

Sammy S. earned her U.S. Citizenship with the help of resources at Brunswick Library.



Memory Care class in senior living residence.



Children playing with Adapted Toy Packs

## Director's Notes by Julianne Bedel



Medina County District Library's mission is to enrich life in the county with outstanding and innovative library services for all. We achieve this through partnerships, networking with other libraries, and providing staff continuing education. We stay connected to the community and evolve our materials and services as needs change.

MCDL's Board serves as the community's voice. I'm thankful for the trustees' gift of time, talent, and service. In her final year on the board, President Maria Griffiths led our trustees with an emphasis on community engagement and commitment to inclusion, which is evident in the priorities of the strategic plan.

Listening to the community's voice continued with a survey of residents. Areas that received high levels of satisfaction included variety of materials in the collection, research assistance, check out speed, quiet environment, personalized instruction, and staff response to individual needs. Areas for potential improvement included library cleanliness, condition of equipment, and quick reference services. In overall satisfaction, 88% of respondents would recommend MCDL to a friend or family member and 86% stated their needs are met through library services. This data-driven survey was conducted at the start of the strategic plan and will be repeated at the conclusion to measure growth. We're grateful to everyone who participated in the survey. We value your feedback and will use it for continued improvement.

Thank you to our community partners, trustees, Friends of the Library, volunteers, staff, and everyone who supports and uses the library.

***We look forward to a productive 2024.***



## Accomplishments

- 533,163** people visited MCDL locations
- 95,986** patrons attended **3,311** events
- 55,590** people attended **3,727** meetings
- 9,012** new library cards issued, for a total of **89,412**
- 8,654** patrons visited the Family History & Learning Center
- 3,634** Passport applications processed
- 486** school and daycare visits conducted by staff
- 80** people took the GED test at Medina Library

## Summer & Winter Reading Games

- 6,952** children played, with more than **800** playing twice
- 1,149** teens read for **755,405** minutes
- 1,437** adults read and logged **8,174** books

## Enriching Services for All Patrons

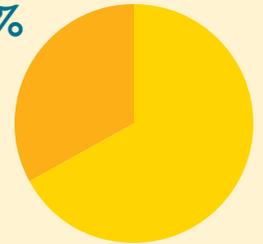
- 1,000** older adults in care facilities experienced a program presented by Outreach Services staff
  - 120** Wi-Fi Hotspots, made available through federal and local partnerships, provided more than **84** terabytes of data to patrons
  - 45** Adapted Toy Packs debuted with books and an interactive toy for use by kids of all abilities
  - 4** Hearing Loop locations installed in Medina Library provide hearing assistance for events and customer interactions
  - 1** patron earned U.S. Citizenship with the help of Brunswick Library staff and inspired a Citizenship Corner to assist others
- Children's Departments offer inclusive events such as Adapted and ASL Storytimes, visits with Santa, and music classes
- MCDL became a Dementia Inclusive Public Library per the Ohio Council for Cognitive Health. We offer Memory Café events and Memory Care Kits for caregivers.

## Collection

- 558,092** items in the collection
- 104,253** items added in 2023

## Check Out %

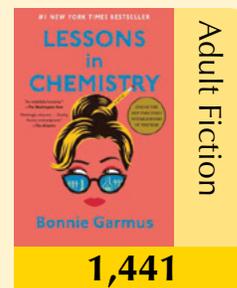
- 33%** eMedia
- 67%** Physical



## Check Outs

Books	1,376,812
eMedia	950,214
Movies	378,541
Magazines & Comics	51,087
Audiobooks	50,182
Music	44,099
Video Games	18,213
Hotspots, Devices & Kits	11,244
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,880,392</b>

## Most Checked Out Titles



## General Operating Fund

**Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/2023:** \$ 11,280,475

### Revenues

Property Taxes (Medina County)	\$ 6,806,583	54.3%
Public Library Fund (State of Ohio)	4,744,859	37.9%
Fees	272,186	2.2%
Investment Income	548,004	4.4%
Refunds/Other	158,952	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,530,584</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 6,189,106	55.4%
Supplies	157,635	1.4%
Contracted Services	1,971,518	17.6%
Library Materials	1,839,686	16.5%
Capital & Other Expenses	168,855	1.5%
Transfers to Other Funds	850,000	7.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,176,800</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2023:** \$ 12,634,259

Full financial report available at [mcdl.info/AnnualReport](http://mcdl.info/AnnualReport).

## MCDL Ends 2023 Debt-Free

Medina County tax-payers will see a reduction in their 2024 tax bill as MCDL's 2003, \$42.3 million tax bond issue was paid off December 2023. This means county taxpayers will support their six library locations and Outreach Services at the lowest tax rates since 2002.

The bond funded new construction and major remodeling/expansion of all the county libraries between 2005 and 2008. Thanks to a refinancing in 2012, the library saved \$2.4 million in interest costs on the bond, a savings that was passed on to tax payers.

Now MCDL only has a 1.5 mil operating levy, which collects at less than \$40 a year for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

## Staff Honors

Congratulations to **Jenna Elswick**, Human Resources Manager, and **Dan Holahan**, Lodi Library Manager, graduates of 2023 Leadership Medina County programs. Library Director, **Julianne Bedel**, graduated from Leadership Ohio.

## Supporting Our County

**9,944** snacks were provided to kids at MCDL locations in partnership with Feeding Medina County.

**1,033** knitted and crocheted items were collected for Warm Up Medina County and given to local charities such as Job & Family Services, Salvation Army, Hospice of the Western Reserve, and more.

**1,000** Kindergarten Kits were distributed to families preparing their children for school.

**900** Caregiver Kits were distributed to new parents/caregivers of babies and include materials to support early childhood development. Funded in part by Medina Sunrise Rotary and Ohio Early Intervention.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Donations

**\$30,600**

**Friends of MCDL**

**\$3,225**

**Various Donors, see list**

*In Memory of  
Mary Ellen Hargrove*

**\$1,000**

**Donna Arick**

## Grants

**\$20,000 • \$500**

**American Library  
Association**

**\$1,000**

**Medina Sunrise  
Rotary Club**

## In Memory

We honor the memory of **Kelly Conner**, MCDL Fiscal Officer, who passed away February 22. Kelly's expertise was vital in sound fiscal planning through the pandemic and to the creation of the new Strategic Plan.

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## In Memory of Mary Ellen Hargrove

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