

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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, Storytimes, and more!



BOOK BUNDLES

We offer three book bundle programs: Take Home Storytime Bags, Tween & Teen Book Bundles, and our newest addition, Adult Take a Book Break! Added this year, Take a Book Break features two books from our NEW section (librarian's choice), a small take-and-make craft, and a sweet treat.

Each Book Bundle can be picked-up at the same time - offering you and your family a super convenient way to keep reading fun!

Library books are the only items to return.

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!

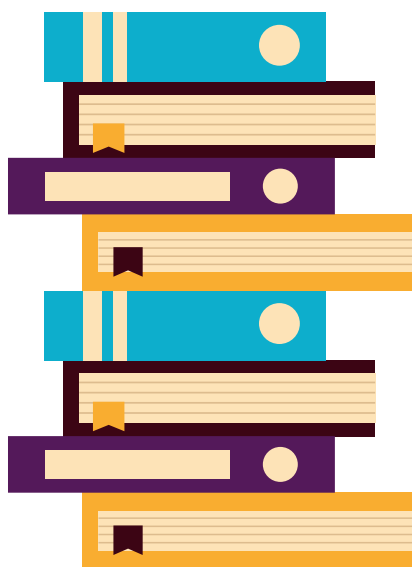


Copies, prints, faxes, and scan-to-email available!

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, 112 community members participated in Summer Reading, with 170 program completions!



407 Books Read
by Adults & Young Adults



47,160 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 you can 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 50 programs for 580 community members throughout June and July. Kiddos also enjoyed our sweet play area and take-and-make crafts 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 for 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!

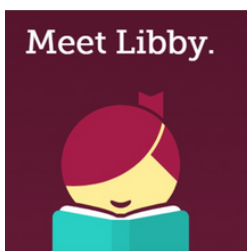
BEGINNING READERS

Children who are starting to sound out stories will find our Beginning / Level Readers section to be the perfect mix of easy words and fun illustrations.

Toddlers will also 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!

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.



EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

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.



NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES

Find daily copies of The Dispatch-Argus and USA Today, as well as weekly copies of Aledo Times Record at the library! We also subscribe to plenty of popular magazines, like People, All Recipes, National Geographic, and more. Newspapers are in-library use only, while magazines check out for one week.

BY THE NUMBERS

17,042

Visitors



576

Computer Sessions



1,647

Reference Questions



1,406

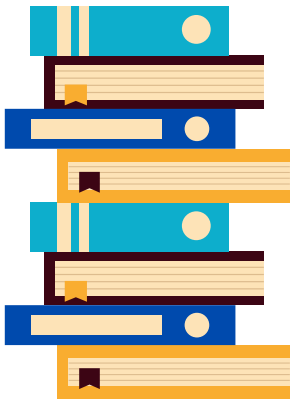
Library Cardholders



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fine-free!

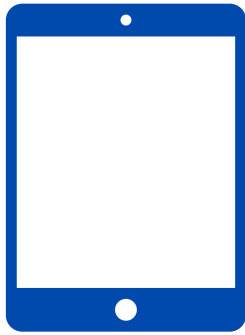
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Collection Value

28,916



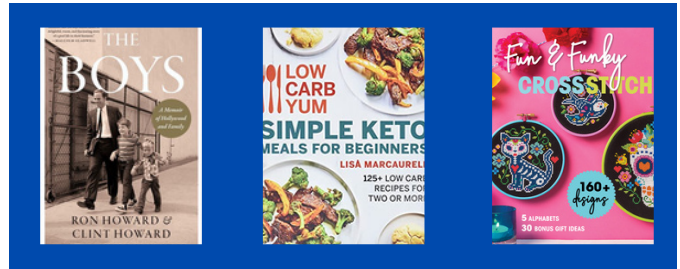
Checkouts

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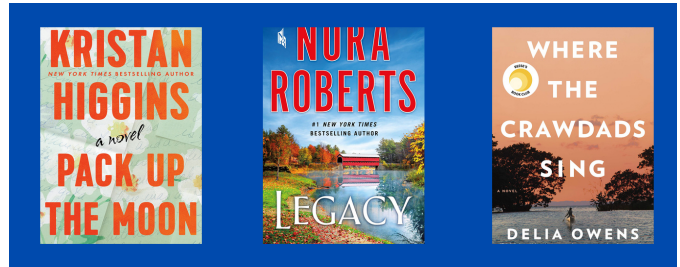


eBook
Checkouts

TOP CIRCULATING NON FICTION TITLES



TOP CIRCULATING FICTION TITLES



TOP CIRCULATING MOVIES



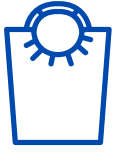
2,477

Items Added to
the Collection



30

Book Club
Members



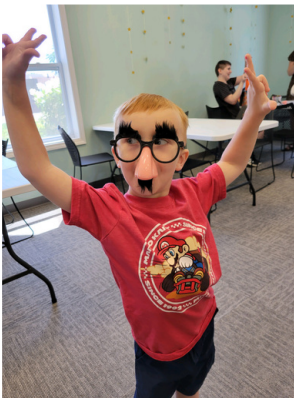
715
Book
Bundles



172
Programs



1,811
Program
Attendees



REFERENDUM

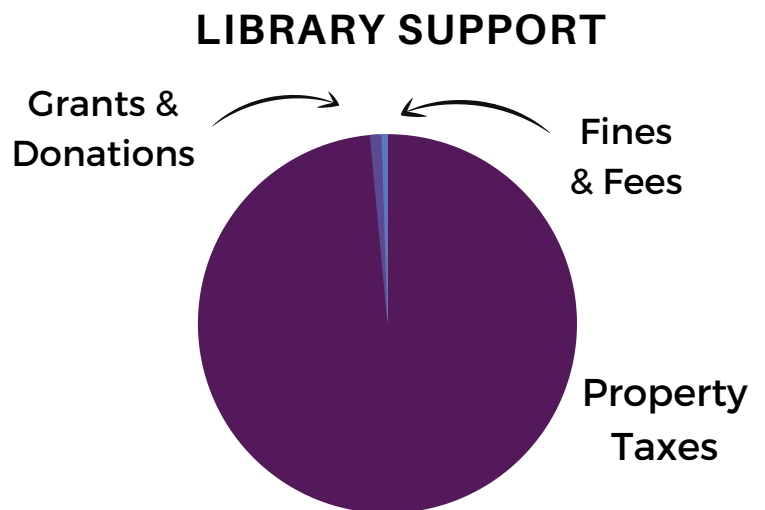
To address increasing minimum wages, the library is proposing a tax increase on the **April 04, 2023 ballot**.

The question provides voters an opportunity to approve ("yes") or disapprove ("no") of a 0.04% tax increase.

PROPOSITIONS
<p align="center">SHERRARD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT</p> <p>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?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES</p> <p><input type="radio"/> NO</p>

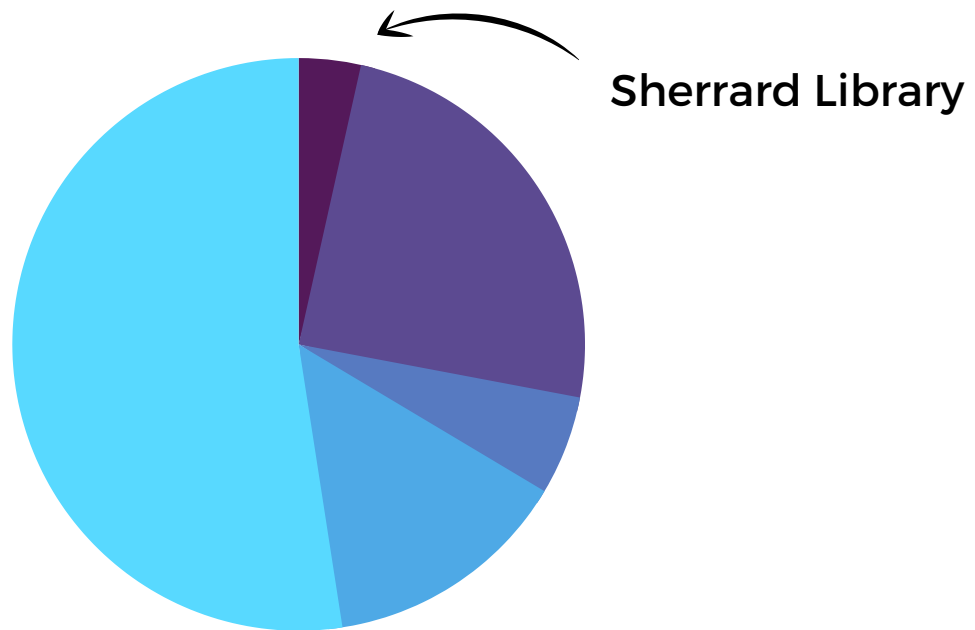
\$16 Increase*

*Example of property with net taxable value of \$40,000



Your taxes support 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).

If the ballot measure passes, your library taxes will still be less than 03% of your total property taxes.



To vote, make sure to be registered and know your polling place. For more information on registering, voting, or the ballot measure, do not hesitate to contact Director Tori.

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

