community
- Hosted Good Morning Springfield, February 1, 2024
- Hosted Shelby Van Pelt for One Read on March 28, 2024
- Solar eclipse programs on April 8, 2024
- ARPA Projects announced (approved by the Board):
 - Midtown Carnegie Branch Library renovation
 - Library Center Hatch Auditorium addition
 - Republic Branch Library's new building
- Thank you to Associate Director Jim Schmidt, who served as interim director in 2024.



The Creek Rocks performing at The Library Center.



Patrons watching the solar eclipse at a library branch.



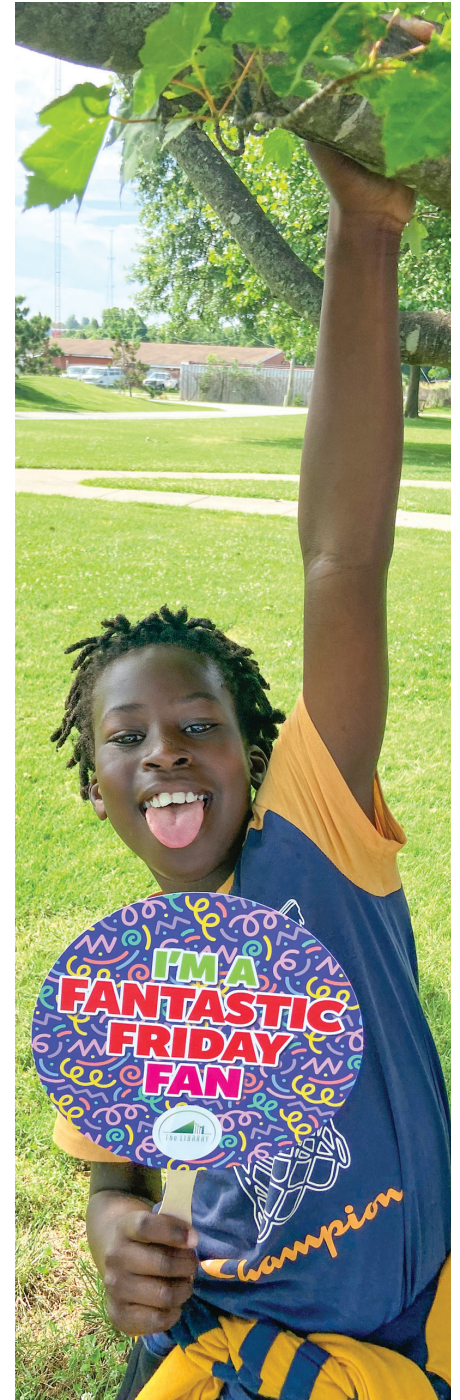
Author Shelby Van Pelt discussing "Remarkably Bright Creatures."



Patrons enjoying a visit by author Clay McLeod Chapman.



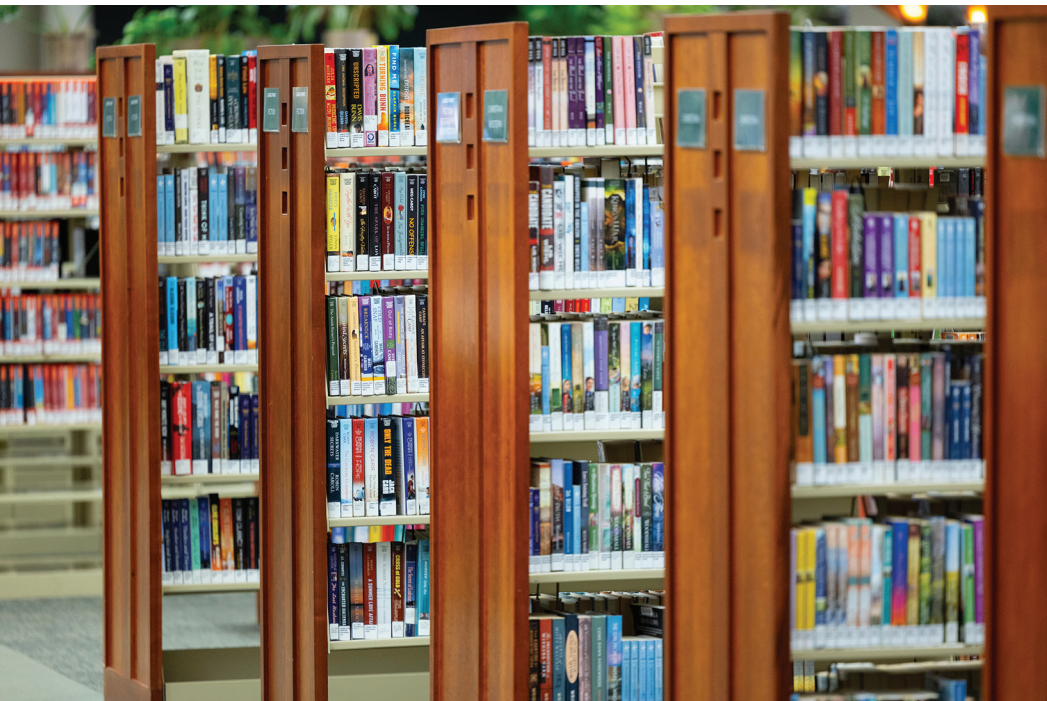
Bookie Monster book return at Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library.



An enthusiastic participant at the Fantastic Friday event at Gray Campbell Farmstead.

FINANCIALS

TOTAL REVENUE & OPERATING RESERVE CARRY-FORWARD:	\$20,140,656
Taxes	\$16,826,850
Overdue Fines and Fees.....	\$119,757
Grants/Contributions/State Aid	\$1,580,695
Service Fees	\$150,866
Miscellaneous Income and Interest.....	\$1,462,488
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$20,140,656
Salaries and Benefits	\$9,651,266
Library Materials	\$2,455,906
Other Operating Expenses	\$1,207,412
Facilities.....	\$581,859
Equipment and Capital Improvements	\$933,488
Debt Service.....	\$0
Professional Services and Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,599,317
Operating Reserve Carry-Forward	\$3,711,408



A SAMPLING OF OUR IMPORTANT
Nonprofit Community Partnerships

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| American Indian Center | MSU Special Collections and Archives |
| Alzheimer's Greater Missouri Chapter | NAACP Springfield Chapter |
| Better Block Springfield | Northview Senior Center |
| Better Life in Recovery | Ozarks Genealogical Society |
| Community Partnership of the Ozarks | School at the Discovery Center |
| Dickerson Park Zoo | SCORE Southwest Missouri |
| Downtown Springfield Association | Springfield Astronomical Society |
| Downtown CID | Springfield Better Business Bureau |
| Dream Center | Springfield-Greene County Health Department |
| Drew Lewis Foundation | Springfield Community Gardens |
| Fairbanks Community Center | Springfield Regional Arts Council |
| FamilySearch | Springfield's Rosie |
| History Museum on the Square | Springfield Symphony Orchestra |
| Master Gardeners of Greene County | State Historical Society of Missouri |
| Missouri Department of Higher Education | Temple Israel |
| Missouri Humanities Council and Workforce Development | U.S. Small Business Association |
| MSU English Language Institute | University of Missouri Extension Greene County |
| MSU International Programs | |

LOCATIONS

THE LIBRARY CENTER
ASH GROVE BRANCH LIBRARY
FAIR GROVE BRANCH LIBRARY
LIBRARY EXPRESS EAST/LIBRARY EXPRESS WEST
THE LIBRARY STATION
MIDTOWN CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY
OUTREACH SERVICES/MOBILE LIBRARY
PARK CENTRAL BRANCH LIBRARY
REPUBLIC BRANCH LIBRARY
SCHWEITZER BRENTWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY
STRAFFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
WILLARD BRANCH LIBRARY

