

2024

Annual Report



**LA CROSSE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Discover, create, connect.





Director's Message

2024 has been a year of growth, innovation, and, most importantly, connection. We are excited to share some of the incredible milestones that you, our dedicated patrons and supporters, helped make possible.

Community Engagement and Programming:

In 2024, La Crosse Public Library hosted an outstanding 1,142 programs for all ages, attracting more than 38,000 attendees. These programs spanned a wide range of interests and needs, from early literacy initiatives to cultural and artistic events that brought our community together. The success of these programs reflects the ever-growing importance of libraries as vital hubs for learning and connection.

Expanded Collection and Access:

This year, we made significant strides in expanding our collections. We added nearly 12,000 new materials, ensuring that our patrons have access to the latest and most relevant resources. From books to e-media, we are committed to continuously growing our offerings to meet the diverse needs of our community. As a result, our patrons checked out an impressive 582,084 items in 2024, a clear indicator of the trust and engagement we share with you.

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Enhanced Patron Experience:

We understand that convenience and access are key to your library experience. That's why, in 2024, we successfully implemented a new library catalog and app, enhancing the tools and resources available to you. The updated system makes it easier to search, borrow, and interact with library services from anywhere, helping you make the most of everything the library has to offer.

Exciting Renovations Ahead:

A major highlight of 2024 has been the award of a more than \$3 million Flexible Facilities Grant for upcoming renovations. This transformative project will allow us to create more meeting and study spaces, upgrade technology resources, and improve access to tools for education, job seeking, and telehealth services. These renovations will directly benefit our community by providing vital spaces and resources for learning, collaboration, and growth.

We want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication to our library. Whether you attended programs, checked out materials, or advocated for our mission, you played an essential role in making 2024 such a successful year!

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shanneon Grant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Thank You!

Thank you to our Library Board of Trustees and to our dedicated Library staff for all they do to make the Library a welcoming hub to all, as well as a center of social and intellectual engagement for our community.

Also, a big thank you to supporters of our food and supply pantry, our knitters, and our quilters. Your generosity does not go unnoticed.



We couldn't do what we do without the support of the Friends of the La Crosse Public Library providing funding for programs and enrichment activities. We are grateful to our generous Friends members and volunteers whose hard work and commitment help us fulfill our mission.

2024 *Your library at a glance*



810 LIBRARY VISITORS PER DAY ON AVERAGE

582,084
TOTAL ITEMS CIRCULATED



TOTAL PHYSICAL MATERIALS BORROWED **457,450**

124,634 ELECTRONIC ITEMS CHECKED OUT



PUBLIC COMPUTER SESSIONS **40,693**

38,007 PROGRAM ATTENDANCE



LIBRARY PROGRAMS DELIVERED **1,142**

32,810 ACTIVE CARD HOLDERS



NEW MATERIALS ADDED **11,983**



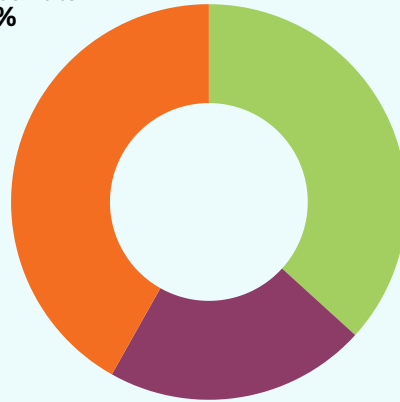
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NEW IN 2024

- New library catalog and app!
- Regional Read: *Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear* by Elizabeth Gilbert.
- LPL was awarded a 3-million-dollar Flexible Facilities Grant for renovations and technology improvements.

Adult Materials
41.8%

Children's Materials
36.7%



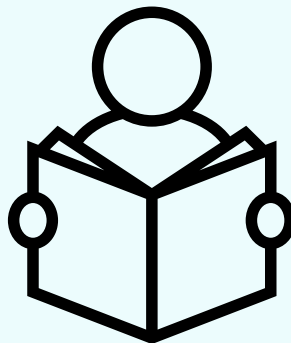
Electronic Materials
21.4%

582,084 TOTAL ITEMS BORROWED

2,377 NEW LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS IN 2024

28.3%
INCREASE IN
NEW CARD
HOLDERS

6.3%
INCREASE IN
ACTIVE CARD
HOLDERS



15%
INCREASE IN
PUBLIC
INTERNET
COMPUTER
USE

33

ATTENDEES,
ON AVERAGE,
AT A TYPICAL
LIBRARY
EVENT IN 2024

22%
INCREASE IN
ELECTRONIC ITEMS
CHECKED OUT



ECONOMIC BENEFIT: HOW LA CROSSE PUBLIC LIBRARY SAVES YOU MONEY

Every dollar invested in the La Crosse Public Library is an investment in an informed, healthy, connected, and resilient community.

LPL offers workout classes ranging from chair fitness to qigong, saving patrons hundreds of dollars in **monthly fitness class fees**. Our Creation Space and tool library help patrons discover and cultivate **new hobbies free of charge**, increasing community engagement in the arts, cooking, star gazing, and home maintenance.

Free State Parks Passes not only get families into the outdoors-- a day pass saves a carload of people \$13.

In 2024, LPL circulated 489,827 physical items at a **combined estimated savings of \$10,394,129** if patrons were to purchase these materials instead of borrowing them through the library (avg. cost/item = \$21.22).

Using the "What's Your Library Worth?" calculator from *ilovelibraries*, **an average library user saved \$519.53** by utilizing library services, materials, and programs over the span of one year.

Online library users saved more than \$1,022,420 by using Libby and other digital resources like Kanopy and Hoopla over paid products like Audible, Hulu, or Netflix in 2024.

The **economic benefit of library programming** to La Crosse community members of all ages is estimated at **more than \$760,140** (avg. cost/program participant is estimated at \$20).

Public **Wi-Fi can save a household upwards of \$1020/year**.

LPL's Tool Library is a more **sustainable, communal, and equitable** way to manage resources in our economy. Instead of buying, a community member can borrow a variety of tools such as a paint sprayer, power washer, turf edger, and more, potentially saving thousands of dollars.

Segarra, M., & Nguyen, A. (2023, November 2). 7 surprising ways the Public Library can help you save money. NPR. <https://shorturl.at/MsOLC>

WHAT OUR PATRONS HAD TO SAY ABOUT US THIS YEAR:

"I know of no other place where all types of people are welcomed: a place where we can share resources, knowledge, skills, safety, and community. This space promotes inclusion and support for all ages." - Alysa R.

"The library is my happy place." - Harrison B.

"It is a joy that my children know the staff and the staff KNOW them." - Ellen R.

"My life would be impoverished without access to fresh new and wonderful or old and classic BOOKS!" - Lindy M.

"Our library is amazing. I've visited a lot of libraries and honestly La Crosse's is 10/10." - Maryl N.

"The La Crosse libraries are a gem and enrich the lives of everyone in our community. It is a place that brings out and celebrates the best in all of us." - Elizabeth L.

"Like many Americans, I suffer from loneliness. The La Crosse Public Library provides a refuge from this by offering a welcoming environment in which I can work every day. This place has been a haven for me in a period of transition, and I know it is a highly impactful "third place" for many others." - Max S.

"My family is so grateful to the smart, kind, and patient staff who work at the library." - Chiana V.

"I truly appreciate the library and the work it does for our community and the region." - Chris K.

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“Everyone who works at the library is so lovely and welcoming and it’s obvious how much they care about this city and really fostering a sense of community.” - Cheyenne B.

“The library is the #1 answer for accessible, inclusive and free [programming]!” - Bekky M.

“The library staff, with their dedication and expertise, have been instrumental in providing not only access to information but also crucial support services that these [vulnerable] populations rely on.” - Colin W.

“I enjoy being able to read books without any sort of financial expense.” - Lauren E.

“Librarians are some of the most wonderful people you will ever know, and libraries are some of the most wonderful spaces you will ever occupy.” - Rachel M.

“Libraries are the backbone of a community.” - Shannon C.



Some friends at our Fall Fairy Hunt!



You never know what you'll find at the Library!





Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT
PI-2401 (Rev. 01-25)
S. 43.05(4) & 43.58(6)
FOR THE YEAR 2024

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete and return electronic, signed copy of the form and attachments to the library system. Confirm with the library system if printed, signed copies are required.

Board-approved, signed annual reports for 2024 are due to the DPI Division for Libraries and Technology no later than March 1, 2025.

| I. GENERAL INFORMATION | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| 1. Name of Library La Crosse Public Library | | 2. Public Library System Winding Rivers Library System | | | |
| 3b. Head Librarian First Name Shanneon | 3c. Head Librarian Last Name Grant | 4a. Certification Grade Grade 1 | 4b. Certification Type Regular | | 5. Certification Expiration Date 08/31/2027 |
| 6a. Street Address 800 Main St. | 6b. Mailing Address or PO Box 800 Main St. | 7. City / Village / Town La Crosse | 8a. ZIP 54601 | 8b. ZIP4 4122 | 9. County La Crosse |
| 10. Library Phone Number 6087897100 | 11. Fax Number | 12. Library E-mail Address of Director sgrant@lacrosselibrary.org | | | |
| 13. Library Website URL www.lacrosselibrary.org | | 14. No. of Branches 2 | 15. No. of Bookmobiles Owned 0 | 16. No. of Other Public Service Outlets 1 | |
| 17. Does your library operate a books-by-mail program? No | | 18. Some public libraries are legally organized as joint libraries, with neighboring municipalities or a county and municipality joining to operate a library. Is your library such a joint library legally established under Wis. Stat. s. 43.53? No | | | |
| 20. Square Footage of Public Library 84,610 | 21a. Did your library or a branch move to a new facility during the fiscal year? No | 21b. Did your library or a branch renovate or expand an existing facility during the fiscal year? No | | 22. UEI Number | |
| HOURS OF OPERATION | | | | | |
| | Standard Service with No Restrictions on Building Access | Limited Service | Staff Only (No interior service for the public) | | |
| 19a. Winter hours open per week | 56 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 19b. Number of winter weeks | 52 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 19c. Summer hours open per week | | 0 | 0 | | |
| 19d. Number of summer weeks | | 0 | 0 | | |
| 19e. Total weeks per year | 52 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 19f. Total hours per year for this location | 2,912 | 0 | 0 | | |

| II. LIBRARY COLLECTIONS | | | | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| | | | a. Number Owned / Leased | b. Number Added | |
| 1. Books in Print | | | 88,555 | 10,260 | |
| 2. Physical Subscriptions | | | 137 | | |
| 3. Physical Audio Materials | | | 8,594 | 624 | |
| 4. Physical Video Materials | | | 15,109 | 1,099 | |
| 5. Other Physical Materials | | | 10,671 | | |
| 6. Total Physical Items in Collection | | | 122,929 | | |
| | | Purchased solely by the Library | Purchased via a System, Consortium or Cooperative Agreement | Provided by the State | |
| 7. E-books | | Yes | Yes | No | |
| 8. E-serials | | No | Yes | No | |
| 9. E-audio | | Yes | Yes | No | |
| 10. E-video | | Yes | Yes | No | |
| 11. Research Databases | | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| 12. Online Learning Platforms | | Yes | Yes | Yes | |
| III. LIBRARY SERVICES | | | | | |
| 1. Physical Circulation Transactions | | | 2. Interlibrary Loans | | |
| a. Total Circulation | b. Children's Materials | c. Other Physical Items | a. Items Loaned <i>Provided to</i> | b. Items Received <i>Received from</i> | |
| 457,450 | 213,893 | 7,850 | 57,133 | 71,971 | |
| | | | Method for Counting ILL Transactions | Total ILL Transactions | |
| (Only Total will display when Total ILL Transactions is listed as the Method for Counting ILL Transactions) | | | Items Loaned to Other Libraries <i>Provided to</i> | Items Borrowed from Other Libraries <i>Received from</i> | |
| Integrated Library Systems (ILS) | | | | | |
| WISCAT | | | | | |
| Other (includes OCLC, manual tracking or other methods) | | | | | |
| 3. Electronic Content Circulation Transactions | | | | | |
| a. E-books | b. E-serials | c. E-audio | d. E-video | e. Children's E-materials | f. Total E-materials |
| 47,761 | 12,643 | 62,259 | 1,971 | 11,351 | 124,634 |
| 4. Number of Registered Users | | | 5. Overdue Fines | 6. Reference Transactions | |
| a. Resident | b. Nonresident | c. TOTAL | | a. Method | b. Annual Count |
| 23,770 | 7,956 | 31,726 | No | Survey Week(s) | 62,738 |
| | | | | a. Method | b. Annual Count |
| | | | | Actual Count | 233,476 |
| 8. Uses of Public Internet Computers | | | | 9. Uses of Public Wireless Internet | |
| a. Number of Public Use Computers | b. Number of Public Use Computers with internet access | c. Method | d. Annual Count | a. Method | b. Annual Count |
| 95 | 95 | Actual Count | 40,693 | Actual Count | 24,926 |

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND ATTENDANCE

Total In-Person and Live, Virtual Statistics by Age

| | Young Child (0-5) | Child (6-11) | Young Adult (12-18) | Adult (19+) | General Interest (all ages) |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Number of Programs | 289 | 254 | 120 | 393 | 86 |
| Total Attendance | 8,194 | 12,046 | 2,202 | 10,703 | 4,862 |

Total Program Statistics by Program Category

| | In-Person On-Site | In-Person Off-Site | Live, Virtual | Pre-recorded | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Number of Programs | 691 | 418 | 33 | 0 | |
| Total Attendance | 20,394 | 16,427 | 1,186 | | |
| Total Program Views | | | | 0 | |

Describe the library's in-person programs:

story times, tours, school age/teen fun, outreach events, community partnerships, book discussions, tech help, musical events, yoga, presenters, research instruction, local history conversations, scavenger hunts

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's live, virtual programs:

Zoom

Describe the library's live, virtual programs:

Zoom discussions for adults, book clubs etc.

Which platforms does the library use to host the library's pre-recorded programs:

Youtube, Google/Apple podcasts, Spotify

Describe the library's pre-recorded programs:

Dark La Crosse stories

IV. LIBRARY GOVERNANCE

Library Board Members. List all members of the library board as of the date of this report. List the president first. Indicate vacancies. Report changes to the Division for Libraries and Technology as they occur. When reporting such changes, indicate the departing board members.

| First Name | Last Name | Street Address | City | ZIP+4 | Email Address |
|---|-----------|------------------------|-------------|-------|--------------------------|
| PRESIDENT | | | | | |
| 1. Suzanne | Anglehart | 1654 Farnam St. | La Crosse | 54601 | sjanglehart@gmail.com |
| 2. Araysa | Simpson | 2640 29th St S | La Crosse | 54601 | bsbnjg@yahoo.com |
| 3. Katie | Bittner | 1027 Charles St | La Crosse | 54603 | kljleigh@gmai.com |
| 4. Ross | Seymour | 907 King St | La Crosse | 54601 | rseymour@centurytel.net |
| 5. Aaron | Engel | W25274 Quarterhorse Ln | Trempealeau | 54661 | aengel@lacrossesd.org |
| 6. Jessica | Thill | 1417 Mississippi St | La Crosse | 54601 | thill.jess@gmail.com |
| 7. Kathy | Ivey | 2001 Hyde Ave | La Crosse | 54601 | kathycivey@gmail.com |
| 8. Mac | Kiel | 2137 Winnebago St | La Crosse | 54601 | kielm@cityoflacrosse.org |
| 9. Erin | Raymus | 903 Wood St | La Crosse | 54603 | edq161818@gmail.com |
| 10. | | | | | |
| 11. | | | | | |
| 12. | | | | | |
| 13. | | | | | |
| 14. | | | | | |
| 15. | | | | | |
| 16. | | | | | |
| 17. | | | | | |
| No. of Library Board Members Include vacancies in this count | | 9 | | | |

V. LIBRARY OPERATING REVENUE
Report operating revenue only. Do not report capital receipts here.

1. Local Municipal Appropriations for Library Service Only Joint libraries report more than one municipality here

| Municipality Type | Name | Amount |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| City | La Crosse | \$4,829,179 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Subtotal 1 | | \$4,829,179 |

2. County

a. Home County Appropriation for Library Services

Subtotal 2a

a. Other County Payments for Library Services

| County Name | Amount | County Name | Amount |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Jackson | \$7,869 | | |
| Monroe | \$9,255 | | |
| Trempealeau | \$13,615 | | |
| Vernon | \$126,607 | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Subtotal 2b | | | \$157,346 |

3. State Funds

a. Public Library System State Funds

| Description | Amount | Description | Amount |
|---|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Winding Rivers Library System | \$23,500 | | |
| | | | |
| b. Funds Carried Forward from Previous Year | | c. Other State Funded Program | |
| Subtotal 3 | | | \$23,500 |

4. Federal Funds Name of program—for LSTA grant awards, grant number, and project title

| 4. Federal Fund Name or program | | 2014 grant awards, grant numbers, and projects |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Program or Project | | Amount |
| | | \$0 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| Subtotal 4 | | \$0 |

5. Contract Income From other governmental units, libraries, agencies, library systems, etc.

| Name | Amount | Name | Amount |
|------------|--------|------|--------|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Subtotal 5 | | | \$0 |

6. Other Funds Carried Forward and Expended. Do not include state aid. Report state funds in 3b above.

\$92,568

7. All Other Operating Income

\$21,039

8. Total Operating Income Add 1 through 7

\$5,123,632

9. What is the current year annual appropriation provided by governing body(ies) for the public library?

\$5,201,995

10. Was the library's municipality exempt from the county library tax for the report year? Wis. Stat. s. 43.64(2)

Yes

X. STAFF

1. Personnel Listing. Libraries with 15 or fewer employees may report all staff under 1a. Libraries with more than 15 employees, list head librarian, chief assistants, branch librarians, division heads, and other supervisory personnel in 1a. and all other positions in 1b.

a. Employees Holding the Title of Librarian. Indicate advanced degrees in Type of Staff.

[illegible]

X. STAFF (cont'd.)

b. Other Paid Staff See *Instructions*[illegible]

2. **Library Staff Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs).** Divide the total hours worked per week for each category by 40 to determine full-time equivalents.

| | | | | |
|--|--|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| a. Persons Holding the Title of Librarian | | | b. All Other Paid Staff (FTE) | |
| Master's Degree from an ALA Accredited Program (FTE) | Other Persons Holding the Title of Librarian (FTE) | Subtotal 2a | Include maintenance, plant operations, and security | c. Total Library Staff (FTE) |
| 14.00 | 6.60 | 20.60 | 31.35 | 51.95 |

XI. PUBLIC LIBRARY LOANS OF MATERIAL TO NONRESIDENTS

| | | | |
|--|--|---|-------------|
| 1. Of the total circulation reported for the library from Section III, item 1, what was the total circulation to nonresidents <i>See instructions for definition of nonresident</i> | | | 151,453 |
| Divide nonresident circulation among the following categories. The total of 2 through 6 below should not be greater than the number reported in item 1 above. | a. Those with a Library | b. Those without a Library | c. Subtotal |
| 2. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in the Library's County | 34,964 | 74,672 | 109,636 |
| 3. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in Another County in the Library System | 8,650 | 27,162 | 35,812 |
| 4. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Not in the Library System | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Circulation to All Other Wisconsin Residents | 1,772 | 6. Circulation to Persons from Out of the State | 4,233 |
| 7. Are the answers to items 1 through 6 based on actual count or survey/sample? | 8a. Does the library deny access to any residents of adjacent public library systems on the basis of Wis. Stat. s. 43.17(11)(b)? | 8b. If yes, does the library allow residents in adjacent systems to purchase library cards? | |
| Actual | No | | |
| 9. Circulation to Nonresidents Living in an Adjacent County Who Do Not Have a Local Public Library | | | |
| Name of County | Circulation | Name of County | Circulation |
| a. Jackson | 568 | f. | |
| b. Monroe | 1,741 | g. | |
| c. Trempealeau | 1,218 | h. | |
| d. Vernon | 22,837 | i. | |
| e. | | j. | |

XII. TECHNOLOGY (Not included in 2024 Report)

XIII. SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES, STAFF SERVING YOUTH / ADULTS

| | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Self-directed Activities: <i>Planned, independent activities available for a definite time period which introduce participants to any of the broad range of library services or activities that directly provide information to participants.</i> | | | |
| | a. Children (0-5) | b. Children (6-11) | c. Young Adult (12-18) |
| Number of Self-Directed Activities | 19 | 32 | 17 |
| Total Self-Directed Activity Participation | 3,338 | 5,229 | 855 |
| | d. Adult (19+) | e. General Interest (all ages) | f. Total |
| Number of Self-Directed Activities | 23 | 204 | 295 |
| Total Self-Directed Activity Participation | 2,018 | 8,239 | 19,679 |
| 2. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the children, youth, or teen librarian. Only the primary person is displayed here. | | | |
| a. First Name | b. Last Name | c. Email Address | |
| Brooke | Newberry | bnewberry@lacrosselibrary.org | |
| 3. Name and email address of primary staff person who serves as the librarian for adults. Only the primary person is displayed here. | | | |
| a. First Name | b. Last Name | c. Email Address | |
| Heather | Miller | hmiller@lacrosselibrary.org | |

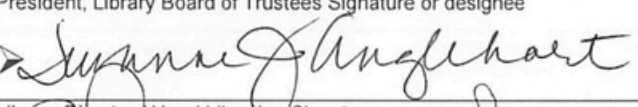
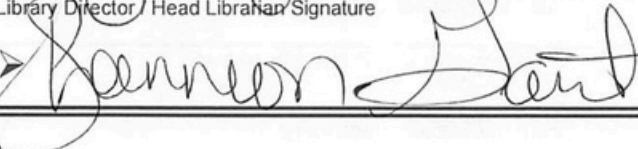
XIV. PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

We assure the Public Library System of which this library is a member and the Division for Libraries and Technology, Department of Public Instruction that this public library is in compliance with the following requirements for public library system membership as listed in Wis. Stats. A check (X) or a mark in the checkbox indicates compliance with the requirement.

- ☒ The library is established under s. 43.52 (municipalities), s. 43.53 (joint libraries), or s. 43.57 (consolidated county libraries and county library services) of the Wisconsin Statutes [s. 43.15(4)(c)1].
- ☒ The library is free for the use of the inhabitants of the municipality by which it is established and maintained [s. 43.52(2), 73 Op. Atty. Gen. 86(1984), and OAG 30-89].
- ☒ The library's board membership complies with statutory requirements regarding appointment, length of term, number of members and composition. [s. 43.54 (municipal and joint libraries), s. 43.57(4) & (5) (consolidated and county library services), and s. 43.60(3) (library extension and interchange)].
- ☒ The library board has exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected, donated, or appropriated for the library fund [s. 43.58(1)].
- ☒ The library director is present in the library at least 10 hours a week while library is open to the public, less leave time [s. 43.15(4)(c)6].
- ☒ The library board supervises the administration of the library, appoints the librarian, who appoints such other assistants and employees as the library board deems necessary, and prescribes their duties and compensation [s. 43.58(4)].
- ☒ The library is authorized by the municipal governing board to participate in the public library system [s. 43.15(4)(c)3].
- ☒ The library has entered into a written agreement with the public library system board to participate in the system and its activities, to participate in interlibrary loan of materials with other system libraries, and to provide, to any resident of the system area, the same library services, on the same terms, that are provided to the residents of the municipality or county that established the member library. This shall not prohibit a municipal, county, or joint public library from giving preference to its residents in library group programs held for children or adults if the library limits the number of persons who may participate in the group program, or from providing remote access to a library's online resources only to its residents. [s. 43.15(4)(c)4].
- ☒ The library's head librarian holds the appropriate grade level of public librarian certification from the Department of Public Instruction [s. 43.15(4)(c)6 and Administrative Code Rules PI 6.03].
- ☒ The library annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours each week except that for a library in existence on June 3, 2006, annually is open to the public an average of at least 20 hours or the number of hours each week that the library was open to the public in 2005, whichever is fewer [s. 43.15(4)(c)7].
- ☒ The library annually spends at least \$2,500 on library materials. [s. 43.15(4)(c)8].

XV. CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this annual report and any attachments are true and accurate and the library board has reviewed and approved this report.

| | | |
|---|---|-------------|
| President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee | Name of President or Designee Print or type | Date Signed |
|  | Suzanne Anglhart | 2/20/2025 |
| Library Director / Head Librarian Signature | Library Director / Head Librarian Print or type | Date Signed |
|  | Shanneon Grant | 2/20/2025 |

STATEMENT CONCERNING PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS

As required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.58(6)(c), the following statement that the library system either did or did not provide effective leadership and adequately meet the needs of the library must be completed and approved by the library board. The response should be made in the context of the public library system's statutory responsibilities and the funding which it has available to meet those responsibilities.

County

La Crosse

The La Crosse Public Library Board of Trustees hereby states that in 2024 the Winding Rivers Library System
Name of Public Library *Name of Public Library System / Service*

- ☒ did provide effective leadership and adequately met the needs of the library.
- ☐ did not provide effective leadership and did not adequately meet the needs of the library.

Indicate with an X one of the above statements

Explanation of library board's response. *Attach additional sheets if necessary.*

Note: With the approval of the library board of trustees, this statement may be submitted separately from the Annual Report form that is sent to the library system, as an e-mail attachment to LibraryReport@dpi.wi.gov.

XV. CERTIFICATION

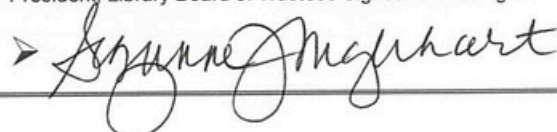
The preceding statement was approved by the Public Library Board of Trustees.

Division staff will compile the statements received for each library system and, as required by Wis. Stat. s. 43.05(14), conduct a review of a public library system if at least 30 percent of the libraries in participating municipalities that include at least 30 percent of the population of all participating municipalities report that the public library system did not adequately meet the needs of the library. This statement may be provided to the public library system.

President, Library Board of Trustees Signature or designee

Name of President or Designee Print or type

Date Signed

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2/20/2025

COMMENTS

SECTION I

14. Number of Branches (only if applicable)

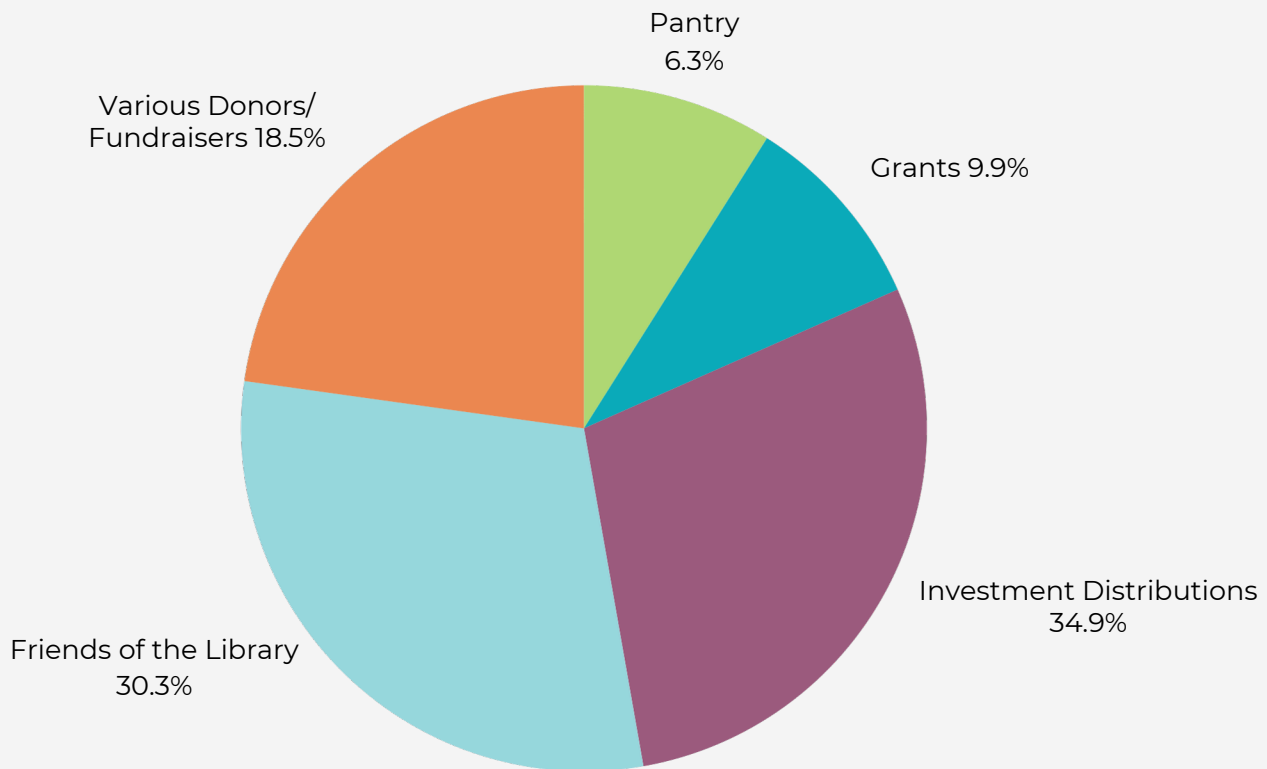
South Library Closed permanently December 2023--2025-01-24

SECTION II

1a. Books in Print (end of year total)

Weeded significantly in preparation for ILS migration--2025-02-17

2024 GIFT FUNDS



| Source of Gift | Amount | More Information |
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| Various Donors/Fundraisers | \$27,115.46 | May have restrictions: materials, programs, furniture, summer reading, YS, A&E, Archives, etc. |
| Investment Distributions | \$51,252.16 | Various Endowments, G. Gordon & D. Gordon, Washburn |
| Friends of the Library | \$44,662.15 | For Programming, Professional Development, Courtyard, Pantry, Creation Space |
| Grants | \$14,600 | Regional Read, ALA Grant |
| Pantry | \$9,290.53 | Sale of T-shirts/Totes, Gundersen donation |
| | Total: \$146,920.29 | |