

Eastpointe Memorial Library

Annual Report

2022-2023



From the Director

Historically, libraries were crucial in creating literate environments in our communities. For years, literacy meant the ability to read and comprehend. Literacy is no longer just about being able to read. It takes on many forms: cultural, social, civic, environmental, and digital, to name a few. Expanding the library's role helps us provide residents with the tools they need to become proficient in many areas of life. We want our library patrons to have access to materials and programming that help them become well-rounded, fulfilled people. While many programs are planned by our skilled staff, forming partnerships within and outside the city allows us to provide more than we can do. Our collection grows and changes with the needs of our patrons as well.

The most significant thing that happened to our library cooperative this reporting year was the change in the shared library computer system. This was a considerable undertaking behind the scenes. The incredibly talented IT team at Suburban Library Cooperative made this changeover relatively painless. They provided training videos for employees to learn the new system before it went live. The transition only impacted patrons when the computer system went down for three weeks. Our dedicated staff served our patrons the best they could during this time. Once Polaris went live, it was business as usual.

Eastpointe Memorial Library continues to move ahead so we can make a difference in our community.

Please enjoy the highlights of a busy and meaningful year.

Sincerely,

Sue Todd



Our Vision

Eastpointe Memorial Library is the heart of a city where people of all ages, backgrounds, and cultures engage in lifelong learning and discovery while actively participating in the life of the community.

Our Mission

The mission of the Eastpointe Memorial Library is to provide for all its residents, informational, educational, cultural and recreational materials in various media, within the necessary limitations of budget and space, recognizing the wide diversity of tastes, interest's, education and cultural backgrounds of the community.

"Since 1939, the Eastpointe Memorial Library has offered comfort, empowerment, and a respite to many, and we will continue to do so in the years to come. What remains constant is our dedication to making the Library even better for our residents. " ST

OUR CORE VALUES



Core Values

The enduring values of librarianship include those expressed in the American Library Association Core Values of Librarianship Statement, the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read Statement, and the American Library Association Code of Ethics. These values include access, confidentiality and privacy, democracy, diversity, education and lifelong learning, intellectual freedom, service, and social responsibility.

We affirm these professional values and are guided by four core organizational values. These core values are vital to the entire organization because they help every staff person understand our identity as an organization and what directs our work.

Community

We know that our efforts will have a larger impact when we intentionally center them on the aspirations and lives of the people in our community and the patrons who use our Library.

Collaboration

We pursue our mission most effectively when we develop relationships and work in concert with our community, colleagues, and partners.

Compassion

We value a community who embraces people of all cultures and backgrounds.

Curiosity

We nurture an open-minded and creative environment that encourages everyone to explore new experiences, ideas, and information.

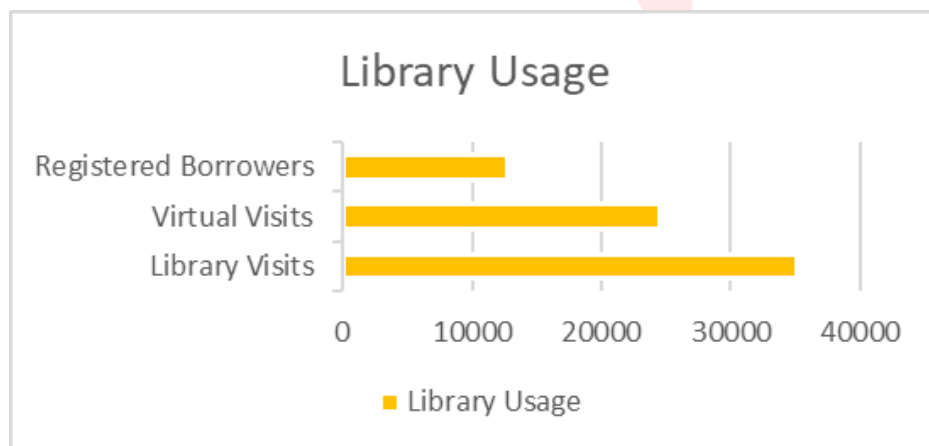
PATRON ENGAGEMENT

By the Numbers

Number of active registered borrowers: 20,052

Total Library Visits: 40,425

Total Virtual Visits: (Library Website, Social Media) 13,607 views



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COLLECTIONS

Total Number of Adult Books:	42,659
Total Number of Youth Books:	21,330
Total Number of Digital Books:	16,757
Total Number of Audio Books:	1,655
Total Number of DVDs:	4,162
Total Number of Hotspots:	6
Total Number of STEAM Kits:	10



Newly created teen area



Library of Things



New magazine shelving and video games



New Book Area



NonFiction



AV Room + Fish Tank



Youth Area

Total Items Circulated: 64,297

Circulation of youth materials: 12,538

Circulation of adult materials: 38,472

Circulation of electronic materials: 10,115

Electronic database use: 3,172

“At the Eastpointe Memorial Library, you will still find the items you would expect to see in a library: books, magazines, newspapers, music, computers, and databases. You will also find many nontraditional resources: shredder, projector, large blow-up screen, candy and cake molds, popcorn and candy cotton machines, laptop, wi-fi hot spots, metal detector, garden seeds, and more.” ST



Total Reference Transactions: 12,027

Adult	9,012
Youth	971
Phone	994

“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one” Neil Gaiman

Interlibrary Loan

Number of items loaned to other libraries:	8,406
Number of items borrowed from other libraries:	8,085



Our hold shelf is constantly filled with books from libraries within and outside our cooperative.

Computer Usage

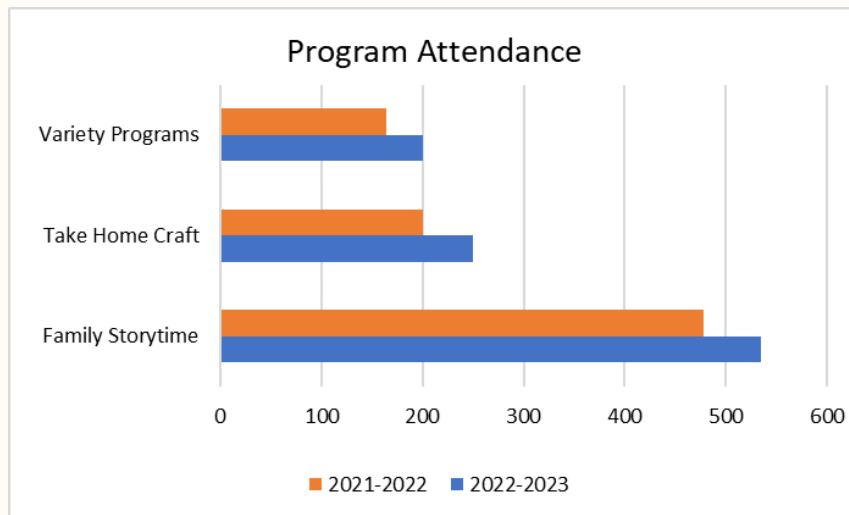
Public Internet Use:	3,781 hours
Children’s Computer Use:	72 hours
Wi-Fi Use:	8,383 connections



Program Attendance By The Numbers

Youth Programs

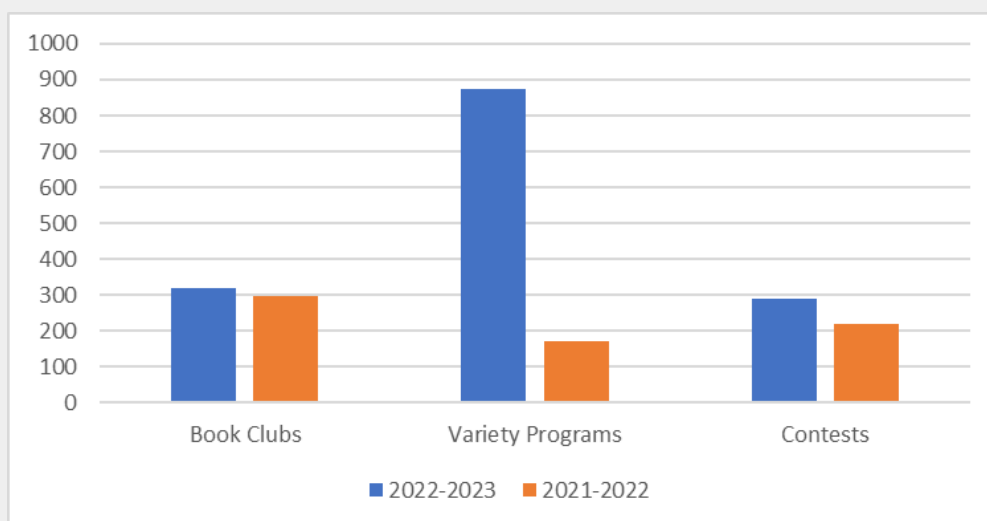
Family Storytime	535
Take Home Craft	250
Variety Programs	164



“We had plenty of programs for youth, especially in the Summer. Water Fun Day, Nature Center Speaker, Stuffies and Stories, Under the Sea Puppet Show, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Kiwanis Scavenger Hunt and Storytime Sessions were some of the programs offered this year.” ST

Adult Programs

Book Club	318
Variety Programs	872
Contests	289



Eagle Scout Project

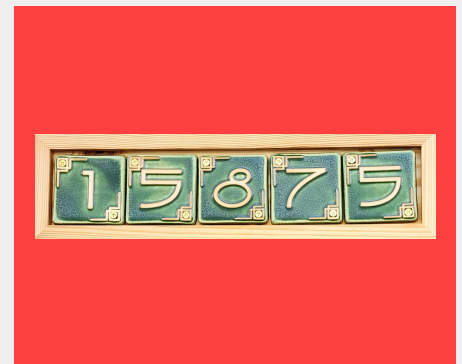
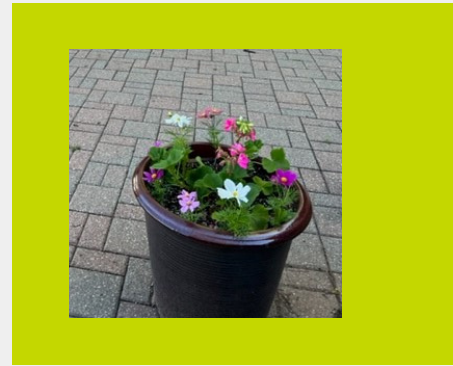
Summer of 2023

We were fortunate to have an Eastpointe Eagle Scout candidate ask to do his project for the library. One idea was to create a story walk at Spindler Park. A story walk brings books to families in a unique setting outside the library. Kevin agreed to do this project; he and his scout troop made and installed 18 frames. Stories are selected quarterly, then pages are deconstructed, laminated, and placed in a frame.

We are grateful to the Eastpointe Park Commission, Joe Merucci, J. J. Miche, Darin Paolucci, and everyone involved who made this project possible.



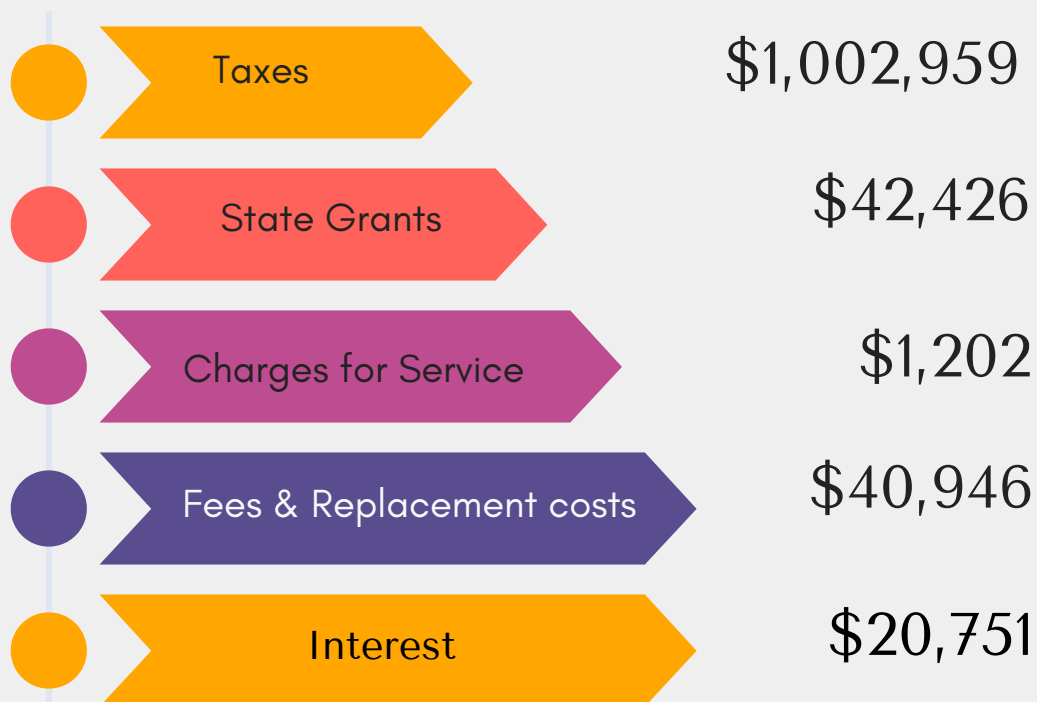
The Friends of the Library



The Friends of the Library is a dedicated group of volunteers who use proceeds from fundraising activities and annual memberships to purchase items the library budget does not support.

Every year since 2015, the Friends create a one-of-a-kind Christmas ornament that patrons look forward to purchasing. The Friends organize and host the Book and Media Sale four times yearly. Once a year, they partner with the Beautification Commission and host a perennial exchange on the Saturday of the Spring Book and Media sale. The Friends are responsible for paying for the fish tank maintenance, new trash cans outside the library and in the community room, Pewabic address tiles, reupholstering chairs, purchasing flowers for the courtyard, the flyer stand we use to advertise weekly events; that's what they did in a year. We are appreciative for all they do to make the library a better place.

Revenues



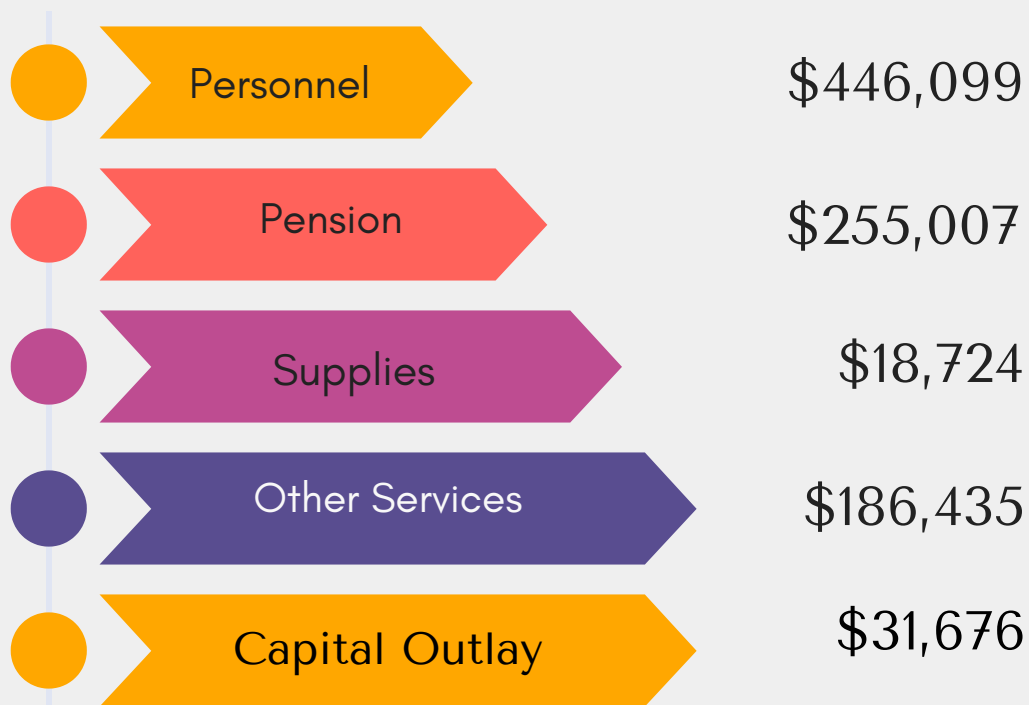
Total Revenues: \$1,108,284



“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.”

Sidney Sheldon

Expenses



Total Expenditures:
\$937,941

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”

—Andrew Carnegie

Library Board of Commissioners

President: Craig Wodecki
Vice-President: Mary Glassco
Secretary: Kevin Murphy
Member: LaDonna Leyva
Council Liaison: Harvey Curley

Friends of the Eastpointe Memorial Library

President: Nancy Sarmaga
Vice-President: Evelyn Chereson
Treasurer: Evelyn Chereson
Secretary: Abby Bond
Trustee: Peggy Phillips
Trustee: Craig Wodecki
Member: Kathy Diczko
Member: Angie Witting
Member: Kathy Etenhoffer
Member: Jill Fleischmann
Member: Carol Sterling

Full-Time Staff

Director: Sue Todd
Youth Services Librarian/Head of Adult and Technical Services: Abby Bond
Clerk: Amy McGee
Clerk: Theresa Evans

Part-Time Staff

Librarian: Elizabeth Nahat
Librarian: Sylvia Arakelian
Librarian: Mae Coppi
Librarian: LaTonya Irby
Circulation Aide: Mixie Clerard
Circulation Aide: Katina Sanders
Circulation Aide: Peggy Phillips
Circulation Aide: Peggy Parrish
Circulation Aide: Amber Wyatt

“Over the past two years, we made several additions to our excellent staff and support team, who genuinely understand the incredible value the Eastpointe Memorial Library brings to our community. Couple that with our collection and services; we are that place in the community that patrons continue to depend on.” ST