

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

# ANNUAL REPORT



SHERRARD PUBLIC  
LIBRARY DISTRICT

Dreams grow at the library!

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# WELCOME

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FROM OUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR  
AND BOARD PRESIDENT

It is our pleasure to share with you the 2023-2024 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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# BY THE NUMBERS

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14,880

Visitors



317

Computer Sessions



1,803

Reference Questions



1,387

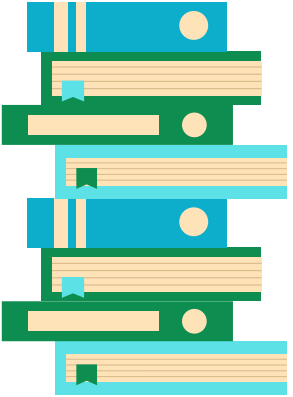
Library Cardholders



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Kid & Teen  
cards are  
fine-free!

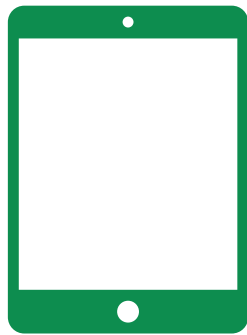


**\$ 581,370**  
Collection Value

**21,027**  


Checkouts

**6,912**



eBook  
Checkouts

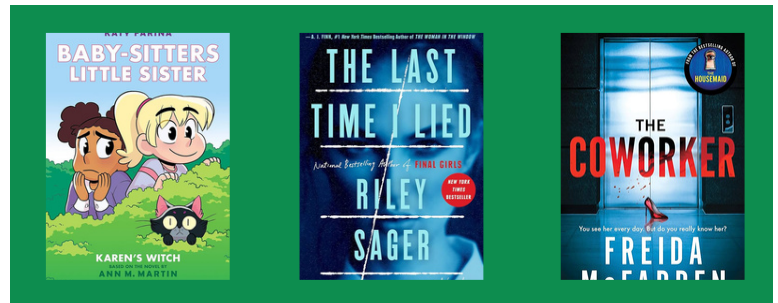


**34**  
Book Club  
Members

TOP CIRCULATING NON-FICTION TITLES



TOP CIRCULATING FICTION TITLES

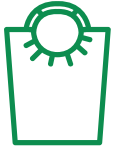


TOP CIRCULATING MOVIES



**2,255**

Items Added to  
the Collection



612  
Book  
Bundles



270  
Programs



1,851  
Program  
Attendees





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# KEY SERVICES

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## 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), crafts, and 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!



Thank you to Rollin' Hills Ranch for visiting the library with baby chicks!



Cast signing is a little-known service, offered year-round!



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



This patron knows that "Our Library ROCKS" during National Library Card Sign-Up Month!

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## 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!

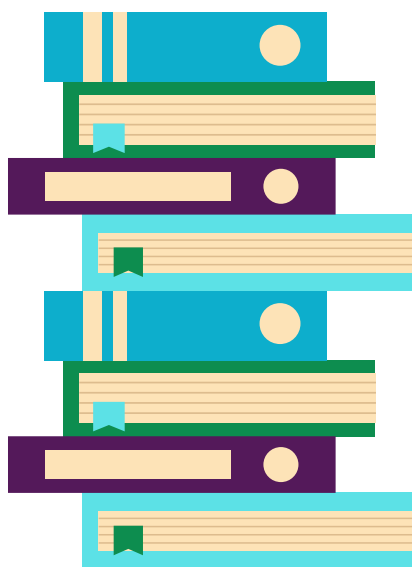
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# READING PROGRAMS

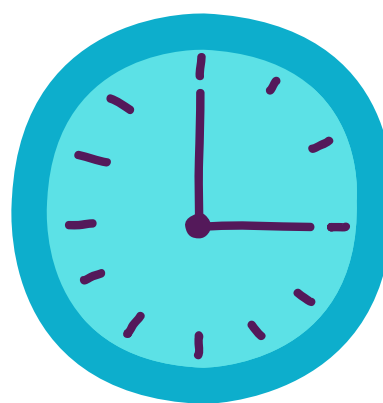
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## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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 334 program completions!



340 Books Read  
by Adults & Young Adults



1,515 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!





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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!



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## LITTLE SPROUTS

### 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 little sprout to participate, and children will be rewarded for their progress per every 100 books read! This is a great program for budding readers, as it sows the 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.

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# OUR COLLECTION

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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!

## BEGINNER CHAPTER BOOKS



Beginner chapter books are another great option for children moving from picture books to chapter books. Series like Acorn and Branches, featuring titles like “Kung Pow Chicken” and “Diary of a Unicorn,” can be found in our Juvenile section. For a list of titles owned by your library, check out our Goodreads list “Beginner Chapter Books”.

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## HOMESCHOOL RESOURCES

We encourage homeschool families to check out our Homeschool section - perfect for a variety of curriculums. Resources include "The Life of Fred," as well as titles for students and teachers. Families may also find our events, including Book Bundles, Activity Kits, and Storytimes to be beneficial for their coursework.

Homeschool families may contact the library for age accommodations for select events, such as Storytime.



## EBOOKS & EAUDIOBOOKS

Can't make it to the library? Check out thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks using Libby or Boundless! 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.



# 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

