

**WAMEGO
PUBLIC LIBRARY
2022
ANNUAL REPORT**



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Director's Note

2022 was an exciting year of planning, preparation, and breaking ground for the Wamego Public Library Expansion and Renovation Project. This building project is the culmination of years of teamwork. The Library Board of Trustees, the building committee, the City of Wamego, the library staff, BBN Architects, and now ICON Structures, are part of that team.

This project would not be possible without financial support from generous businesses, local organizations, and community members. Our Friends of the Library group was honored in 2022 for their fundraising efforts and grant awards. Fundraising continues as the work proceeds to ensure we create the most welcoming and functional space possible for the community in and around Wamego.

Our volunteer base has always been exceptional! Many service-minded individuals and groups have stepped up to help the Library in a variety of ways. From the Book Brigade, to moving furniture, to dusting the shelves, your help has made the work so much lighter!

Enjoy a look back through the year at all we have accomplished together. If you haven't stopped in the Library for a while, now is a great time to see the progress and anticipate the future with us. We can't wait to see you!

Darci Hildebrand, Director



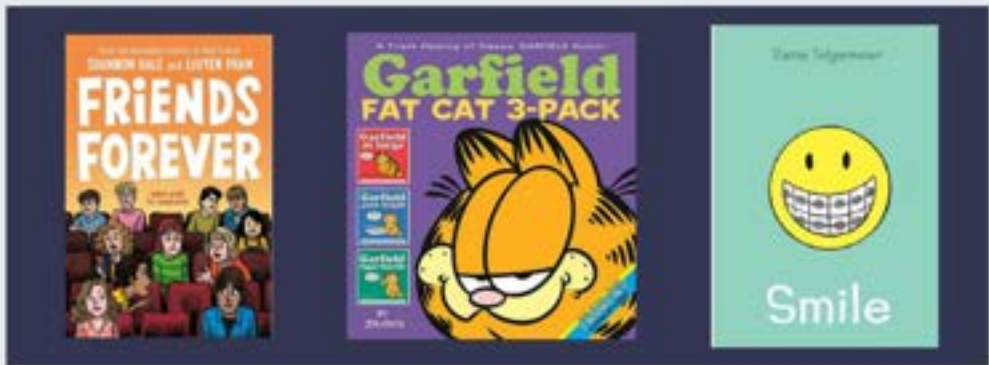
Circulation

Top 3 Books

CHILDREN'S



YOUNG
ADULT



ADULT



Tech Stats



Circulation

A DAY AT WPL

104 PEOPLE VISIT THE LIBRARY DAILY



170 ITEMS CHECKED OUT

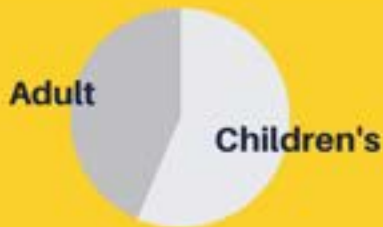


40 WIFI USES



20 PROGRAM ATTENDEES

1 PATRON WALKS IN EVERY 5 MINUTES



51,330
ITEMS CHECKED OUT



18,550
BOOKS IN THE COLLECTION



6,725
DOWNLOADS OF E-CONTENT



31,150
VISITORS TO THE LIBRARY



3,690
LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS

2,035
ITEMS BORROWED



790
ITEMS LOANED OUT

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

THIS YEAR THE LIBRARY PROVIDED **\$746,100** OF VALUE IN SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Programming

Overall, there were 87% more program attendees in 2022

Children's Programming Highlights



220

books read
at storytime



250

balloons dropped
at Noon Year's Eve



170 programs

4,115
attendees



90
outreach
events

2,290
attendees



Programming

Young Adult Programming Highlights



Our middle and high school students have a special spot in the library just for them! It includes our YA book collection, board games, and four gaming computers. It's a safe place for tweens and teens to hang out after school to do homework and catch up with friends. Popular YA programs have included Book Club, Anime Club, craft classes and break-out boxes.



53 programs

347
attendees



Programming

Adult Programming Highlights



36 programs

485 attendees



This year our adults enjoyed wood burning, crochet, mystery writing, and 12 book club discussions.



Recommendations From the Couch

This program started as a way to reach out to patrons and highlight the adult collection during the pandemic. Its popularity has kept it going for **175** videos!

Number of books recommended this year: **220**
Number of views: **530**



Programming

Summer Reading Highlights



21,800
MINUTES READ



522

People registered
for Summer Reading

2,345 PATRONS

attended

48 PROGRAMS

428

Patrons attended the
kick-off in the park

The Summer Reading Program
was made possible by the
generosity of

97 DONORS

Volunteers



Wamego Public Library is lucky to have the support of a community that is generous in many ways, including their time. Thank you to all of our volunteers! From decorating for Summer Reading and adding Braille to the StoryWalk®, to moving items into storage for the start of construction, our volunteers went above and beyond in 2022!

530 VOLUNTEER
HOURS

Friends



The Wamego Friends of the Library continues to seek new members to actively support programming in our library. Their fundraising events include the opening night of Hoo Haw at the Columbian Theatre, the annual pie sale and the membership drive. The Friends were recognized at the Kansas Library Association conference in October with the honor of 2022 Outstanding Friends Group from the statewide organization, Friends of Kansas Libraries.

MONEY RAISED



\$850
PIE SALE



\$2,925
BOOK SALE



\$1,100
HOOHAW



\$3,490
MEMBERSHIPS

Fundraising Highlights

Bingo



The Columbian Theatre partners with local non-profit organizations to benefit projects and programming through Bingo Night. The Wamego Public Library had a great crowd and lots of lucky winners! This fun event brought in supporters of all ages and raised over \$400 for the Expansion and Renovation Project.

Match Day

Wamego Community Foundation Match Day is a unique opportunity for our community to come together and support local non-profit organizations. Generous benefactors make it possible by providing matching funds. In 2022, 76 donors gave \$33,260 to support the Library Expansion and Renovation Project. **THANK YOU!**



A HUGE *thank you* **TO OUR DONORS**

Memorials and donations given to the Library in honor of a loved one greatly impact the level of service we can provide for the community. With your financial support of over \$7,000, we have purchased additional books and materials for check-out, enhanced programming, displayed a new StoryWalk book each month, and started construction on the Library Expansion and Renovation Project.

G R A N T S

The Wamego Public Library and the Friends of Wamego Public Library were awarded \$26,900 in grant funding in 2022. These grants funded various library programs for children, teens, and adults; professional training for library staff; additions to our book collection; and support for the Expansion and Renovation Project.

Grant funds in 2022 include:

Causality Branding \$1,000, Dollar General \$3,000, Humanities Kansas \$900, Kansas Gas Service \$20,000, North Central Kansas Library System \$500, Walmart \$500, and We Are Wamego \$1,000