

BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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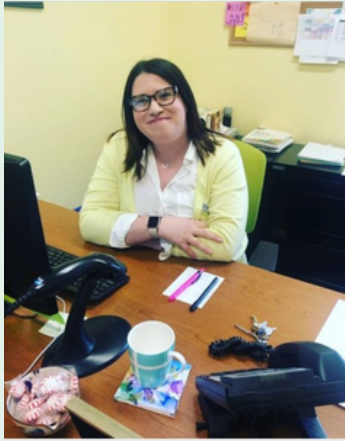
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings Readers!

As 2023 comes to an end, I am proud to take this opportunity to share with you all the many highlights of the year at Burlington Public Library.

Through ARPA funding, we were able to expand our offerings to patrons through a variety of new databases (CreativeBug, BoldYoga, BookFlix) and add to our eBook and eAudiobook collections. We also enhanced our Children's Department with new toys and sensory activities for storytime programs.

Additionally, our Ann Mazeau Burlington Room saw some upgrades as we added new technology to help us digitize our historical photo collection. Soon, the complete photo collection will be available online for you to browse!

This past spring, the staff collaborated on designing an outdoor sensory walk. Our courtyard was brought to life with bright colors, games and activities for all to enjoy -- even when the library is closed.

Our annual Summer Reading Program was a huge success! Each department offered fun and enriching activities and incentives. We also had the opportunity to collaborate on several all-ages events throughout the summer.

Our Friends of the Library were absolute stars this year -- putting on two successful book sales, sending out a town-wide mailer and sponsoring our annual Pumpkin Pageant. All of their fundraising efforts provide vital funding for future library programs and materials.

Life never slows down at the library! While 2023 winds down, we are already hard at work preparing for a fabulous 2024. We have exciting plans for a seed library, a community garden, a Burlington Historical Image gallery, the return of our Tiny Art Show and so much more!

We couldn't do all this without our patrons. Your continued support is what drives us towards our mission of being *"the best small-town public library we can be through our exceptional service, relevant resources, as well as cultural, social, and educational programming for the community."*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John".

CORE SERVICE AREAS



Materials

We offer a collection of nearly 150,000 physical and downloadable items. Additionally, we subscribe to 3 local newspapers and 48 magazines.



Downloadable Resources

Through our seven different databases, cardholders are able to access services for downloadable books, crafting tutorials, yoga classes and *Consumer Reports*.



Programming

A variety of educational and recreational programming is offered throughout the year for patrons of all ages. The library also provides outreach services to local schools, Foote Road Day Camp and the Burlington Senior Center.



Local History

The local history collection includes books, clippings, family genealogies, photographs, maps, diaries, postcards, newspapers, and other print materials related to Burlington and its residents.



Other Amenities

The library provides patrons access to twenty public computers as well as five children's early literacy computer stations. Patrons are also able to access high-speed internet through Wi-Fi.

The library has two public meeting rooms that can be reserved by outside groups as well as two study rooms.

Outside, patrons can access two electric vehicle charging stations, a solar-powered charging table, outdoor seating and a Children's Sensory Walk - all of which can be accessed 24/7.

2023 IMPACT REPORT

56,856

Items
Checked Out



438 New Patron Registrations



357

Unique
Programs
Offered



6,753

Program
Participants



11,243

eBooks and
eAudiobooks
downloaded



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37,698

Library Visitors

110

Meeting
Room
Bookings



1,931

New Items
Added to the
Collection



5,592

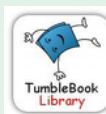
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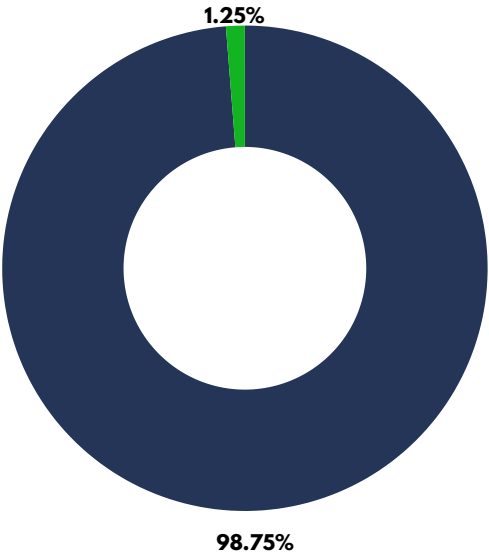
BOLD YOGA

A Virtual Yoga Studio for Librarians

Consumer
Reports

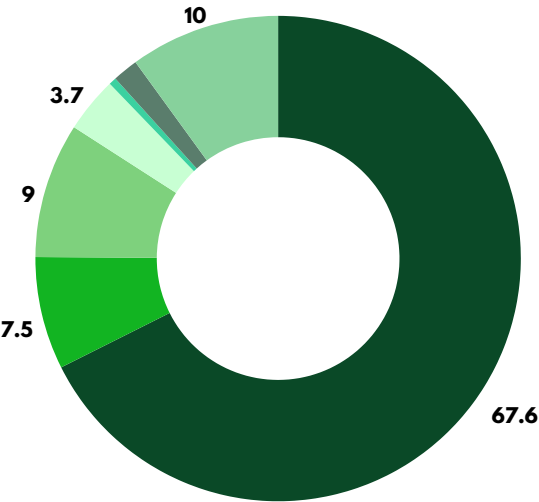


TOWN OPERATING BUDGET



98.75% **\$34,525,369**
ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS
\$34,094,201

1.25% **BURLINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**
\$431,168



Library Expenditures by Budget Line

Salaries	\$292,968
Utilities	\$44,500
Computer Services/Consortium Fees	\$40,300
Materials & Subscriptions	\$32,500
Building Maintenance	\$15,900
Capital Improvements	\$9,090
Administrative Expenses	\$7,200
Programming	\$2,000



Supplemental Funds Donated by the Friends of the Library

\$30,500

Funds donated by the Friends of the Library go towards:

- Programs
- Museum Passes
- Audiobooks
- Hoopla
- Magazines
- Large Print
- Special Events
- Other Library Needs

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



In February, the library hosted its first Tiny Art Show. Participants were able to pick up a canvas in January and submit their piece for our art gallery. Canvases were displayed throughout the library with over 80 artists represented.

For St. Patrick's Day, the Children's department paired up with businesses and organizations throughout Burlington sending treasure hunters on a scavenger hunt for gold throughout town!



In April, our Instagram took center stage at the Connecticut Library Association conference when it won the publicity award for our submission, "Come aboard, we're expecting you at the Library!"

It was all hands on deck in June when the staff collaborated to create a Sidewalk Sensory Walk in our courtyard. Available 24/7, our sensory walk provides a variety of games, learning activities and yoga poses in our beautiful outdoor area.

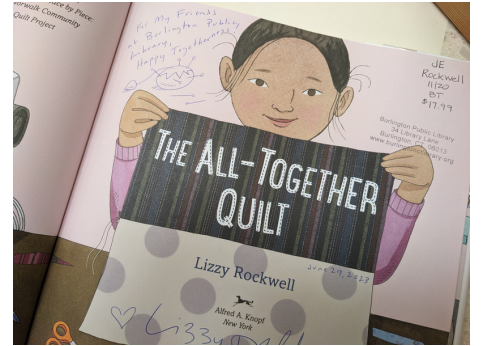


2023 HIGHLIGHTS



All Together Now! The BPL hosted its busiest summer reading program in years! Each day the library was bustling with activities as patrons came to programs, checked out materials and signed up for over 100 library cards!

Through a CT State Library grant, BPL was able to host an all-ages quilting series. We began the summer series with a visit from author Lizzie Rockwell who shared her book, *The All-Together Quilt*, and the inspiration behind it. Next, we had two visits from Dawn Zillich, the Stitching Coach, who taught crumb quilting classes.



In September, BPL staff set up at Tavern Day to provide library card registrations to Burlington residents. It all went perfectly with our Library Card Sign-Up Month theme - A Library Keeps You Busy!

In October, we hosted our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Pageant. With record crowds, we expanded our Pumpkin Pageant offerings to offer more unique experiences for participants. We even had a visit from the Green Lady who provided some ghoulish assistance on our Spooky Cemetery Walk!

