

# FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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

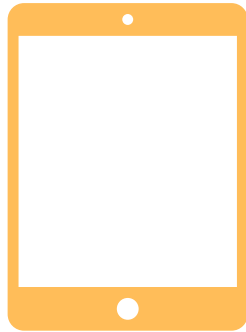
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# BY THE NUMBERS

**\$615,850**  
Collection Value

**21,160** **6,327**

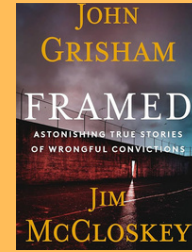


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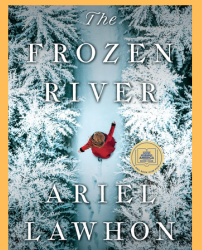
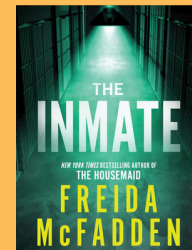
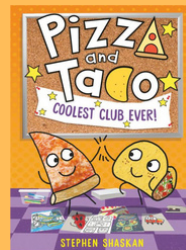
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Items Added to  
the Collection



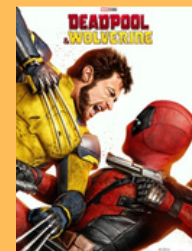
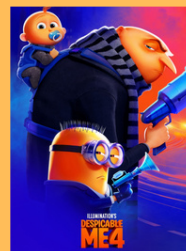
## TOP CIRCULATING NON-FICTION TITLES



## TOP CIRCULATING FICTION TITLES



## TOP CIRCULATING MOVIES



NEW RELEASE BOOKS, DVDS, AND  
BOOKS ON CD ARE ADDED TO OUR  
COLLECTION EACH WEEK!





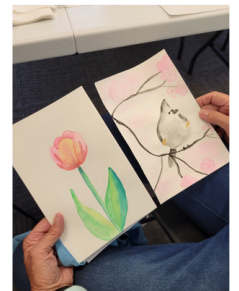
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Programs



1,564  
Program  
Attendees



500  
Book  
Bundles



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15,102

Visitors



380

Computer Sessions



2,174

Reference Questions



1,421

Library Cardholders



70

Study / Meeting  
Room Reservations



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# LIBRARY EVENTS

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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!



Bundles are packaged for a quick pick-up that keeps your family enjoying the library - even when you're too busy to browse! Over 500 bundles were sent home this year.



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## STORYTIME

Join us for read aloud stories and crafts at Storytime! Storytime helps children learn social and listening skills, expand vocabulary, and broad imagination - all while having fun with their friends! Children through age 12 are welcome - perfect for homeschooling families.



## BOOK CLUBS

Sherrard Library hosts two monthly book clubs with 31 members to discuss titles from various genres. Members have a library copy automatically held under their account for convenient pick-up, and registration for monthly meetings is not required. Ask the front desk to get started!

## CRAFTS

A variety of crafts are offered throughout the year for children, teens, and adults! Take Home Crafts offer children and teens to stay creative around their busy schedule, while adults can enjoy both Take Home and In-Person options. Learn new skills and connect with your neighbors!





...& SO MUCH MORE!

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



Teens had an opportunity to learn about the library industry and gain hands-on experience with relevant skills.



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



Keep an eye out for seasonal Little Explorer Boxes, featuring early education activities.



We LOVE hosting Sherrard Grade School classes to talk about the Summer Reading Program!



The Big Man and some furry friends from QC Therapy Dogs visited this Christmas season!

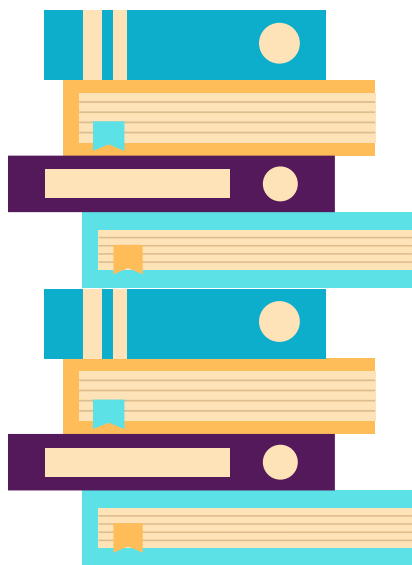
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# READING PROGRAMS

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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 366 program completions!



452 Books Read  
by Adults & Young Adults



34,000 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 over 300 community members for a variety of events, including Touch a Tractor, Critter Tracks: We Dig Critters, Stuffed Animal Overnight, Storytime and more!





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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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# HIGHLIGHTS

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## FINE FREE CARDS

Patrons 17 and under, or 62 and over do not incur fines when checking out at Sherrard Library! Fine free cards are a stress-free way to enjoy the library.

## 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!

## 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. Automated returns mean you'll never have to pay an overdue fine!



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## IMAGINATIVE PLAY SECTION

A cozy section made for light play, children can engage in imaginative play to foster creativity, problem-solving, and social skills.

Direct supervision is required to ensure child's safety.



## TAKE AND MAKE CRAFTS

Don't forget to stop by the front desk for a simple and charming Take-and-Make Craft! We give you the paper pieces, and you make the craft at home.

Any child can select one craft per visit - perfect for out-of-district children or to make an impromptu Storytime at home!

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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 and Storytimes to be beneficial for their coursework.

## LOCAL RELEVANCE REFERENCE MATERIALS

Take a trip down memory lane with Sherrard High School Yearbooks, or peruse local landownership with County Plat Books (in-library use only)! Other items about Mercer and Rock Island County history are available for check-out.

## 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!



# 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

