

Wamego Public Library

Annual Report 2024



What a year it has been for the Wamego Public Library! After years of planning, fundraising, and navigating a construction zone, we are thrilled to say—the renovation is complete! With the help of many dedicated volunteers, we moved our collection out of storage and into its rightful place in our beautifully renovated space. After months of operating with limited room and a collection in boxes, we were thrilled to fully reopen just in time for 2024 Summer Reading Program. The official Ribbon Cutting at the end of the summer was a proud moment, marking a new chapter for the community treasure that is the library.

Throughout the year, the library was alive with activity. We hosted classes, book clubs, storytimes, play sessions, and author talks, welcoming the community through our doors in record numbers. It has been a joy to see our meeting rooms buzzing with activity, our technology being put to good use, and—most importantly—our collection back on the shelves and in the hands of readers.

August brought a big transition as our fearless leader, Darci Hildebrand, stepped down as Director. I had the privilege of stepping into the role in November, and it has been an honor to serve this incredible community over the past few months. Darci left big shoes to fill, but I am excited to build on her legacy and continue making the library the best it can be.

2024 marked both an ending and a beginning—the close of our renovation era and the start of something new. Now, with a fully realized space, we look forward to putting it to great use and making it shine. As you explore this report, I hope it serves as a celebration of how far we've come and a glimpse into all the exciting things ahead.

Thank you for your support, your enthusiasm, and your love for the library. We can't wait to see you here!

Maci Murillo, Director

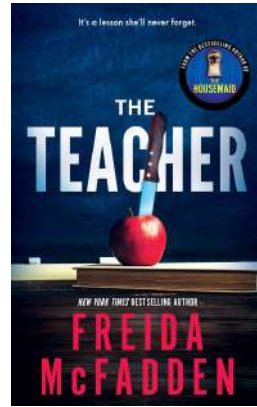
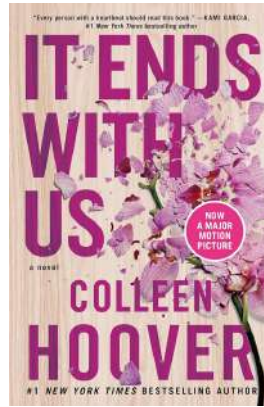
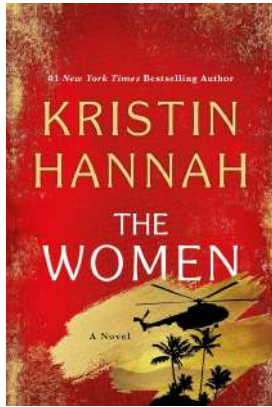
Renovation Photos



Circulation

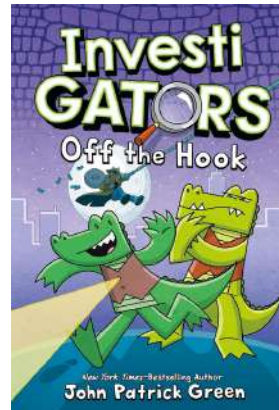
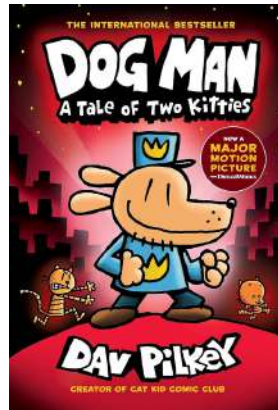
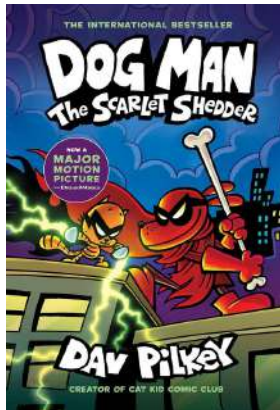
Top 3 Books of 2024

ADULT



top author:
**FREIDA
MCFADDEN**

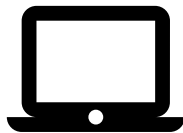
CHILDREN'S / YA



top author:
**DAV
PILKEY**

Technology

QUICK STATS



4,482
Public
Computer
Sessions

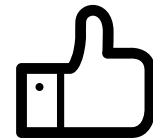


14,387
free Wifi
Connections



7,561
Website
Visits

SOCIAL MEDIA



203,962
Facebook
Reach



3,399
Instagram
Reach

A Day at the Library



138
Items
Checked Out



63
Wifi / Computer
Uses

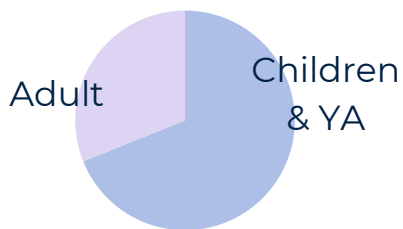


26
Program
Attendees



112
People Visit the
Library Daily

Circulation Snapshots



41,462
Items Checked Out



24,482
Books in the
Collection



7,778
Downloads of
E-content

Circulation

**THIS YEAR WE
HAD**



33,609
Visitors to
the Library



3,925
Library
Card Holders

**INTERLIBRARY
LOAN**

2,193 
Items
Borrowed

 **1,127**
Items
Loaned Out

This year the Library received **\$308,050** in tax revenue and provided **\$913,773** of value in services to our community.

Adult Programs

Year in Review

531
patrons

attended

32
programs



Cork Board
String Art



Rosie Boose
Author Visit



Murder Mystery
at the Columbian



Stained Glass
with Jacque E.

Teen Programs

Year in Review

172
patrons

attended

34
programs



Watercolor Class
at the Columbian



Survival Workshop
Fishing Lesson



Punch Needle
Embroidery



Coloring Night
at the Brew

Children's Programs

Year in Review

2,432 *attended*
patrons

145
programs



Community Helpers
Homeschool Hub



Stay-and-Play
at Storytime



Junior Architects



Book Bites
Family Night

Summer Reading Program

691
patrons

read

200,350
minutes

2,155
patrons

attended

67
programs

Thank you
to our

80

generous
sponsors!



Pool Party
Kick Off



Storytime
at the Park



Elementary Adventures
with Sunset Zoo



Adult Dutch Oven
Demonstration



Teen Adventures in Art
with Uncorked



Passport Party
Finale

Board of Trustees

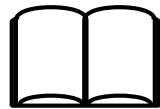
7 Dedicated Members

The Wamego Public Library's Board of Trustees is composed of seven dedicated individuals who believe in the positive impact a thriving library can bring to a community. We are so thankful that they guide our Library by fulfilling our mission to enrich lives, promote literacy, and build community by bringing together people, information, and ideas. This year, the Board of Trustees interviewed and hired a new director, created and implemented policy, and oversaw the completion of our Renovation and Expansion project.

Friends of the Wamego Public Library QUICK NUMBERS



\$760
Pie Sale



\$2,760
Book Sale



53
Memberships
to Date



582

Volunteer Hours

Each year we are blessed to have amazing volunteers from our community to help the Wamego Public Library. This year was no exception, we relied on our volunteers to help with two moves, facilitate programming, and more! We are so thankful that our community is willing to help support the library through volunteer work.



Community Partnerships

We are fortunate to have creative people in our community that are willing to share their time with us for our program partnerships! Over the course of the year we have seen the benefits of bringing together local businesses, organizations, and individuals to share their knowledge through Library programs for children, teens, and adults.

Adult
Programs
utilized

24

different
community
partners

Teen
Programs
utilized

9

different
community
partners

Children's
Programs
utilized

31

different
community
partners

totaling: **64** Community Partnerships

A huge **thank you** to our **donors.**

Memorials and donations given to the Library greatly impact the level of service we can provide for the community. This past year the Library received over **\$61,443** in donations through our memorial program to honor a loved one, Wamego Community Foundation Match Day, and fundraisers. Using these funds, we have purchased additional books and materials for check-out, enhanced programming, supplemented funding for the building construction project, and displayed a new StoryWalk® book each month. We are so thankful for the generosity and support of our community.

Grants

The Wamego Public Library and the Friends of Wamego Public Library were awarded **\$8,565** in grant funding in 2024. 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.