
ISHPEMING CARNEGIE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

2023
ANNUAL
REPORT

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LIBRARY



Who's who at the library?

Library Staff

Jessica Shirtz,
Library Director

Nicole Johnson,
Librarian

Heather Lander,
Children's Librarian

Heidi Silverstone,
Library Assistant

Teagan Sturmer,
Library Clerk

Library Board

Paul Olson, President

Elyse Bertucci, Vice President

Brooke Routhier, Secretary

Darren Boldt, Trustee

Kaylee Reno, Trustee

Dizz Firby, City Council Liaison to the
Library Board





**Association of Friends of
the Ishpeming Carnegie
Public Library**

Kay Tupala, President
Amy Robare, Secretary
Ann Kananen DeVowe,
Treasurer
Jodi Firby, Assistant
Treasurer

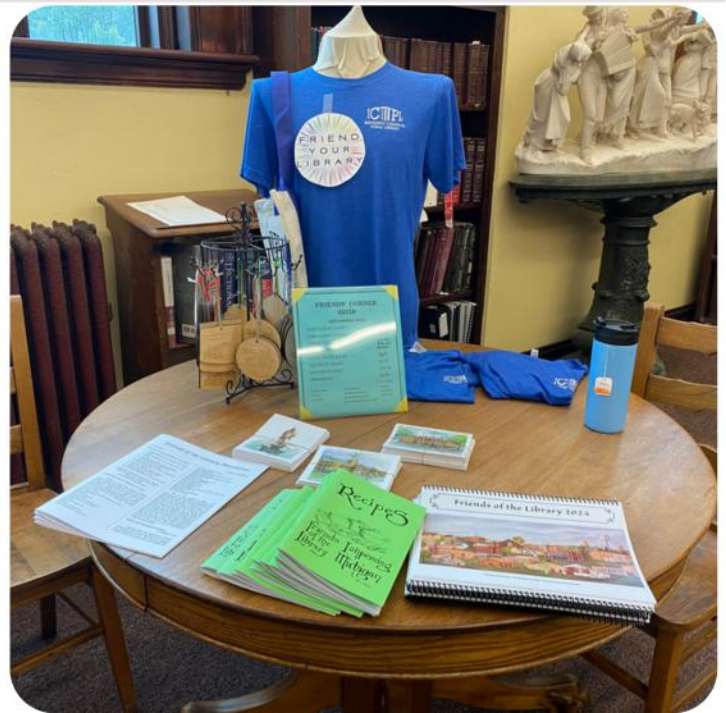


The Friends are now a 501(c)3 non-profit!

Their Jack Deo: Historical Ishpeming Lyceum was incredibly popular. Two used book sales were held in July and December to great success!

The group continues to meet eight months of the year on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

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FROM THE FRONT DESK

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Shirtz, Library Director

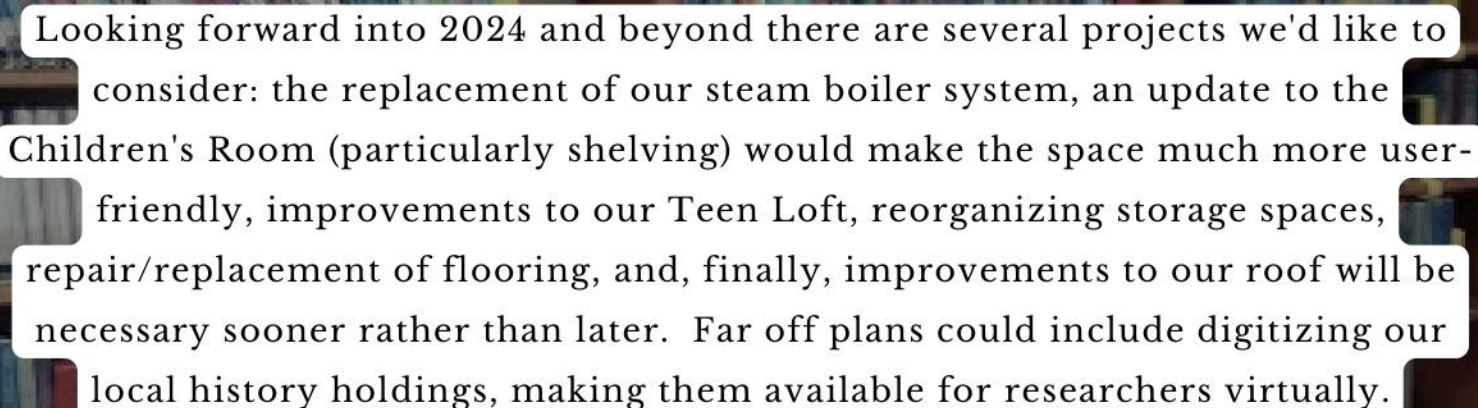
The end of 2022 and beginning of 2023 brought big changes to the library: after the departure of Kelsey Boldt, Nicole Johnson took on the mantle of Librarian, Heidi Silverstone became our Library Assistant, and we hired a brand new person for the first time in five years: Teagan Sturmer as our Library Clerk. These new roles and responsibilities shook things up and led to big increases in library services.

Our Strawberry Hill Seed Library opened on Earth Day, a year-round initiative to assist our community with food scarcity.

There were several new partners added to our collective digital library and we launched a subscription to Comics Plus, which offers a simultaneous use digital collection of comics and manga for all ages.

We surpassed 6,000 cardholders and had our highest circulating month on record in August, with 7,371 checkouts. Our Children's Room, especially, has seen enormous use this year with over 30,000 checkouts total, and 80 attendees at a typical Tot Tuesday Storytime.

We are so excited to start the new year with our biggest change yet: a full-time Children's Librarian!



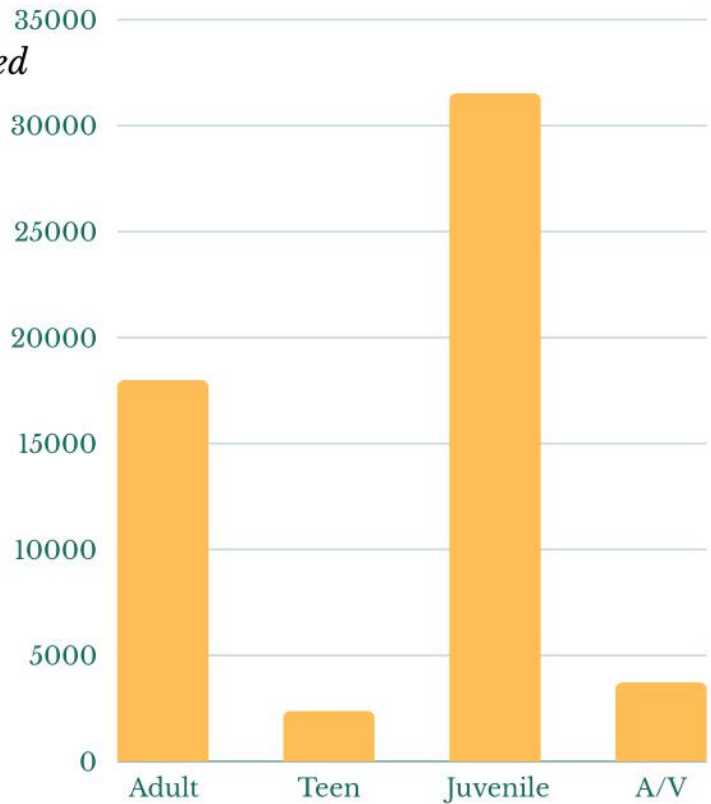
Looking forward into 2024 and beyond there are several projects we'd like to consider: the replacement of our steam boiler system, an update to the Children's Room (particularly shelving) would make the space much more user-friendly, improvements to our Teen Loft, reorganizing storage spaces, repair/replacement of flooring, and, finally, improvements to our roof will be necessary sooner rather than later. Far off plans could include digitizing our local history holdings, making them available for researchers virtually.

BY THE NUMBERS



CIRCULATION

The number and character of items checked out during this year.



56%

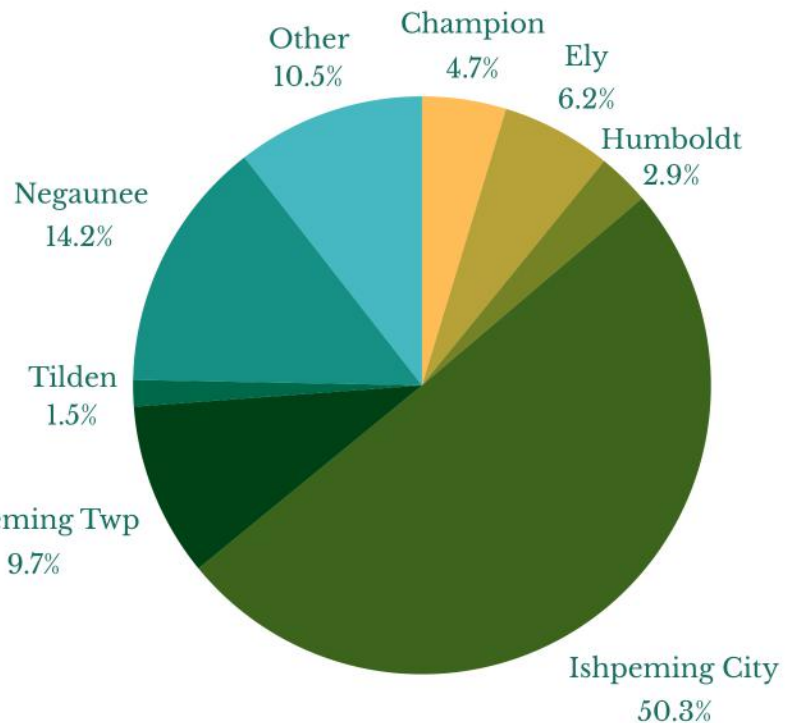
OF ITEMS CIRC'D ARE FOR KIDS

Juvenile items continue to be the most checked out at the library.

55K

TOTAL CHECKOUTS

Library users checked out 55,630 physical items this year. With an estimated individual cost of \$25, the value of all checked out items for 2023 was \$1,383,250.





PROGRAMS

Regular, in-person programs are increasingly popular! These totals do not include Summer Reading programs.

72

Adult Programs

640 attended our programs for adults, including several book clubs, crochet club, cookie decorating with Doozer's, and yoga (plus many more)!

Teen Programs

239 participated in our programs for teens, including craft programs, book clubs, and National Game Day.

18

86

Children's Programs

3,480 took part in our programs for kids, including Tot Tuesday Storytime, Homeschool Hangout, slime making, author visits, and book clubs.

Adult Participation

We offered 66 more adult programs and had 641 more attendees than last year. That means that both programs and attendance tripled!

X3



Children and caregivers read 1,000 books together before starting Kindergarten!

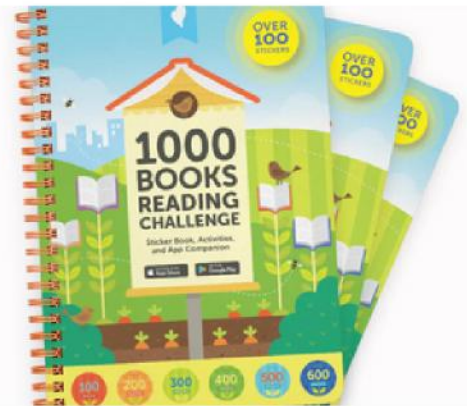
2023 Statistics:

Children Registered: 79

Completed the challenge: 7

Books read by all registrants: 17,804

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The library offered monthly, seasonal, and yearly reading challenges in 2023.

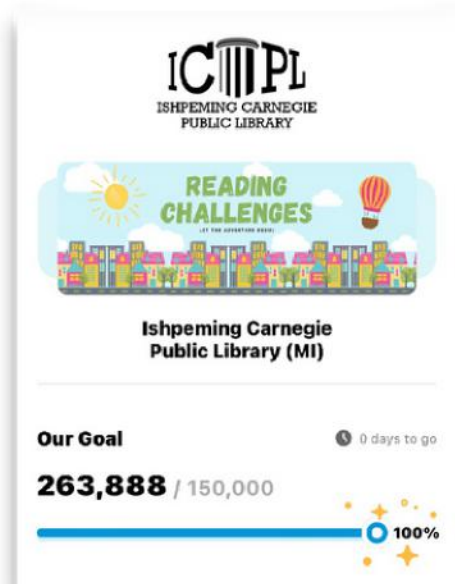
New Accounts: 195

Total Readers: 409

Challenges: 19

Logged Books: 25,225

Logged Minutes: 520,542



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TOP 5 ADULT BOOKS 2023



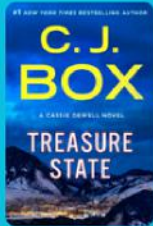
I WILL FIND YOU



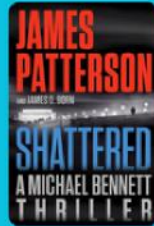
WICKED DREAMS



BLOW



TREASURE STATE



SHATTERED

TOP 5 TEEN BOOKS 2023



FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER



I MUST BETRAY YOU



CROWN OF MIDNIGHT



THRONE OF GLASS



OUT OF THE EASY



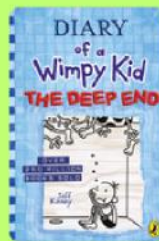
TOP 5 KIDS BOOKS 2023



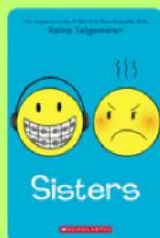
DOG MAN: MOTHERING HEIGHTS



DOG MAN: FETCH-22



DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE DEEP END



SISTERS



GUTS



LIBBY

The library now has access to nine shared collections across the state of Michigan, resulting in a much expanded digital collection available for checkout!.

2889 eBooks

2,889 eBooks were checked out from the Great Lakes Digital Library site or the Libby app. 2,249 magazines circ'd.



eAudiobooks

eAudiobooks continue to be popular checkouts; some months overtaking eBook circulation.

3667

5971 Shared Collection checkouts

5,971 digital items were checked out from the nine additional shared collections by our patrons.

Average Monthly Unique Patrons

The number of Libby users each month varied from 137 to 168. There were also 150 patrons who began using Libby or the GLDL last year!

150



Summer Reading All Together Now

KIDS & TEENS

SUMMER READING RECAP

370

PARTICIPANTS

32

PROGRAMS

115

CHILDREN READ
10+ HOURS

858

ATTENDEES



ADULT

SUMMER READING RECAP

105

PARTICIPANTS

22

PROGRAMS

495

BOOK REVIEWS

270

ATTENDEES



Strawberry Hill Seed Library

The Strawberry Hill Seed Library at the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library opened in April 2023 with the help of Partridge Creek Farm and numerous volunteers.

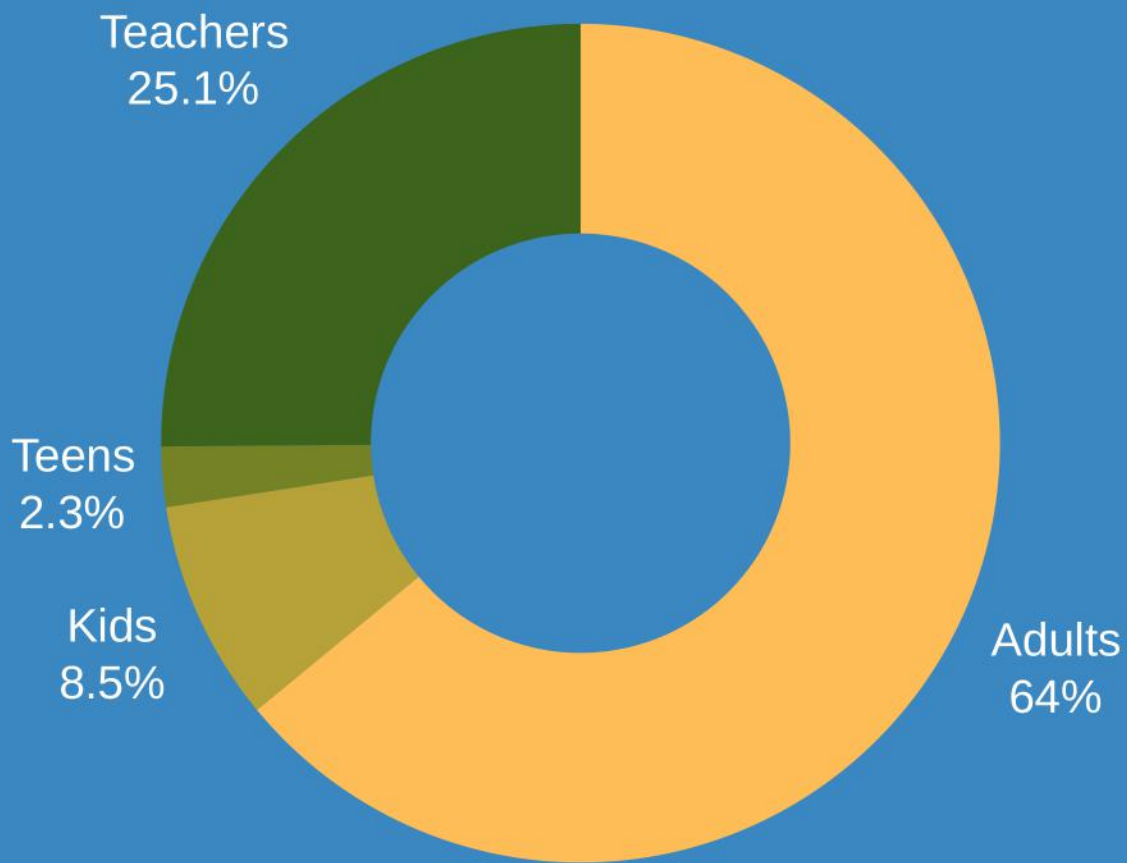
During the months of April-December 2023, we had 38 people fill out forms to “check out” seeds. *These 38 people checked out a total of 277 seed packets!*

If you would like to donate seeds, please contact the Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library at 906-486-4381 or send an email to Heidi Silverstone at hsilverstone@ishpeminglibrary.info





Who uses the library?



*Percentage of items checked out on cards belonging to the listed demographics.

2023

Checkouts	27,823
Cardholders	4,141
State Aid	\$6,226
Penal Fines	\$16,226

67%

of Ishpeming City residents
have an active library card.

Ishpeming
City



2023

Checkouts	2,602
Cardholders	208
Contract Fee	\$373
State Aid	\$253
Penal Fines	\$660

83%

of Champion Township residents have an active library card.

Champion
Township



2023

Checkouts	3,407
Cardholders	345
Contract Fee	\$2,512
State Aid	\$1,926
Penal Fines	\$5,021

18%

of Ely Township residents
have an active library card.

Ely
Township



2023

Checkouts	1,622
Cardholders	59
Contract Fee	\$444
State Aid	\$332
Penal Fines	\$866

17%

of Humboldt Township residents have an active library card.

Humboldt
Township



2023

Checkouts	5,391
Cardholders	648
Contract Fee	\$4,401
State Aid	\$3,439
Penal Fines	\$8,963

19%

of Ishpeming Township residents have an active library card.

Ishpeming
Township



2023

Checkouts	818
Cardholders	183
Contract Fee	\$1,254
State Aid	\$1,059
Penal Fines	\$2,761

Tilden Township

17%

of Tilden Township residents
have an active library card.



2023 BUDGET

