

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT



SHERRARD PUBLIC
LIBRARY DISTRICT

Dreams grow at the library!

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WELCOME

FROM OUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR
AND BOARD PRESIDENT

It is our pleasure to share with you the 2022-2023 Annual Report from the Sherrard Public Library District. The report highlights our key statistics and achievements that support our mission to meet the educational and recreational needs of the community, promote the exchange of ideas, and aid in the lifelong learning of the library community.

We hope you enjoy this peek into the work of our dedicated Library staff, and the many services, resources, and events that we provided during the past year.

We invite everyone to engage with the Library! Visit us on Instagram or Facebook, check out the online resources on our website, or stop in to explore the possibilities.

Tori Drews
Library Director

Allen Holdsworth
President, Board of Trustees

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KEY SERVICES

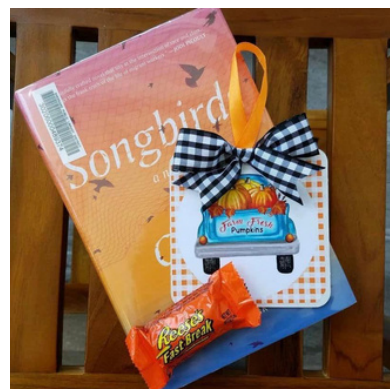
LIBRARY EVENTS

Sherrard Public Library District offers a variety of events for all age groups, including Crafts, Book Clubs, Take Home Book Bundles, and more!



BOOK BUNDLES

We offer three book bundle programs: Take Home Storytime Bags, Tween & Teen Book Bundles, and Adult Take a Book Break! Each bundle comes with library books (librarian's choice, the only item to return), snacks, crafts, and / or surprises!



BOOK CLUBS

Join us for Afternoon Book Club on the first Monday of every month, or Evening Book Club on the third Monday of every month.

Join us for great conversations with community members like yourself!

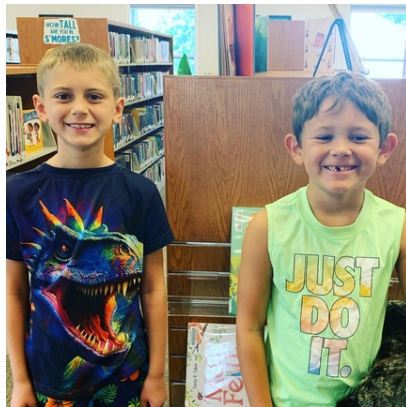


...& SO MUCH MORE!

Sherrard Library enjoys the opportunity to work with a variety of guest presenters and local schools, as well as finding unique ways to connect with our awesome community!



Patrons LOVED the words of kindness shared by local 4th Graders.



Braxton and Noah donated their Lemonade Stand tips to the library!



Santa was one of our special guests this year, along with Ballet QC, Critter Tracks, QC Dog Obedience Club, and WQPT.



This "Nacho Average Library" winner is all smiles for National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

COMMUNITY PASSES

Sherrard Library patrons may check-out passes which grant household admission to local attractions, including Figge Art Museum, The German-American Heritage Center, Niabi Zoo, Putnam Museum, and Quad City Botanical Center.



Or, rent a FunBundle - admission to Niabi Zoo, Putnam Museum, and QC Botanical Center all one card!

EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS



Library cardholders can also access discounts to attractions throughout Illinois, such as Chicago Children's Museum, Volcano Falls, Lakeside Water Park, and so much more!

COMPUTER ACCESS & MULTIUSE COPIER

No library card is needed to access one of our computers. Need a quick print? Connect wirelessly to our copier directly from your phone!

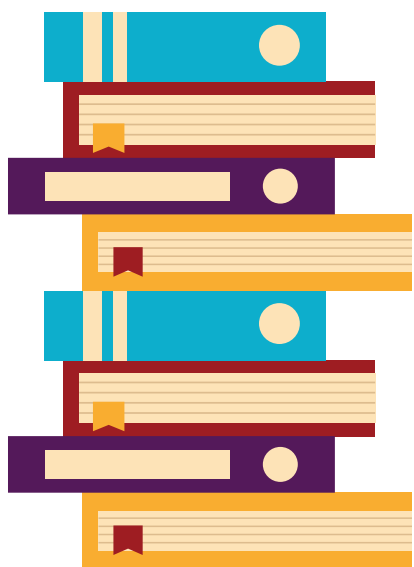


Copies, prints, faxes, and scan-to-email available!

READING PROGRAMS

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Each Summer, the Library offers a reading program that helps your family prevent the "summer slide" in reading skills through engaging goals and rewards. This year, 100 community members participated in Summer Reading, with 200 program completions!



464 Books Read
by Adults & Young Adults



27,360 Minutes Read
by Children

Meeting the summer reading goals allows you to earn prizes, and also enters you for chances to win our Grand Prizes! The more you read, the more chances to win!



Summer at the library wouldn't be complete without our programs! Summer Programs are designed to accompany our reading theme and promote educational goals, as well as be FUN for the whole family!

We were pleased to host 37 programs for 505 community members throughout June and July. Kiddos also enjoyed our campground play area during their visits!



1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Children ages 0-5 are eligible to participate in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, available year-round. Families can read any book with their child to participate, and children will be rewarded for their progress per every 100 books read! This is a great program for building pre-reading skills necessary for academic success.



Families can start their 1,000 Books journey anytime before Kindergarten! Visit our front desk for more information and to receive reading logs.

OUR COLLECTION

The Library offers the latest movies, audiobooks, graphic novels, and books for Adults, Teens, Tweens, and Children at all reading levels! Check out some of our collection highlights:

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Like traditional novels, graphic novels have exciting plots and are full of text. With more illustrations, however, many reluctant readers find graphic novels to have the extra support they need to finish a book. These are also a great option for children moving from picture books to chapter books!

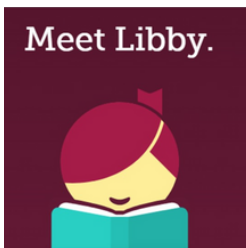
BOARDBOOKS



Our pre-reading kiddos will enjoy our Boardbook collection! Made from cardboard, these books can handle a little more wear-and-tear than picture books. Fun features like googly eyes, textures, and sliding pieces keep your little one engaged!

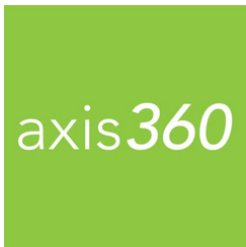
LARGE PRINT

Our Large Print collection is expanding! Thanks to the generous donations in memory of Diann Carran, an avid library advocate and reader of our Large Print collection, we have increased our monthly budget for two years. Stop by to see additional best-sellers and gentle reads with a larger text format.



EBOOKS & EAUDIOBOOKS

Can't make it to the library? Check out thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks using Libby or Axis360! Use your Sherrard Library Card number as username, and the last four digits of your library barcode number as your PIN to access these apps for free.



REFERENCE

Take a trip down memory lane with Sherrard High School Yearbooks (in-library use only)! Or, learn more about local history with in-library items like "The Sherrards in America," and "A History of Matherville." Other items about Mercer and Rock Island County history are available for check-out.

BY THE NUMBERS

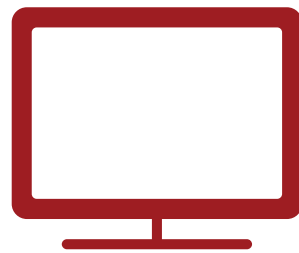
15,323

Visitors



527

Computer Sessions



2,224

Reference Questions



1,539

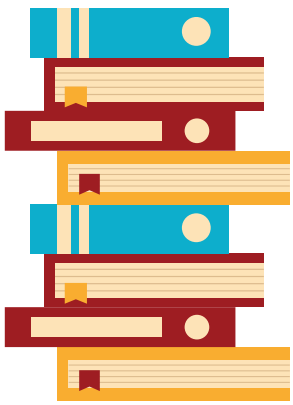
Library Cardholders



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Kid & Teen
cards are
fine-free!

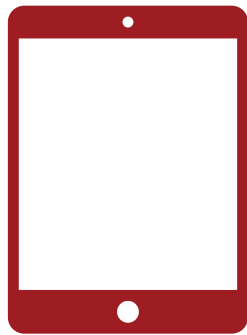
\$560,475
Collection Value

29,235



Checkouts

6,074



eBook
Checkouts

2,489

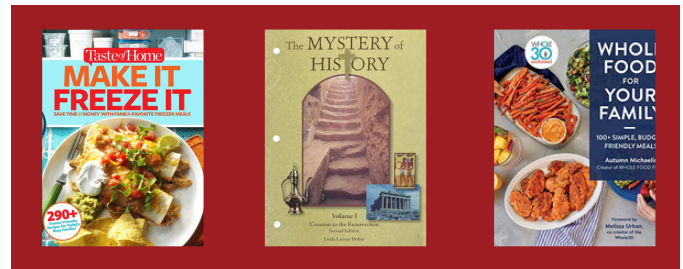
Items Added to
the Collection



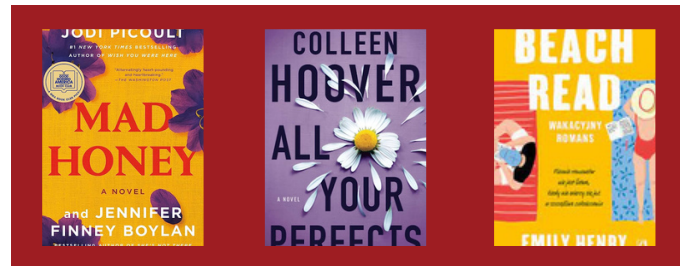
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Book Club
Members

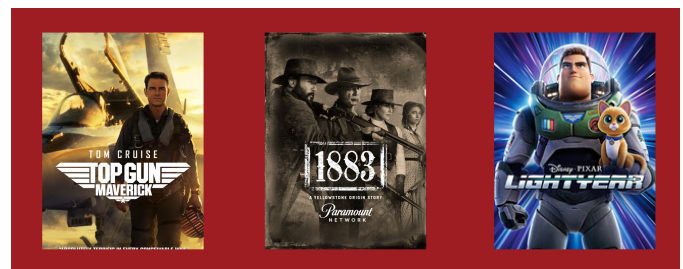
TOP CIRCULATING NON FICTION TITLES



TOP CIRCULATING FICTION TITLES



TOP CIRCULATING MOVIES





740
Book
Bundles



268
Programs



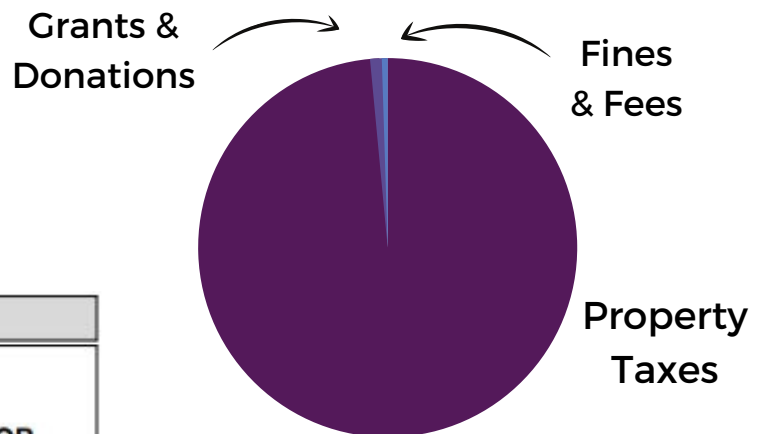
1,918
Program
Attendees



REFERENDUM

Thank you to everyone who inquired about the library's public question on April 4, 2023. The tax increase did not pass, with a deficit of 32 votes. I was encouraged by the amount of support we received, both in talking with you as well as at the ballot box. Indeed, nearly 400 of you came out to support us (in severe weather, no less)! To have such a close race is both encouraging and illustrative the importance of each and every vote.

LIBRARY SUPPORT

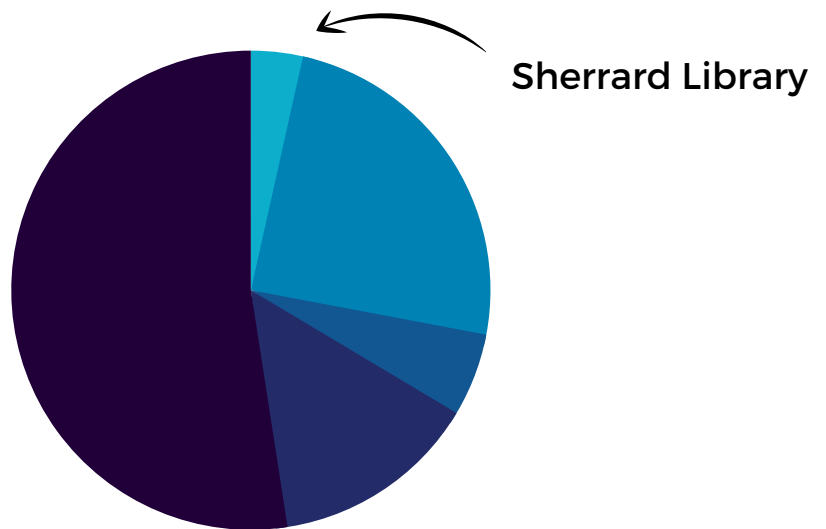


PROPOSITIONS
SHERRARD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
SHALL THE ANNUAL PUBLIC LIBRARY TAX RATE FOR THE SHERRARD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, MERCER AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, BE ESTABLISHED AT 0.19% OF FULL, FAIR CASH VALUE INSTEAD OF AT 0.15%, THE MAXIMUM RATE OTHERWISE APPLICABLE TO THE NEXT TAXES TO BE EXTENDED?
<input type="radio"/> YES
<input type="radio"/> NO

As public libraries do not operate on a profit margin and are not typically allowed to save monies, increased property tax revenue is the primary avenue for adjusting to financial challenges, such as the increasing minimum wages. Your taxes support more than 99% of the cost for staffing, programs, library materials, eBook fees, as well as the PrairieCat agreement fee (which provides access to Interlibrary Loans and access to other library locations)

Without additional funds, the remaining adjustment is to the library's budget - primarily in wages, operational hours, services, and materials. I can assure you that we work diligently to spend your tax support effectively and ethically; and, will continue to do so until we go back to your ballot in Spring 2025.

Did You Know? Your library taxes account for less than 03% of your total property taxes, even with the suggested tax increase!



THANK YOU!



On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, Library Director, and staff, we thank you for your support of the Sherrard Public Library District.

Please continue to learn, enjoy, and explore what the Library has to offer!

Mon, Tues, Thurs - 10 AM - 7 PM

Wed - 10 AM - 4:30 PM

Fri - 10 AM - 5 PM

Sat - 9 AM - 12 PM

