



Wilmette Public Library

Annual Report FY 2023-24

Highlights of Our Year

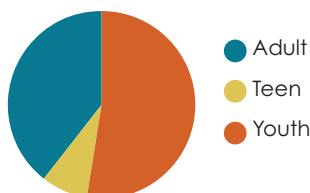
- The Studio, a do-it-yourself maker space where patrons of all ages can learn and collaborate on projects using creative equipment, opened in January
- More than 700 people attended February's Maker Fest, a day-long celebration of makers and making and a formal introduction of The Studio to Wilmette
- Community members joined together on the lawn to view the April total solar eclipse
- Reading series remained perennially popular, with Summer Reading Clubs for all ages, and our first year of our adult and teen community reading series, Wilmette Reads, all funded by the Friends of the Wilmette Public Library
- A major capital improvement was the replacement of all patron computers, improving our public-facing technology resources

1,100 Total Programs + Outreach Visits

33,000 Attendees to Outreach & Programs

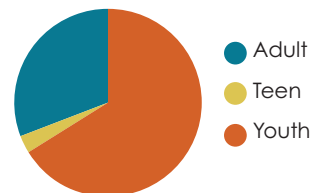
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Total Programs



23,400

Program Attendance



Programming increased 8% and attendance increased 10%

Library staff made **220** outreach visits and reached **9,600** community members at schools, festivals, parks, and more.



207,100 Website Visits ↑5%

789,700 WiFi sessions ↓8%

Digital Collection Circulation

402,600

Kanopy Accessed

10,700

hoopla Accessed

18,200



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Digital collection circulation increased 33%



242,700 Library Visits ↑12%

43,700 Reference Questions Answered

5,100

Study Room Bookings

110

Room Rentals



664,200 Items Circulated ↑4%

Interlibrary Loan

43,600 Items to Wilmette

42,900 Items from Wilmette

The library collection has 222,500 physical items and 348,000 downloadable and streaming items.

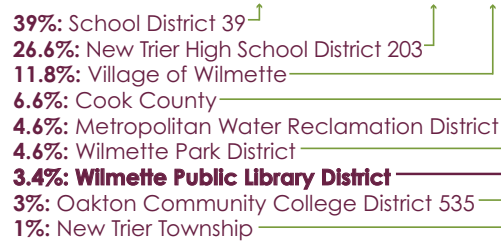


↑ indicates percentage increase since 2023

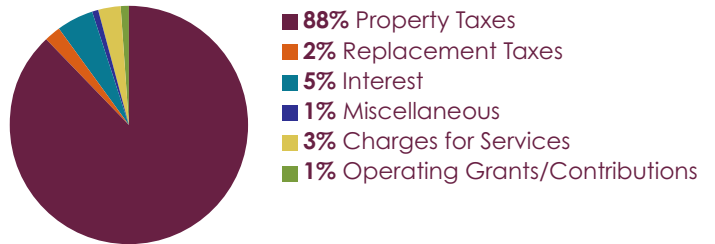
2024 was a productive year at Wilmette Public Library. Our staff maximized resources to bring the community new services, growing collections and educational and cultural programs. At a time of increasing costs, staff completed the year on budget.

This past fall, the library conducted a long-range financial study, projecting trends for general operations as well as planned capital reserve projects. The board also identified challenges presented by the recent inflationary market and the changing and competitive labor market. To ensure the ongoing financial health of the library, we plan to strengthen partnerships, evaluate new revenue streams, and work with our community to sustain the library for years to come.

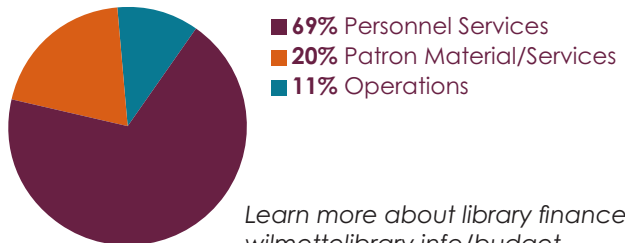
Your 2023 Property Tax Dollar



2024 Revenues: \$6,214,925



2024 Expenditures: \$6,239,151



As part of the Decennial Local Government Efficiency Act, we took stock of the many ways that we work with partner organizations, and have been gratified to have strong community relationships.

2024 Partners: The Friends of the Wilmette Public Library, the League of Women Voters of Wilmette & Kenilworth, New Trier High School, School District 39, School District 37, the Village of Wilmette, Wilmette/Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce, and Wilmette Park District.



There are 16,200 active Wilmette library cards held by Wilmette and Kenilworth residents.

