

Ames<sup>TM</sup>  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Enough  
As She Is  
Rachel Simmons

THE STRAITS OF LIFE  
Love & March  
UNRAVELLING - DRAGON  
TALES OF FAITH  
THE DRAGON WALKERS  
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REBECCA  
YARROS  
QUICK PICKS  
2 Quick Pick items at a time

FIND YOUR STRONGEST LIFE  
WOMEN DO DIFFERENTLY

SOCCERHEAD



Business/Theory/Economics

Social Science

Personal Finance

Sports/Recreation

Architecture

PINK PINK PINK PINK

Spanish  
Flash Cards

LEONARD

# 2022/2023 By the Numbers



Over **994,326** items were checked out last year. (That's an average of over 2,724 items each day of the year!)



The library served more than **317,020** visitors.



Over **46,714** people viewed/participated in 2,189 online and in-person Library events.

# We ♥ Volunteers



**314 volunteers**  
contributed **10,955 hours**  
of assistance in 2022/2023.

Volunteers of all ages helped  
with a variety of projects in  
the Library, from pulling hold  
requests to delivering books  
to homebound patrons,  
and much more!

# Total Budget: \$5,069,391



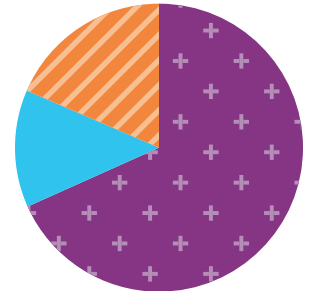
## Income

- City of Ames Property Tax — 88.67%
- Story County — 3.6%
- State of Iowa — 1.26%
- Grants and Donations — 6.1%
- Fines and Fees — 0.37%



## Expenses

- Wages and Benefits — 68.29%
- Materials — 13.19%
- Facilities and Operations — 18.52%



# Thank you Donors

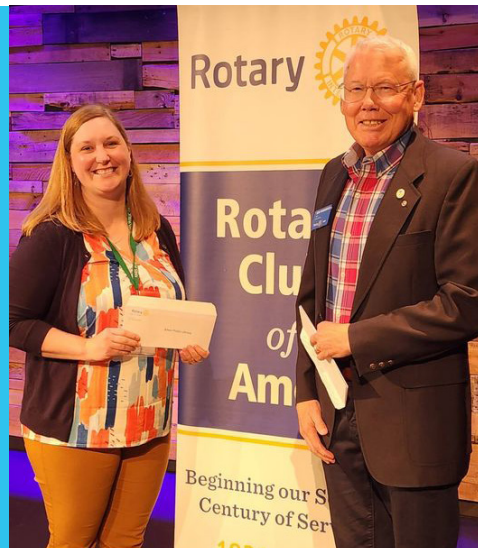
**Grants & Donations:  
\$309,370**

Thank you to our generous donors and grantors for supporting projects including special collections, presenters, children's activities, Project Smyles, and more.



AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Friends Foundation

The Ames Public Library Friends Foundation conducts fundraising, operates the Literary Grounds bookstore, and holds book sales to support the Library.

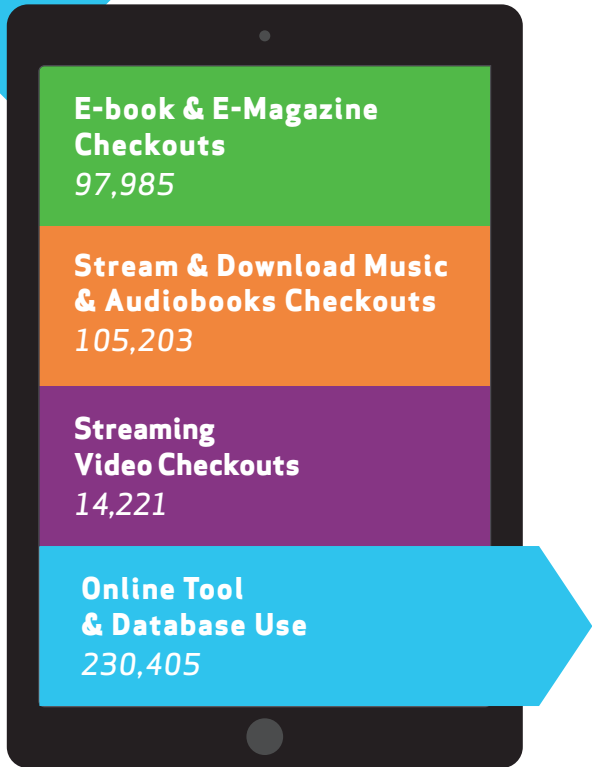




# Engaging Programs

-  Over **3,800 people of all ages** logged more than 4.6 million minutes of reading in the 2022 **Summer Reading Challenge**.
-  Ames Public Library presented **1,998 in-person** programs with almost **40,000 people** attending.
-  The Library had 653 attendees for 169 virtual programs and **6,124 people** participating in **passive programs**.
-  Project Smyles hosted over **800 children and caregivers** from area preschools and daycares with Library tours and storytimes.





# Technology Access

- During this year the Library's 63 public computers were used 26,943 times.
- Library Wi-Fi was accessed 227,672 times and Wi-Fi Hotspots were loaned 1,212 times.

The Library offered free access to **premium online research and learning tools** including children's interactive books, genealogy software, language learning, informational tools for consumers, and more. Cardholders used these online resources an average of about **631 times a day!**

# Supporting Community

The Library helped combat childhood hunger by serving **4,486 free meals for children and teens** as part of the 2022 Summer Meals program.

Library staff and volunteers brought books to over **8,026 children** in daycares and preschools through 867 visits and storytimes with **Project Smyles**.

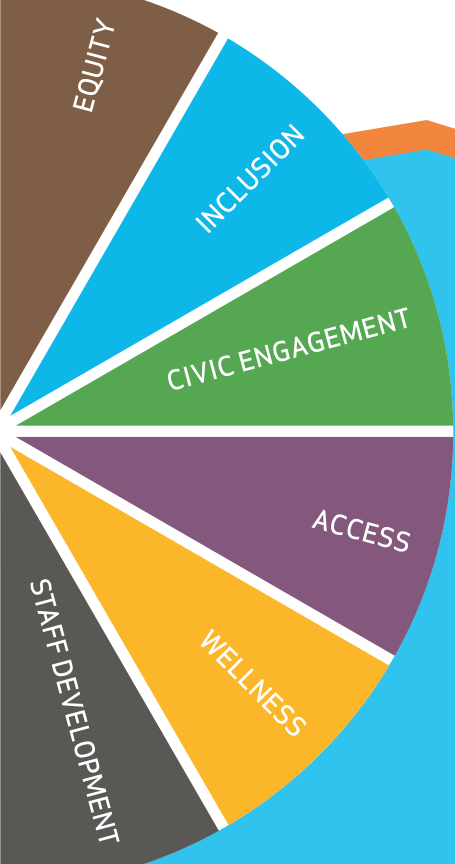
Library staff and volunteers made **708 deliveries** of books and materials to homebound citizens and centers through **Home Delivery**.

**Meeting and study rooms** were used 8,256 times serving **23,169 people**.





# Strategic Plan Highlights



## Equity

Created an accessibility team to identify opportunities to enhance access and ensure a welcoming environment for community members of all abilities and backgrounds.

## Inclusion

Completed an audit of the library collection to ensure library materials represent a diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and more.

# Strategic Plan Highlights



A  
COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATION  
ABOUT SUICIDE  
FACTS, HOPE, & RESOURCES

## Civic Engagement

Developed and presented programming like *Get on Boards* to increase knowledge about active participation in local government.

## Access

Promoted library resources to new audiences through international student groups, apartment housing welcome packets, and local events.

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## Wellness

Partnered with the mayor, city departments, and local organizations to host a 6-part series of Community Conversations on Mental Health.

## Staff Development

Attended a range of state and local conferences and online workshops including a 3-week series on how to create an antiracist culture in libraries.





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