



Annual Report

2023-
2024

Presented by Director Alecs
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Introduction



“Much has been accomplished in the last year—with services greatly expanded, several new regular, popular program offerings—and nearly half of our policies now revisited in order to better support our community and library staff. Public libraries are *resilience hubs*. We are the first and last stop for folks in need. We are champions for *the joy of reading* and for *intellectual freedom*. I remain committed to the mission of the Fairfield Public Library as determined by the Fairfield Library Board of Trustees—With that spirit and together with the whole Fairfield community, let’s re-imagine our public library for today!!

Alecs Schmidt-Mickunas, MLIS



• Saturday, June 1st - SRP Kick-Off Day

Fairfield Public Library



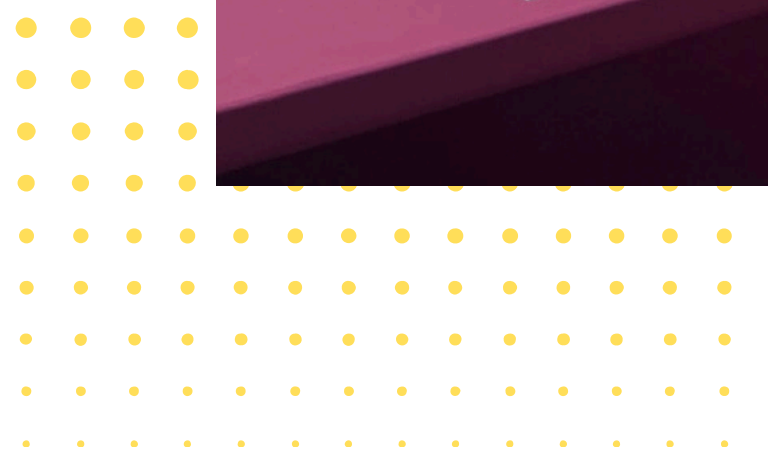
Our Vision

To foster curiosity, connection, and empowerment



Our Mission

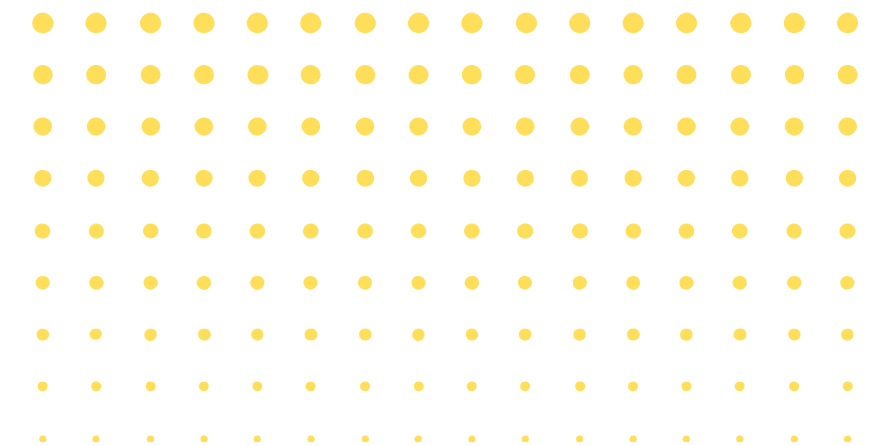
The mission of the Fairfield Public Library is to provide access to programs, materials and resources that celebrate diversity, stimulate the imagination and encourage lifelong learning; To offer a safe, comfortable place for individuals to enjoy and the community to gather; To promote better understanding of our history, meaningful endeavors today, and a more sustainable, equitable and collaborative future.



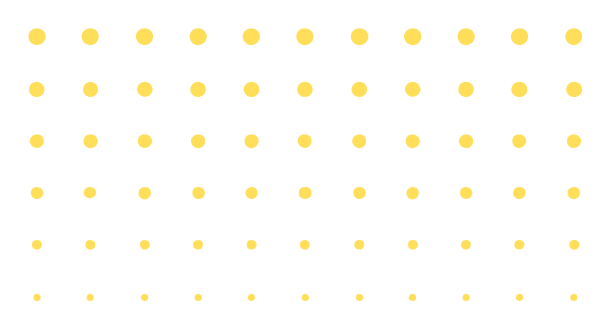
Our Team



- Director
Alecs
- Adult Services Librarian
Joy
- Youth Services Librarian
Sara
- Assistant Youth Services
Librarian - Afton
- Technical Services Specialist
Dani
- Office Coordinator
Karen
- Front Desk Manager
Lauryn
- Front Desk Aides
Sean, Evan & Kaityn
- Shelver
Sarah (Not pictured)



Visitors & On-Site Event Stats



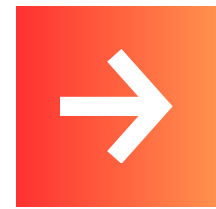
Annual visitors

80,422



In-Person Library Sponsored Events

793

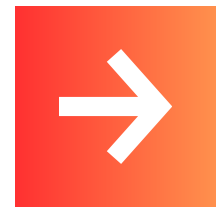
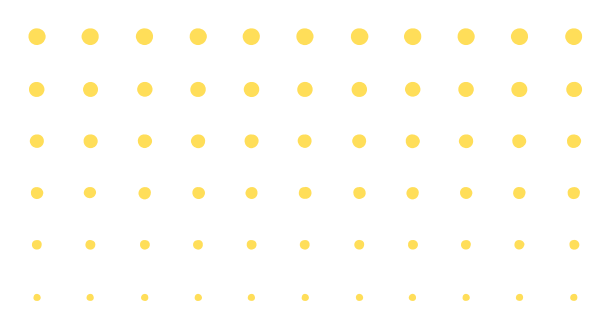


In-Person Library Sponsored
Event Attendance

11,580

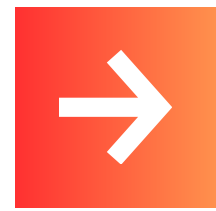


Collection Development



Total Items Added

3,890



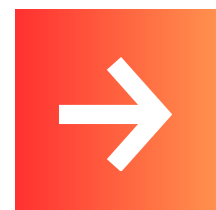
Total Items Withdrawn

5,784



Total Physical Collection

79,316



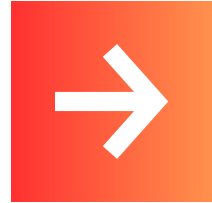
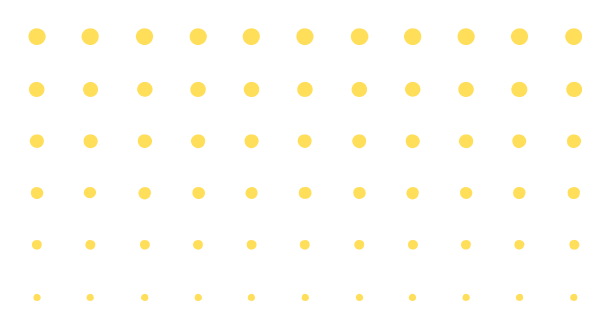
Total Digital Collection

152,004



Circulation

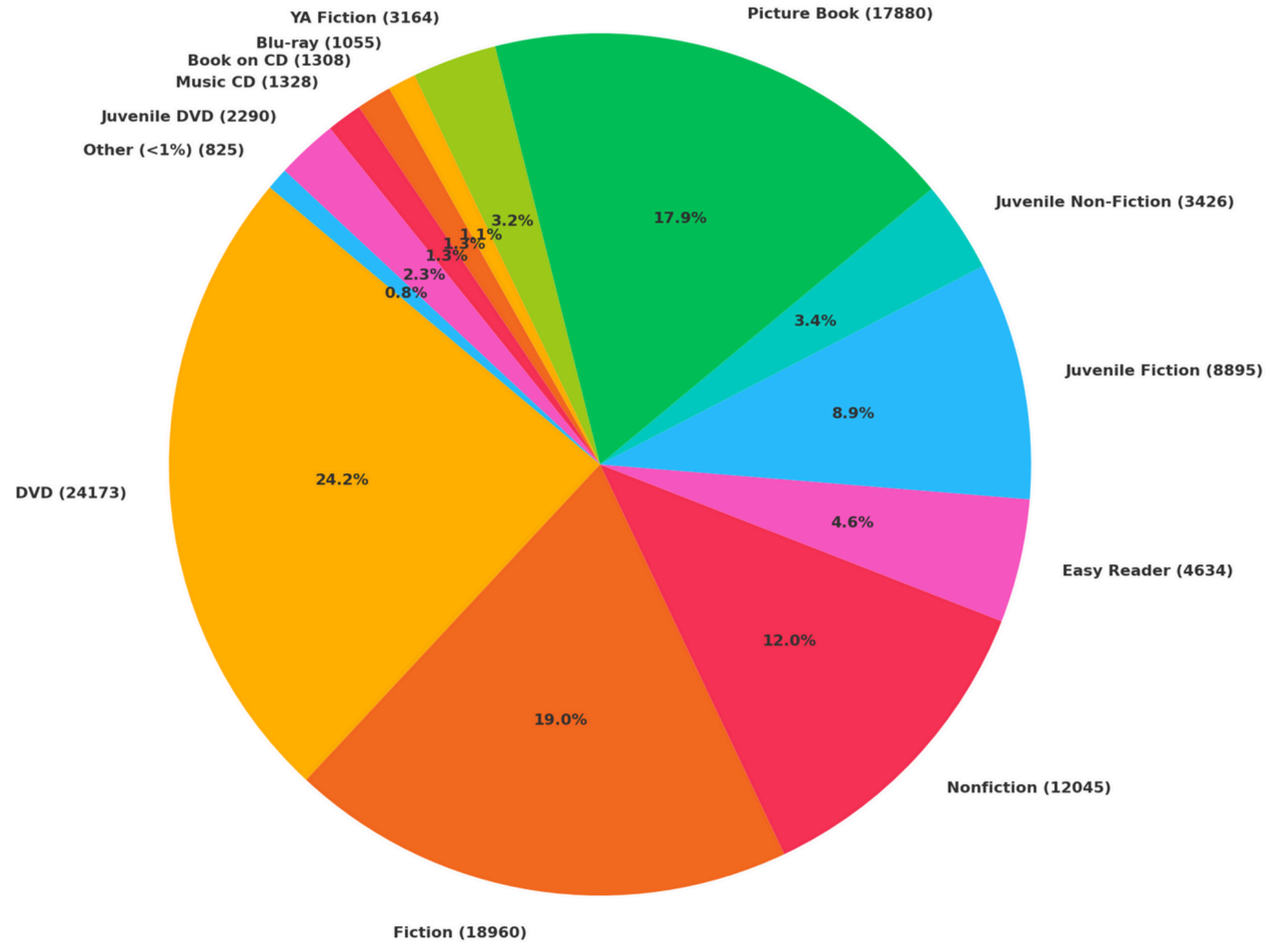
Annual Checkouts at FPL by Collection (2023-2024)



Annual Physical Checkout Total
106,847



Annual Digital Downloads
20,091



Digital Resources

LinkedIn Learning

hoopla®



brainfuse
JobNow
& VetNow

The
New York
Times

kanopy



brainfuse
HelpNow

THE
WALL STREET
JOURNAL.

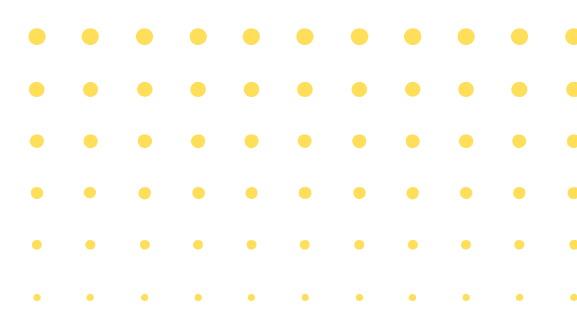
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Significant Accomplishments



FY23-24 Q1

- Digital Newspaper Archives of Jefferson County goes live
- Sci-Fi Book Club collaboration with Washington Public Library begins
- Video Games available for checkout
- MyLibro Smartphone Library app debuts
- Hoopla digital streaming app available
- New library card designs introduced with 807 signups in one month! Up from 237!

FY23-24 Q2

- Fix-It bike repairs station installed on 2nd Street
- For the first time 3 professional library staff members attend Iowa Library Association Conference
- Toddler Connect and Play program begins
- Walls repairs, repainting, and corner guards installed

FY23-24 Q3

- LED lighting upgrade complete
- Facilities Condition Assessment completed by Samuels Group of DSM
- Youth Services expands relationship with ISU Extension Office with School Ready Readers Program
- Library expands local art collection with Library Awards at FAA Annual Member Show
- Completion of Strategic Plan 2024-27

FY23-24 Q4

- Long-awaited Johnson Control HVAC upgrade completed
- Princh app introduced for more convenient printing
- 500+ attend Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Off
- Partnership with Carnegie Museum begins with “If Barns Could Talk” Iowa Humanities Speaker
- Kanopy video streaming service re-introduced

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

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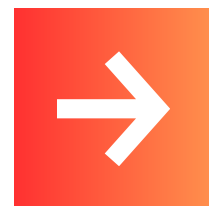
Total registrations for Reading Challenge
459



Total funding raised through local businesses
\$4,290

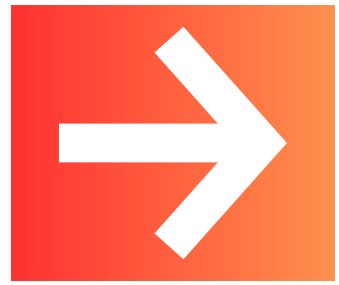


Total number of programs
87

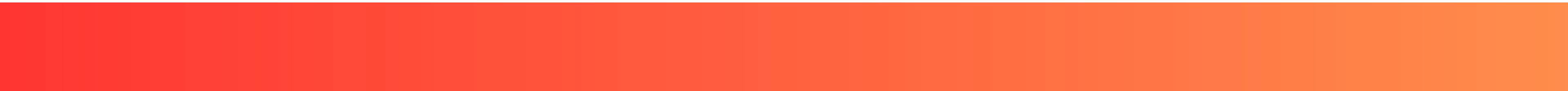


Total attendance at programs
4,381



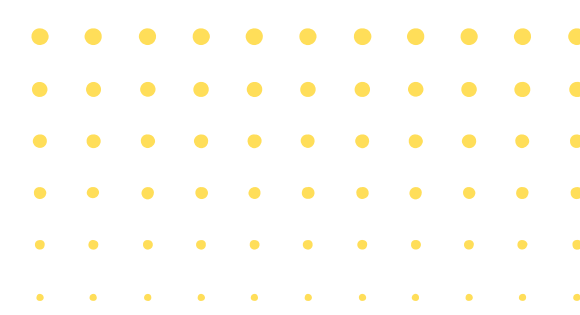


Matinee Book Club Celebrates 5 Years



Fiscal End of Year Balances

June 30, 2024



Iowa State Bank Acct.

Current Assets:

Memorial Account	\$17,153.54
Book Sale Account	\$2,359.19
Capital Account	\$.084
Disbursements	\$12,343.27

Balance: \$36,959.55

Endowment

Current CDs:

MWO #42112 Matures 6/8/25	\$72,500
LSB #206082 Matures 7/21/24	\$90,000
LSB #206083 Matures 7/21/24	\$102,000
LSB #206139 Matures 10/8/24	\$31,000
MWO #42113 Matures 12/8/24	\$72,500
PGSB 11000198 Matures 10/29/24	\$90,000
MWO #34488 Matures 8/16/24	\$82,171.13
MWO #141851 Matures 1/9/25	\$52,634.69

CD Assets: \$592,305.82

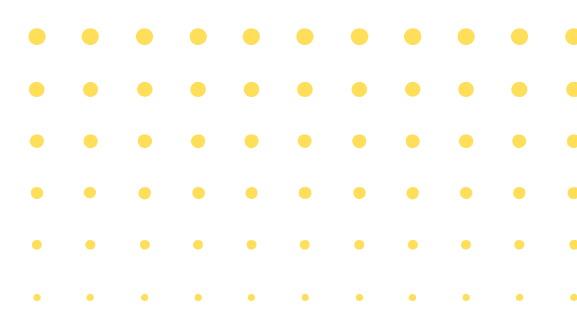
Combined Assets

Iowa State Bank Acct.	\$36,959.55
Endowment	\$592,305.82

Combined Balance: \$617,694.35

Strategic Plan 2024-27

Highlights



GOAL : Increase visibility of Library

- Create print brochures, library map, quarterly print newsletter.
- Purchase book bike for use at outreach events and visits to seniors centers, and schools.

GOAL : Hire MSRDEsign to for phased Library Renewal

- Host Keystakeholder Meeting with MSR in 2024.
- Work with Samuels Group to develop Capitol Plan.
- Complete Library Renewal by 2035.

GOAL : Expand programming for middle aged adults & seniors

- increase number of sponsored book clubs
- Offer monthly educational programs for tech.
- Develop a fiber arts program in collaboration with Fairfield Art Association, local artists, and local businesses.

GOAL : Build vibrant community of library volunteers

- Develop a volunteer application process with application and interview.
- Assign a secondary role of Volunteer Coordinator to a current full-time staff member and develop capacities for this role.

GOAL : Investigate need for Library Maker Space/Maker Experience

- Visit maker spaces on campus at MIU, Fairfield Food Collective, and Washington Public Library.
- Hold community meeting to discuss need for 3D printing classes or support, laser engraving, and more.

GOAL : Improve access to Library's digital tools and resources

- Investigate rebuild of Library's website.
- Investigate competitively-priced, modern library software product,

Thank you!



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