

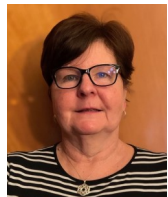
# Our Leadership



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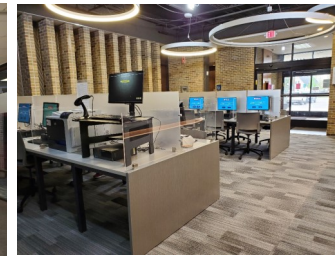
**Patty Braden**  
Library Director

## Thank You Community Partners

34th District Court  
Bright Futures  
Eastern Michigan University  
Ferguson Early Childhood Center  
Gleaners Food Bank  
Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce  
Helping Hand Food Bank  
Huron Public Schools  
Huron Township Historical Society  
Huron Township Rotary  
Legacy Learning Center  
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MDHHS  
National Heritage Academies  
Public Service Credit Union  
Romulus Arts Council  
Romulus Community Schools  
Romulus Garden Club  
Romulus Fire Department  
Romulus Parks and Recreation  
Romulus Rotary Club  
Starfish Family Services  
Stray Cat Productions  
TALK: Text to Learn for Kindergarten  
Whispering Willows Senior Apartments  
Wings Financial Credit Union



# Romulus Public Library



*Celebrating 100 Years of Service to the Community*



*Serving Romulus and Huron Township*

## Annual Report FY 2022/23







## Celebrating 100 Years!

2023 marked the Library's 100th Anniversary! The Library was established in 1923 with 204 donated books in Otto Raether's confectionary store in downtown Romulus. In 2023, our community enjoys a newly renovated Library serving over 42,000 Romulus and Huron Township residents with tens of thousands of items available for checkout in both print and downloadable options. The 100-year celebrations began with a History of the Library presentation in May. A special 100 Years story time and mini-parade was held

this summer with our story time kids and a new logo was created to commemorate the anniversary. Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate and to all our supporters over the years!

We also celebrate our amazing staff. This summer, a major staff restructuring took place and the Library Board approved the creation of several full-time positions. A number of staff enthusiastically accepted promotions, including members of our outstanding new Leadership Team. Staff have already initiated new programs, procedures, and partnerships. We are working closely with area schools on a collaborative community effort to support our kids and educators and to get a library card in the hands of every student. To better serve the community, library hours were expanded beginning July 1, 2023 and we are now open at 9:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

I hope you have a library card and use it often. If not, stop in and get one and start accessing all the Library has to offer, including books, DVDs, downloadables, and more. Hope to see you soon!

*Patty Braden, Director*



## 2022-23 BUDGET

1) Personnel/Benefits—55%	\$503,012
2) Collections and Programming—10%	\$87,143
3) Utilities, Maintenance, Building, Grounds, Rent—14%	\$129,520
4) Supplies and Technology—8%	\$72,473
5) Capital Outlay—7%	\$63,733
6) Other Operating Expenses 6%	\$47,543
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$1,421,782</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$903,424</b>

## Library Usage

**39,145** (up 4%)  
Visitors to the library  
**4,003** (up 29%)  
Public computer uses  
**3,839** (up 141%)  
Wi-Fi uses  
**11,920** (up 1%)  
Items shared through interlibrary loan  
**1,571** (up 4%)  
Library cards issued

## Checkouts

**57,723** (down 6%)  
Total checkouts

**42,330** (down 10%)

Print checkouts  
**15,393** (up 10%)  
Downloadables and tech device checkouts

## Programming

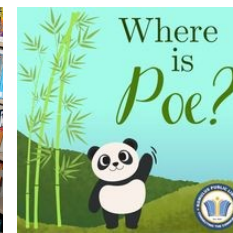
**463** (up 38%)  
Summer Reading registrations  
**238** (up 17%)  
Programs held  
**5,684** (up 20%)  
Program participants

## Donations

**\$160** General Donations from Library Supporters  
**\$200** Romulus Rotary Club for Books for Babies Program  
**\$1,000** Public Service Credit Union for March is Reading Month Programs  
**\$3,800** Wings Financial Credit Union for 2023 Summer Reading Program  
**\$4,247** Friends of the Library

## Grants

**\$20,855** LSTA Grant for youth computers



## Accomplishments

- Held** Grand Re-opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting for newly renovated space
- Installed** new outdoor building signage
- Installed** security locks on staff doors
- Donated** 100 lbs. of food to Helping Hand from Food for Fines campaign
- Presented** a history of the Library 1923-2023 to the community in celebration of our 100th Anniversary
- Created** new library logos
- Presented** classes to students at area schools on how to do research
- Began** Story Time at area schools and preschools
- Began** offering Student Library Cards to K-12 students
- Welcomed** first high school student fieldtrip to the Library
- Subscribed** to Kanopy for downloadable movies

- Created** new Mystery Kits Collection
- Hosted** State Representatives for Coffee Hour at the Library
- Participated** in the city's first annual Juneteenth Celebration
- Initiated** multiple intergenerational programs
- Offered** five-week youth theatre classes
- Completed** Romulus High School Yearbook Digitizing Project, 1945-2018
- Completed** major staff restructuring and promoted several staff
- Provided** free COVID test kits to residents
- Completed** 73 of 74 Strategic Plan goals
- Expanded** Library hours to open at 9:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday

## Looking Ahead

- Complete** upgrades to the Adult Area
- Create** new Strategic Plan for 2024-2027