



2023-2024
Annual Report





The report you are holding is smaller than our traditional reports. In it, you will find our annual financial and statistical data, along with highlights of what you will find when you visit our first-ever interactive “Year in Review” website. You can visit that site here:



mymcpl.org/YearInReview

Inspire Empower Connect

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These three core principles—Inspire, Empower, Connect—have come to signify the best of what we do and provide a guidepost for where we want to go, informing everything from our strategic initiatives to our daily interactions with patrons.

*- Aaron B. Mason,
Library Director and CEO*



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We on the Board of Trustees are privileged and honored to be with our librarians who selflessly serve over 850,000 of us in the district, and to experience the voters' and taxpayers' continuing vision and support.

- Ronald Thiewes,
Board of Trustees, President



In 2023-2024,
Mid-Continent Public Library
customers checked out
10 million items for the first
time ever. That number is a testament
to the voracious appetite our communities
have for reading and a demonstration of
their engagement with the Library.



All Together Now Summer

Summer Library Program
JUNE 1 - AUGUST 22, 2023

Learn more and Register at mymcpl.org/SLP

23,297
Summer Library
Program
Participants

973,564
Total Days of
Summer Reading



With the openings of the East Independence and Riverside Branches in June 2024, MCPL completed its six-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Library renovated, replaced, or built 34 facilities in that time span, improving the in-library experience for customers across our three counties.



Mid-Century Public Library launched a new video project called **Nice to Meet You**. The project tells the stories of members of our communities and gives us all the opportunity to gain a little more insight into our neighbors.



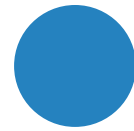
Technology is becoming more and more integrated into every aspect of our lives, including how we see the world and interact with one another.

Facing the Future is a programming series from MCPL that takes a moment to examine emerging technologies and expand our understanding of what they mean for each of us.

At left: Author Tobias Rose-Stockwell, Facing the Future series



Published by **The Story Center's** Woodneath Press in 2022, playwright Olivia Hill's memoir, *Travel North Black Girl*, won first place for nonfiction from the Missouri Writers Guild in 2023.



Customers digitized 12,670 items using the Memory Lab at the **Midwest Genealogy Center**.



99% of **Culinary Center** customers reported they learned something new and were inspired to pursue more information on the topic after attending a Culinary Center program.

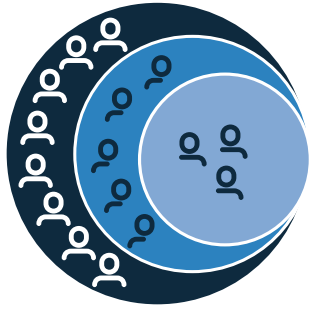


MCPL's **Square One** team held 506 one-on-one appointments with small business owners and people seeking career help.



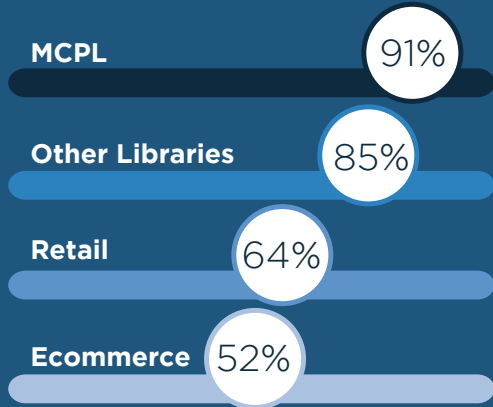
MCPL launched a new **Reading Rocket** and gave away 9,160 free books to kids.

Cardholders



840,292
**Library District
Population**
521,316
Cardholders
309,023
Active Cardholders

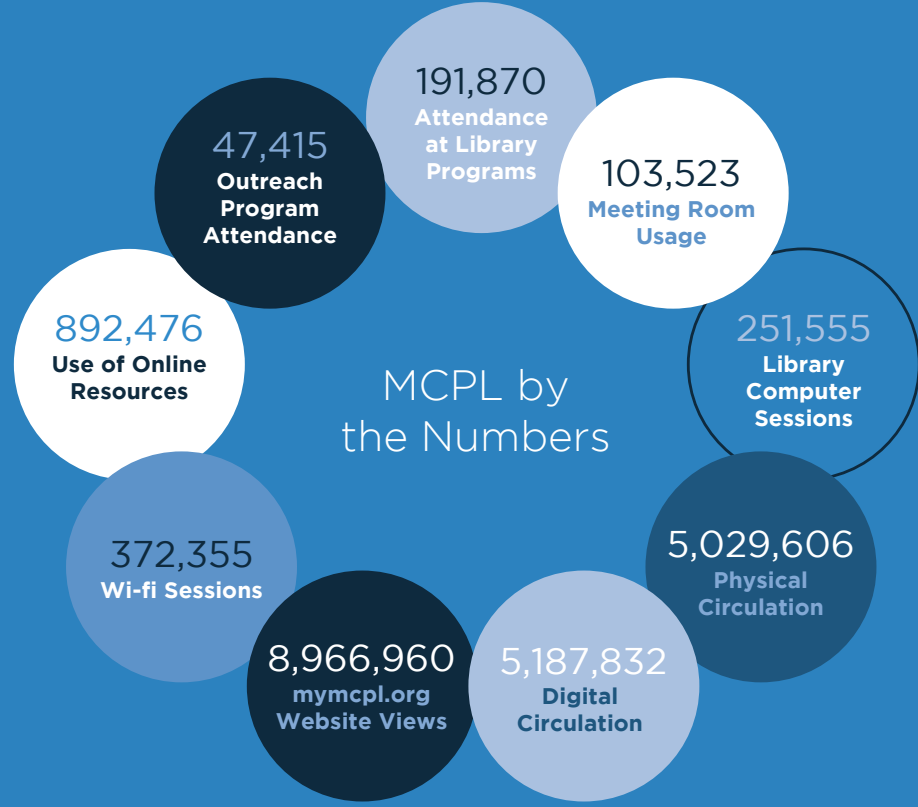
Customer
Satisfaction



2,491,079
Library Branch Visits

13,014,268
Total Transactions

MCPL by
the Numbers



95.3%
Property Taxes
\$59,727,884



1.5%
Fines, Fees, and Others
\$937,239

1.6%
Investment Income
\$1,129,981

1.6%
Contributions and Grants
\$800,003

19.5%
Library Materials
\$11,229,462



62.1%
Payroll and Benefits
\$35,771,279

17.9%
Library Operations
\$10,318,502

.5%
Capital Outlay
\$239,756

	Operating Fund	Capital Project Fund	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 59,727,884	\$ -	\$ 6,560,000	\$ -
Fines and Fees	937,239	297	-	-
Investment Income	998,310	1,082,099	22,312	35,334
Contributions and Grants	996,062	-	-	374,541
Total Revenues:	\$62,659,495	\$ 1,082,396	\$ 6,582,312	\$ 409,875
Expenditures:				
Payroll and Benefits	35,771,279	-	-	-
Library Materials	11,229,462	-	-	-
Library Operations	10,318,502	-	6,572,231	387,171
Capital Outlay	239,756	14,572,699	-	-
Total Expenditures:	\$57,558,999	\$ 14,572,699	\$ 6,572,231	\$ 387,171
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Fund Transfer In (Out)	(9,346,750)	9,350,000	-	(3,250)
Property Disposal	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	\$39,584,230	\$ 5,681,531	\$ 20,496	\$ 1,261,573
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$35,337,976	\$ 1,541,228	\$ 30,577	\$ 1,281,027



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