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Our Mission

The Duluth Library Foundation champions the Duluth Public Library and works to increase it's capacity to serve the region.



Downtown Main Library



Mount Royal Branch Library



West Duluth Branch Library

Re-energized and Revitalized. Our new normal.



DAVID MOELLER, BOARD PRESIDENT

Over the past three years, Covid19 challenged and changed all of us in a multitude of ways, and the Duluth Public Library was no exception. Just as Covid 19 created our 'new normal', 2022 introduced our community to a re-energized library system. This new normal continues to be a labor of love from our library staff; a dedication of patience and thoughtful strategic planning to safely support patrons through programs and services after years of pandemicrelated challenges. And while we navigate this new normal in whatever capacity it means for us personally, the library and its staff continue to adjust and innovate in order to answer the call of new and increasingly difficult patron needs.

These challenges are not lost on the Foundation. An ever-present champion of our library, the Foundation recognizes the difficult and important journey ahead in supporting the library and its vision for the future. As many of you may know, our downtown library requires a physical revitalization in the years ahead. These challenges may seem daunting; but there is nothing we can't do together.

And yet, this last year wasn't defined only by its challenges. It was defined by kindness, by the power of community relationships, and most of all by generosity. Your generosity resulted in a major milestone for the Foundation as we reached over \$1 million dollars gifted to the Duluth Public Library since our founding in 1990. In addition, 2022 marked another successful year for the Every Child

Ready Duluth (ECRD) program. With your generous investment, we were able to fully fund our threeyear start-up commitment, officially handing off ECRD to the City of Duluth for continued operations for years to come. ECRD was an idea sparked by innovation, grown by thoughtful dedication, fulfilled by generosity, and implemented by care. Together, I believe we can continue to revitalize our library and the enrichment programming that strengthens our community.

As we celebrate and enjoy a re-energized library, we continue to work with staff to understand the vision and future of the library and library services. With a limited City of Duluth budget which historically has not funded programs and services, and an aging downtown library in need of major repair, your investment is more important than ever.

Our supporters are at the heart of our organization. Your aifts ensure that our library has the ability to continue providing life-changing services to our community, in the wake of our new normal and for generations to come

With gratitude,

David Moeller

Duluth Library Foundation Board President

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A vision for the future

DULUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION 2023 - 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

VIEW THE FULL STRATEGIC PLAN AND TACTICS AT WWW.DULUTHLIBRARYFOUNDATION.ORG

Mission: THE DULUTH LIBRARY FOUNDATION CHAMPIONS THE DULUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY AND WORKS TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY TO SERVE THE REGION.

Vision: A VITAL AND DYNAMIC LIBRARY SERVING ALL PEOPLE

Create a public awareness initiative to increase the Foundation's Goal 1: visibility within the Duluth Community.

Design and launch an effective and sustainable advocacy effort Goal 2: to increase support for the Library.

Launch a multi-year fundraising effort targeted to addressing a Goal 3: specific area of need for the Library and the community.

Goal 4: Explore the feasibility of a capital campaign to support the Library.

LIBRARIES ARE ESSENTIAL

There's more to the story of libraries

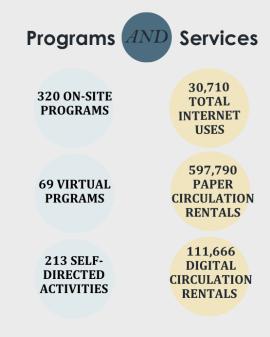
Libraries are so much more than books. We know that accessing materials, information, and research support are core library services, but libraries have evolved to do much more. The library of today is a vital resource that many individuals and families in our community have come to rely on.

The 994 average daily visitors in 2022 were job seekers utilizing library computer centers, families and individuals visiting the partnership center to receive insurance or tax support, explorers checking out Minnesota State Park Passes to enjoy the outdoors without cost, young scientists learning through play and STEAM kits, and so much more.

The City of Duluth budget does not include funding for library programs and has limited funds for materials. Private support through the Duluth Library Foundation and our partner organizations enhances the library's capacity to meet the needs of our community, while investing in innovations that will serve future generations.

The over 500 donors, institutions, and businesses that invested in the library through the Foundation in 2022 ensured our vibrant library can continue to offer a vast array of life-changing programs and services.





"Thank you for providing computers. We have no Internet, so we come here."

- Grateful Library Patron









CLOSING THE GAP

Investing in our most precious asset, our children, benefits the entire community.

The consequences for children who are not school ready are harrowing; lower income over their lifetimes, poorer health outcomes for themselves and their children, and reduced civic engagement. Every Child Ready Duluth (ECRD) is addressing this issue with a bold aim; that every child in Duluth will be school ready by kindergarten.

In 2022, our community showed unwavering support in this mission. Alongside a partnership with the City of Duluth, the Duluth Library Foundation fulfilled its commitment to fund three years of start up costs for ECRD, and has helped transition ECRD to the City of Duluth for continued operations for years to come.

Every Child Ready Duluth engaged with a total of 3,840 adults and children in 2022!

ECRD took Little Library Go to a variety of community events; bringing mobile circulation, free books and library information to over 1,245 adults and children!

Over 500 people and 15 community organizations attended the first ever Family Fest!

Goosechase virtual programing offered play based early learning challenges that engaged 74 families.

ECRD brought access to early literacy programing to over 200 people in our community; including those involved with First Witnesses Child Abuse Prevention Coalition and Families in Transition Headstart.

Early Childhood Literacy continues at school! ECRD attended many school events; including;

ISD 709 Preschool/ Head Start Classes reaching over 230 children

Early Childhood Family Education Classes and events, reaching over 200 participants

Myers-Wilkens Preschool Picnic, connecting with 48 people

Little Hearts Childcare reaching 50 children and teachers.



OFFERING POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT FOR TEENS

The Duluth library is committed to providing a continued platform for youth leadership to help guide the vision of our library and engage more youth into the power of libraries! The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) continued to provide a creative outlet and positive engagement opportunities for teens in 2022. TAB meets monthly to help create teen programming, promote our library and its events, and suggest new books and materials for the library. Your generous contributions helped library staff relocate the teen space in the downtown library to a larger, more visible location that was stocked with:

- In-house board games and art materials
- Dungeons and Dragons Campaign Resources
- Take and make projects to work on at home

Teens were also able to express themselves and connect with peers in the Anime Manga Club, or through the gaming and virtual reality programs.

THE POWER OF EARLY LITERACY

The benefits of early literacy in children reach far beyond school; they are lifelong and powerful indicators of increased social determinants of health for future generations. Providing safe, developmentally appropriate, educational books and materials to help children improve their love of learning and exploration is an important value of our library. With your help, and the help of other local philanthropists, additional funding has supported the purchase of new materials, expansion of free library programs, and events such as:

- STEAM youth educational programs and Inclusive song and story times for babies and toddlers
- The 40+ year Kaleidoscope program, which features family friendly performances ranging from magic shows to musical performances
- VOX Books and Wonderbooks, materials that combine books with audio recordings
- Expanded materials and online resources that help families continue early literacy learning at home



LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE

There's something for everyone at our public library.

At the Duluth Public Library, all are welcome to engage in programs and resources that educate, inspire, and entertain! Your donations are essential in ensuring that our library continues to provide updated materials and resources for all ages, because everyone deserves access to enrichment and education, regardless of income.

Your generosity in 2022 has helped to provide our library with updated fiction and nonfiction (in print and digital) titles, thoughtfully selected materials to satisfy even the most curious of readers! You've also helped to expand adult, teen, and child programming to promote healthy engagement and the gift of learning and growing together. Your gifts haven't stopped there.

- Poppin; the library's first fully private meeting pod
- Human Development Center mobile hotspots
- Free summer concert series; City Sounds
- Expanded digital resources with Hoopla, a web and mobile library media streaming platform
- The beloved new Library Lynx mascot!
- Updated technology equipment for Library's Public Relations



"WE LOVE OUR LIBRARY! AS A PARENT, I APPRECIATE HAVING A SAFE SPACE TO BRING MY TODDLER, WHERE I CAN HELP HER NURTURE HER LOVE OF BOOKS AND READING. FOR HER, IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TOYS, ESPECIALLY THE LEGOS!"

- AMY (LIBRARY LOVER) AND WILLA (LEGO ENTHUSIAST)





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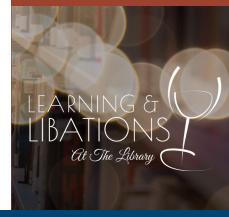
SAVE THE DATE

12th Annual **Learning & Libations** at the Library

Reunited for Good! Join us in celebrating the library, while taking a look at the past. Explore the newly updated and relocated local history center while enjoying music from local cover band Born Too Young, gourmet catering featuring classic favorites from Blackwoods, wines, local beer and cider, and featured mocktails.

You don't want to miss this featured. after-hours event that benefits the Duluth Public Library.

Friday, September 15th Downtown Library Tickets on sale in July 2023



HONORING THEIR SUPPORT

Olga Walker Awards & Author Event

The Olga Walker Awards were established to honor individuals whose generous support has made a significant difference at the library. Olga Walker, our founding donor, designated the Duluth Public Library as her sole beneficiary when she passed in 1964. Her gift was the seed money that established the Foundation, which continues to support the library each year. Like Olga Walker, our honorees have made lasting improvements in our community by strengthening the library. In 2023, the following honorees were recognized at the event:

Benedictine Sisters are monastic women who seek God in community through a life of prayer and work. Through this work, they have volunteered at the library, served on the Duluth Public Library board, and have been sustaining supporters of the Duluth Library Foundation for 18 years.

Tom and Pam Griffin extensively donate their time volunteering at the Duluth Public Library when they live in Duluth. They spend their winters in Florida. Since 2018, they have collectively volunteered 1,303.25 hours with the Friends of the Duluth Public Library.

Maurice and June Family Foundation began donating to the library when their daughter, Julie, began her dream job working at the Duluth Public Library. The family foundation continues donating to the library after Maurice and June passed.

Pictured below; Duluth Library Foundation Executive Director, Erin Kreeger, with Olga Walker Honorees, the Benedictine Sisters.



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In Honor of Alex Armstrong and Nana Janice Shuey

In Honor of Anna Hodgens Jennifer Jackson

In Honor of Annie Borgren Cynthia Storm

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Margaret A. Gardner

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In Honor of Virginia Katz Triss Harwood

"The Library is a welcoming, creative environment full of resources, good people, and cool programs. It's truly a place for all and a vital part of the community."

- Megan H.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

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Total revenue	\$ 417,028	4.9%	Main Library Meeting Pod 3.8%
Expenses		Technology & Digital Services	
Direct support of Every Child Ready Duluth Direct support of West Duluth Branch Capital Needs Direct support of Duluth Public Library Program and service expenses	\$ 29,641 \$ 34, 147 \$ 72,789 \$ 61,847	20.6%	
Administration Fundraising	\$ 78,815 \$ 26,761		Every Child Ready Duluth
Total expenses	\$ 304,000		59.4%
		Programs and Materials	
Endowment Change in value of endowment Value of endowment, beginning of year Value of endowment, end of year	\$ -319,784 \$2,439,982 \$2,120,198	11.3%	



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