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ANNUAL REPORT

Schreiner Memorial Library



Summer Library Program

June-July 2022

*Oceans of
Possibilities*



SCHREINER MEMORIAL
LIBRARY

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*Libraries always remind me that
there are good things in this world.
-- Lauren Ward*

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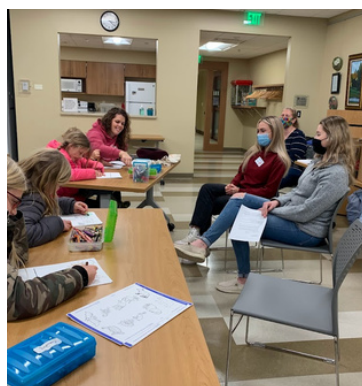
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About Us

Schreiner Memorial Library was the first public library in Grant County, started in 1902 by the Lancaster Women's Club. The library serves over 10,000 people in Lancaster and the surrounding area. It has grown to include a branch library in Potosi, which serves primarily the Potosi and Tennyson area.

Library Cards

Lancaster Residents: 2,156

Non-Residents: 1,924

New Card Holders: 295

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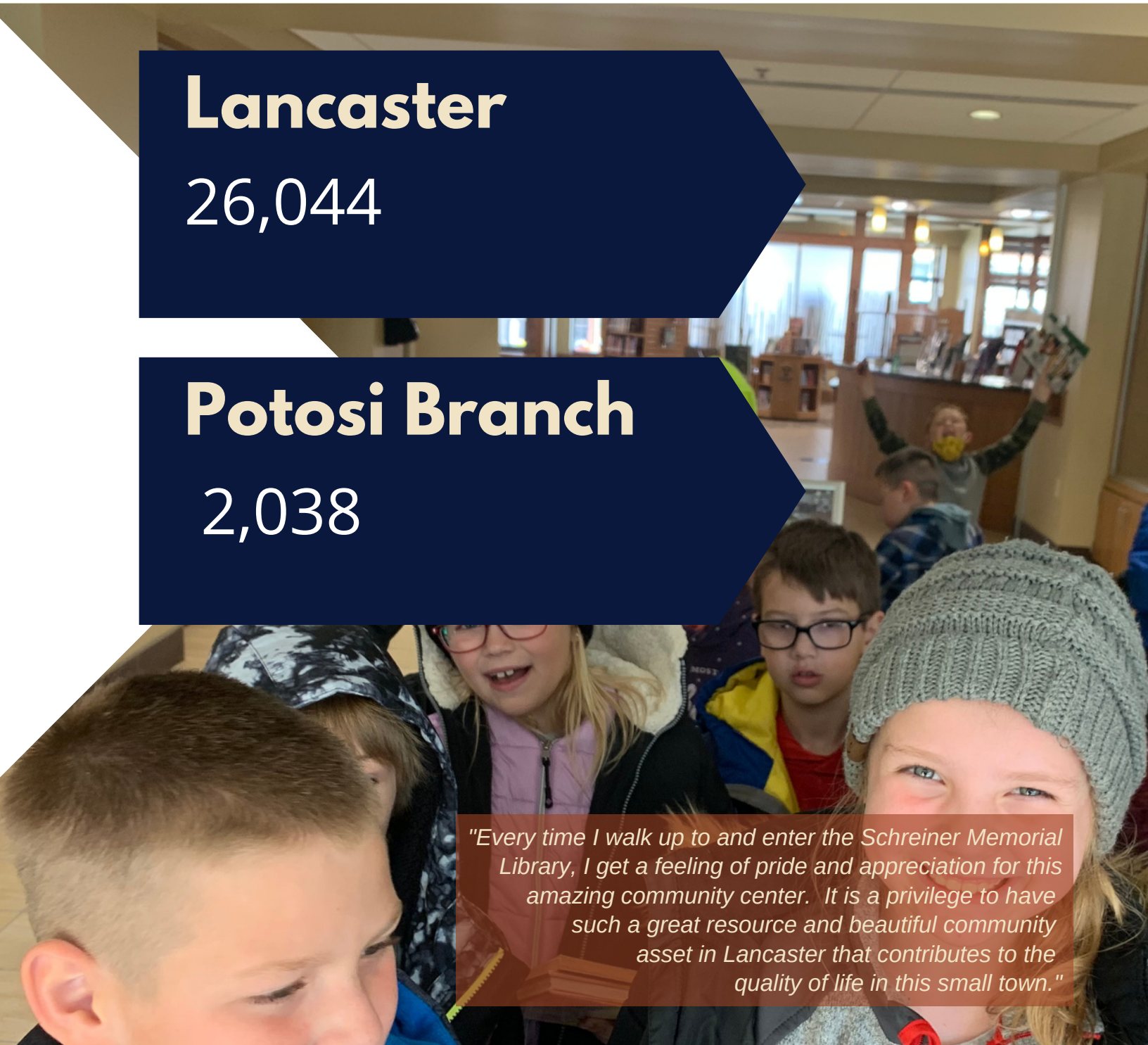
Visitors
Visitor Count
28,082

Lancaster

26,044

Potosi Branch

2,038



"Every time I walk up to and enter the Schreiner Memorial Library, I get a feeling of pride and appreciation for this amazing community center. It is a privilege to have such a great resource and beautiful community asset in Lancaster that contributes to the quality of life in this small town."

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Programming

Total Attendance
6319

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How wonderful it is to live in a town where the library is beautiful, inviting, and programs are wide and varied to accommodate all sorts of interests.

-- Marcia Chambers

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Children (0-11)
138 programs
In-Person/Virtual - 107
Pre-Recorded
Programs - 31



Teens (12-18)
17 programs
In-Person/Virtual - 17



Adults/Mixed
86 programs
In-Person/Virtual - 84
Pre-Recorded
Programs - 2

I love our Schreiner Memorial Library! The staff is unfailingly professional, friendly and competent. We have a wonderful selection of books and I enjoy browsing through the stacks and the new fiction section. If there is a specific book that I want and we do not have it in our collection I am always able to get it through interlibrary loan in a timely fashion. I love the adult programs that are provided! (I can't speak to children's programming as my baby is 34!) These programs have been so meaningful to me especially during this time of Covid. We have either met safely masked or on Zoom to discuss books, meditation, wellness, and mental health issues. Kristin has done a fabulous job of finding expert people in our community to connect with others through library programming. What a huge asset to our little town of Lancaster! I give a gift to the Library Foundation every year and wholeheartedly support our library in any way I can.

-- Ann Dolan

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Children's Programs

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Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.

-- Sidney Sheldon

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Tails & Tales



*Your programs
are amazing!!
Thanks for all you
do for our
community!
- - anonymous*

*A huge thank you.
We enjoyed the
programs and the
crafts associated
with them. We
really enjoyed
being outside this
year.
- - Susan Hermsen*

*We appreciate all
the opportunities
the library offers,
thanks for all you
guys do!
- - Jenny Stiklestad*



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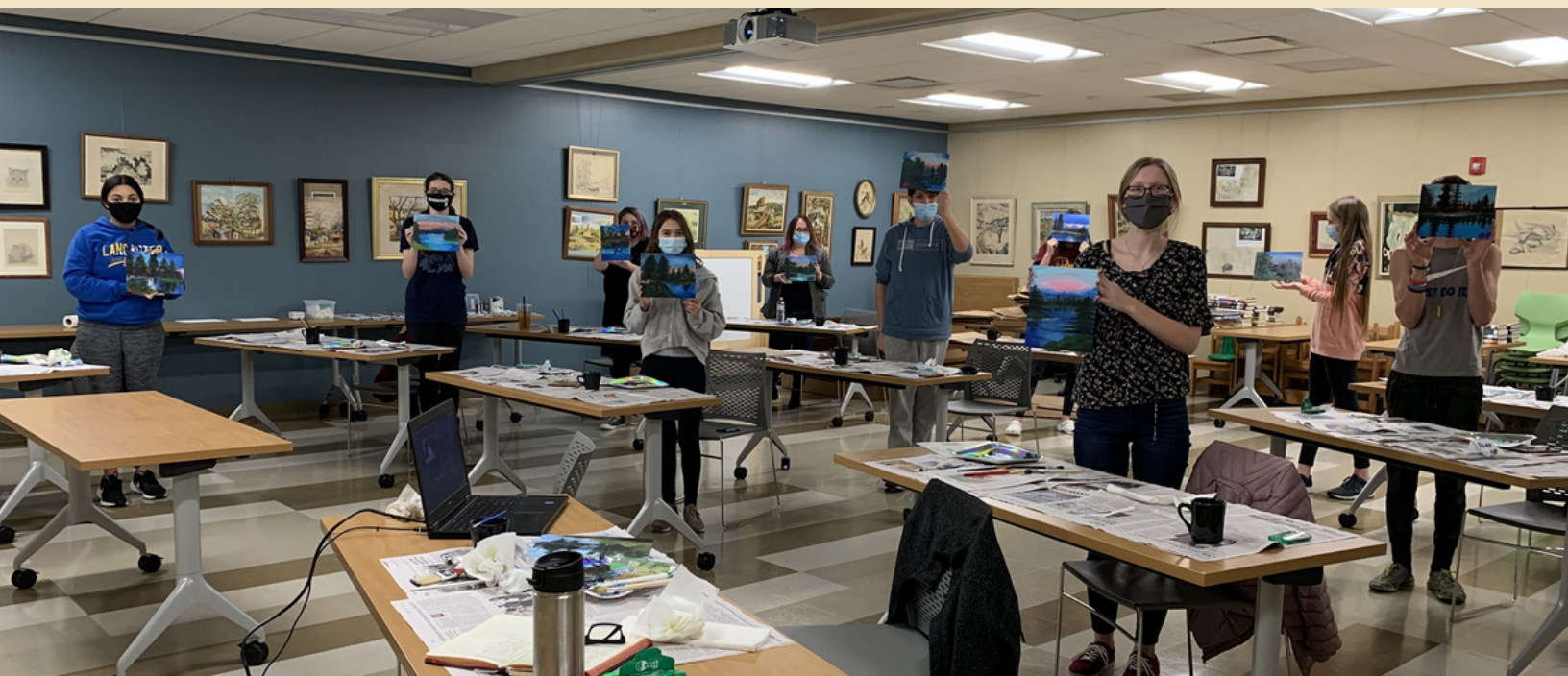
Teen Programs and TAB

The Teen Advisory Board is open to all students ages 12-18 residing within Lancaster and Potosi school districts. This board empowers teens to plan, promote, and implement programs and events for their peers. Teens also suggest library materials and gain volunteer experience all the while, providing a voice for the youth in this community.

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When in doubt go to the library.
--J.K. Rowling

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Virtual Adult Programs

*Thank you for offering such a wonderful and meaningful program! The relationships run deep in this class.
-- anonymous*

This was a wonderful class coming at a great time. Post Covid and now full blown Covid has made me more reflective and willing to try new things. -- Ann Dolan

Kudos to Kristin for your time and effort to program these library events! -- Patty Francis

Grief and Loss of Traditions was one of the best presentations I think Zoom has had through the library, and I have really enjoyed and learned a lot from the sessions I did engage in -- Sharon Steiner

*Thank you for offering a great variety of classes!
-- Cheryl Austin*

Thank you for organizing and having creative and informative programs! -- Kim Martens

What a wonderful way to stay connected to the community! Since we can't be together physically I think it's more and more important to connect on Zoom! -- anonymous

*We appreciate the variety of programs that the library offers and the effort made to make these happen during the pandemic. It is something to look forward to and learn from, adding interest to our isolation. Thank you!
-- Cindy Busch*



More Adult Programs

*If you have a garden and a library,
you have everything you need.*
-- Marcus Tullius Cicero

I see and appreciate first-hand the hard work and creativity of the library staff, who are all committed to serving our community by providing a wide variety of free services and programs.

Libraries are a direct connection to information, but they are so much more than just books. Every patron that enters is there for a different reason and our library meets all their needs – under one roof! It is a welcoming place where people of all ages gather to explore, imagine, read, interact, relax, meet, research, network, seek help, play, learn, use technology, study, create and have fun. There are endless programming opportunities for people of all ages to take advantage of: concerts, story time, book club, classes, programs, and so much more. --Cindy Busch

It is a comforting feeling seeing the lights on in the evening, knowing there is a student finishing up work, a parent searching for children's books, folks hunched over the computers.

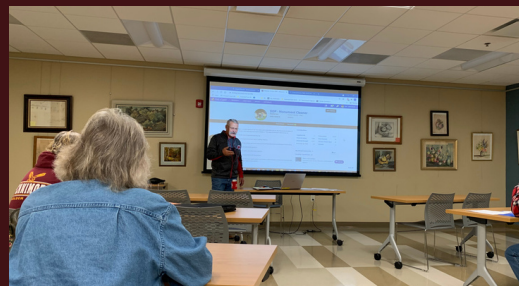
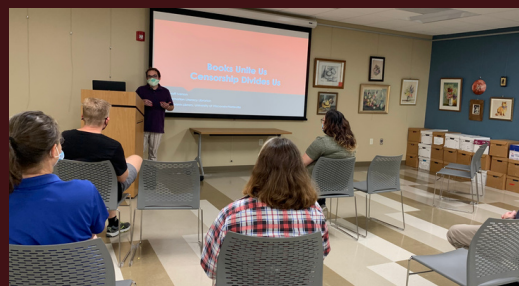
No matter the season, the library workers are busy with seasonal displays, collections old and new, beckoning readers with new titles and satisfying us with classics.

Marcus Tullius Cicero has the best quote about libraries and gardens. They are so similar!

Gardens feed our bodies and our aesthetics, bringing us joy and anticipation. Isn't that our library?

Yes, our Lancaster library staff offers us book clubs, children's story hours, (and) after school teen meetings. It is a rush to think 'today I head to the library'. By the way, the garden is also fabulous! We are truly nourished! -- Marcia Chambers

Arlen and I have enjoyed many of the informative zoom meetings and the few that we have attended in person. You are always ready to listen to suggestions and find books and topics helpful to so many of us. Especially the support meetings for getting thru the Pandemic. Thank you for all you offer to our community! -- Donna and Arlen Brokopp





Program Collaboration Special Thanks

When libraries and communities collaborate, everyone wins. Schreiner Memorial Library has been very fortunate to have strong connections with enthusiastic partners. We've been able to provide quality programs which have blossomed with the support of our community experts. Our strong connection and shared vision improves services for kids, teens, and adults and gives our patrons fuel for lifelong learning!

-- Kristin Holman-Steffel

Program Coordinator, Schreiner Memorial Library

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None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.

-- Mother Teresa

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Thank you for donating your time and expertise this year to the Schreiner Memorial Library!

Amy M. Cooley
Arin & Lynn Crooks Family
Bennetts Automotive
Bethel Horizons
Bridee and Lainee Burks
CHIP Intern - Leslie Youskevitch
Community First Bank - Ann Cooley
Compost Magic - Sue Krause & Tammy Dressler
Dave Peterson
Driftless Wild - Tamara Ambrose
Eastman Cartwright Home - Linda Schacht
Farmwell Wisconsin
Grant County Humane Society - Carrie Schaffer
Head 2 Toe - Jeani Heisz
J&N Stone
Janice Staskal
Jenny Stikelstad
Justin & Nichole Seipel Family
Kathy Nelson
Kay Tiedeman Young
Lancaster Chiropractic - Adam Wacker
Lancaster EMS
Lancaster Fire Department
Lancaster Foundation
Lancaster Garden Club
Lancaster Police Department
Lancaster Public Schools
Lancaster Vet Clinic - Sally Harper

Majestic View Dairies
Masters Gardeners - Melody Bahr
National Honor Society - Finals Study Nights
New Horizons
Night Nurse DJ - Travis Holman
Patty Francis
Pet Show & Tell - Kathy Nelson
Platteville Public Library
Potosi Schools - National History Day
Sarasponda Spinners
Shirley Audetat
Southwest CAP
St. Clement School
The City of Lancaster
This Organized Space - Maria Ewings
Tonya Schlueter
Unified Community Services - Jeff Lockhart
UPS
US Postal Service
UW-Platteville - Dr. Richard Dhyanchand,
Dr. Lauren Prister, Dr. Elizabeth Gates,
Dr. Amanda Trewin
Wapsi River Environmental Education Center -
Paige Owings
West Grant Saddle Club
Wisconsin High School Rodeo
Yoga For You - Lisa Swanson
Yoga'Na Luv It - Tracy Vanden Huevel

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Genealogy Local History

The local history/genealogy department has been keeping busy as always looking up obituaries and newspaper articles on a variety of subjects; some fun examples are the “Mississippi Rhinoceros”, the “Duncan Murder of 1919” and the history of the “Lancaster Keeley Institute”. Most recently, a patron doing some

research on local builders from the turn of the 20th century ran across articles about a talented builder here in Lancaster whose immediate family had several heartbreaking losses. This patron wondered what happened to this family and asked me if I would be able to find and reach out to any surviving relatives. I was able to reach out to a granddaughter who was more than happy to talk about her grandparents and their children. She knew her grandfather Otto’s carpentry and masonry skills were in much demand, and she had some information on the tragedies but had questions herself. I forwarded her copies of the articles and helped not only to fill in some of her missing blanks, but also helped to satisfy our patron’s interest in local families and their history.

We have added all of our yearbooks to the system catalog. We currently have seven “Storm Centers” (the original Lancaster yearbook) from the years 1903-1935 and 24 “Golden Arrow” yearbooks which span 1948-1995. We rely on donations for this collection and are always actively seeking. Having them in the system allows the public to find them in nationwide searches and thus be aware of the collection’s existence.

I have been working with Lancaster resident Dave Peterson to help digitize and make available a searchable database of the Civil War monument on the square and veterans’ graves in our local cemeteries. Dave has done much work to clean the monuments/gravestones and organize the names and companies of our soldiers. He needed my help to put the information into a searchable database. It is our goal to get that database on the library’s website, so the information will be available nationwide.

Many patrons are using the Newspapers.com website to view and search our digitized microfilm. I have created an informational “How To” video which is available on our YouTube channel. Even with the video, I still field questions weekly about the website. This is how we know it is being utilized by a variety of people. It is a wonderful resource that we’ve been able to provide. In a nutshell, it’s just been another busy, interesting, year in the local history/genealogy department.

Kerin Colson
Local History/Genealogy Research

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*To forget one’s ancestors is to
be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root.*

-- Chinese Proverb

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Community Room Use

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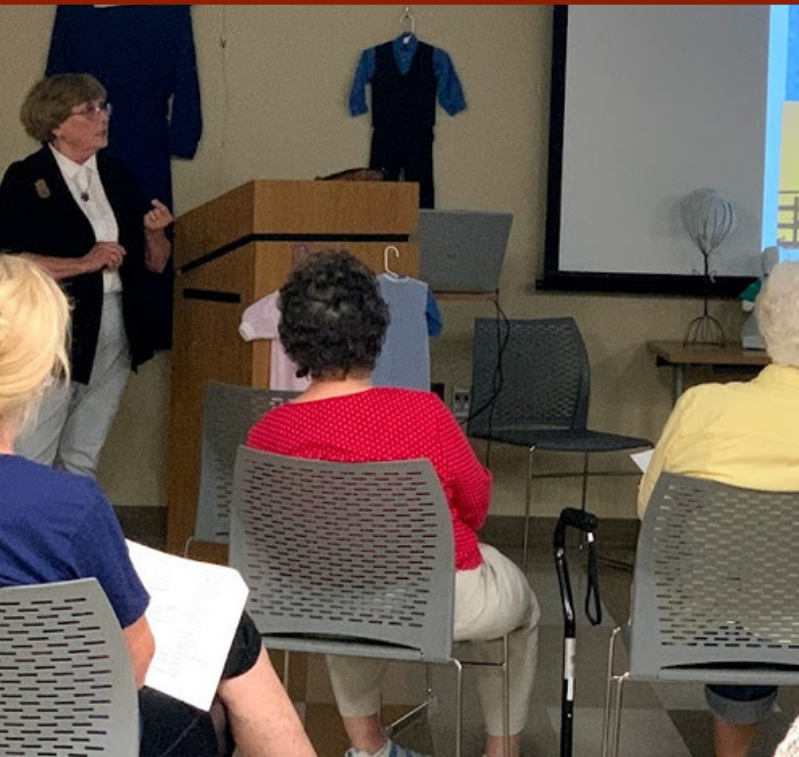
Community is more than just a gathering of people in a room. It is a sense of caring about one another and working toward something larger than ourselves.

-- anonymous

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Use of our Community Rooms, Senior Learning Center, and Study Rooms are free and open to any member of the public. The Community Rooms may be reserved through our online system and are available even when the library is closed.

2021 Reservations 206



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Collections

Including both
Lancaster and
Potosi Branch

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*I have found the most valuable thing
in my wallet is my library card.*
-- Laura Bush

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**45,510 books in print
(we added 2,960)**

**3,177 audio materials
audiobooks and music CDs
(we added 158)**

**4,336 videos - includes
DVD and Blue-ray
(we added 255)**

**59 subscriptions includes
periodicals and
newspapers**

**182 other materials: kits,
equipment, video games**

167,684 electronic books

**64,673 electronic audio
materials downloadable**

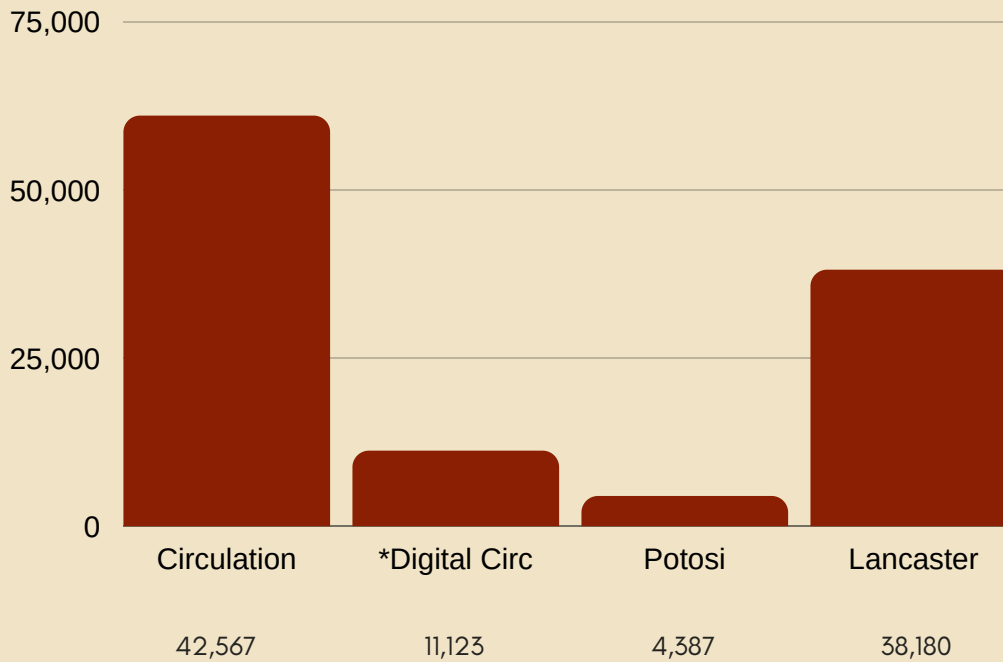
**575 electronic video
materials downloadable**

Top Books of 2021



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Circulation



*Digital circulation does not count toward numbers

JAMES PATTERSON

DANIELLE STEEL

Finding Ashley

PATTE

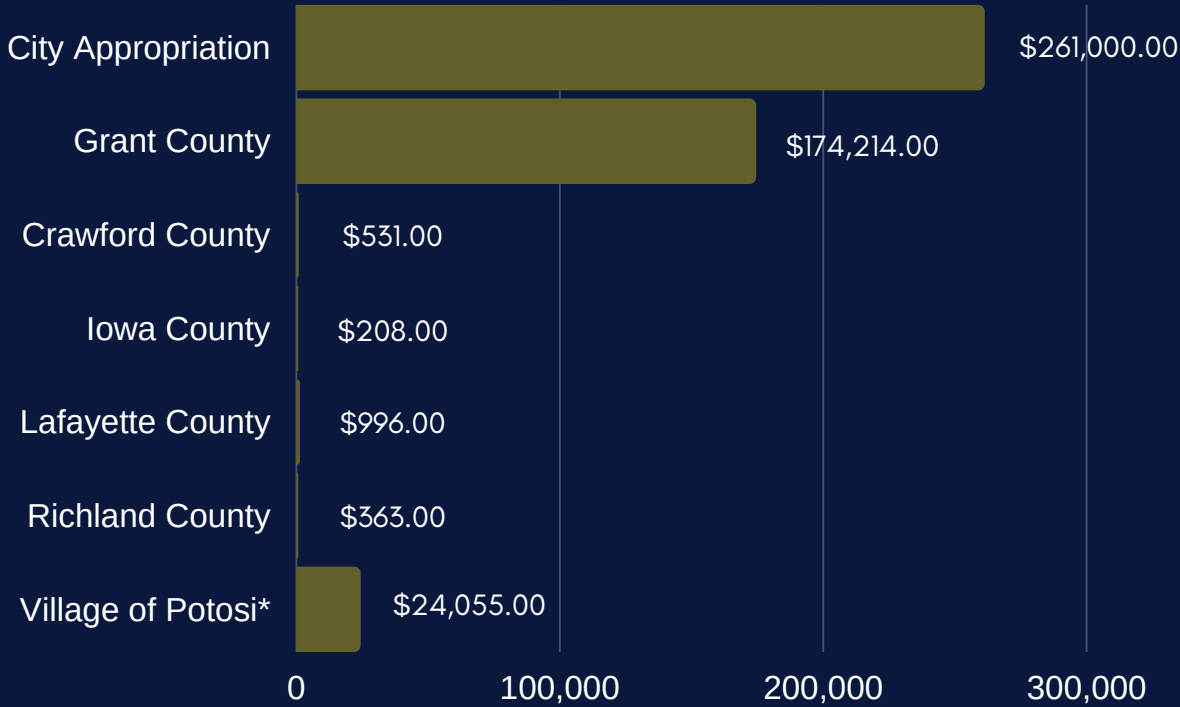
STEEL

Library Funding Sources



*Although we receive this money for Potosi Library Operations, we also pay the Village of Potosi 45% of the county funding we receive for Potosi, Potosi Township, and Tennyson Township. In 2021, that total was **\$24,055.00**.

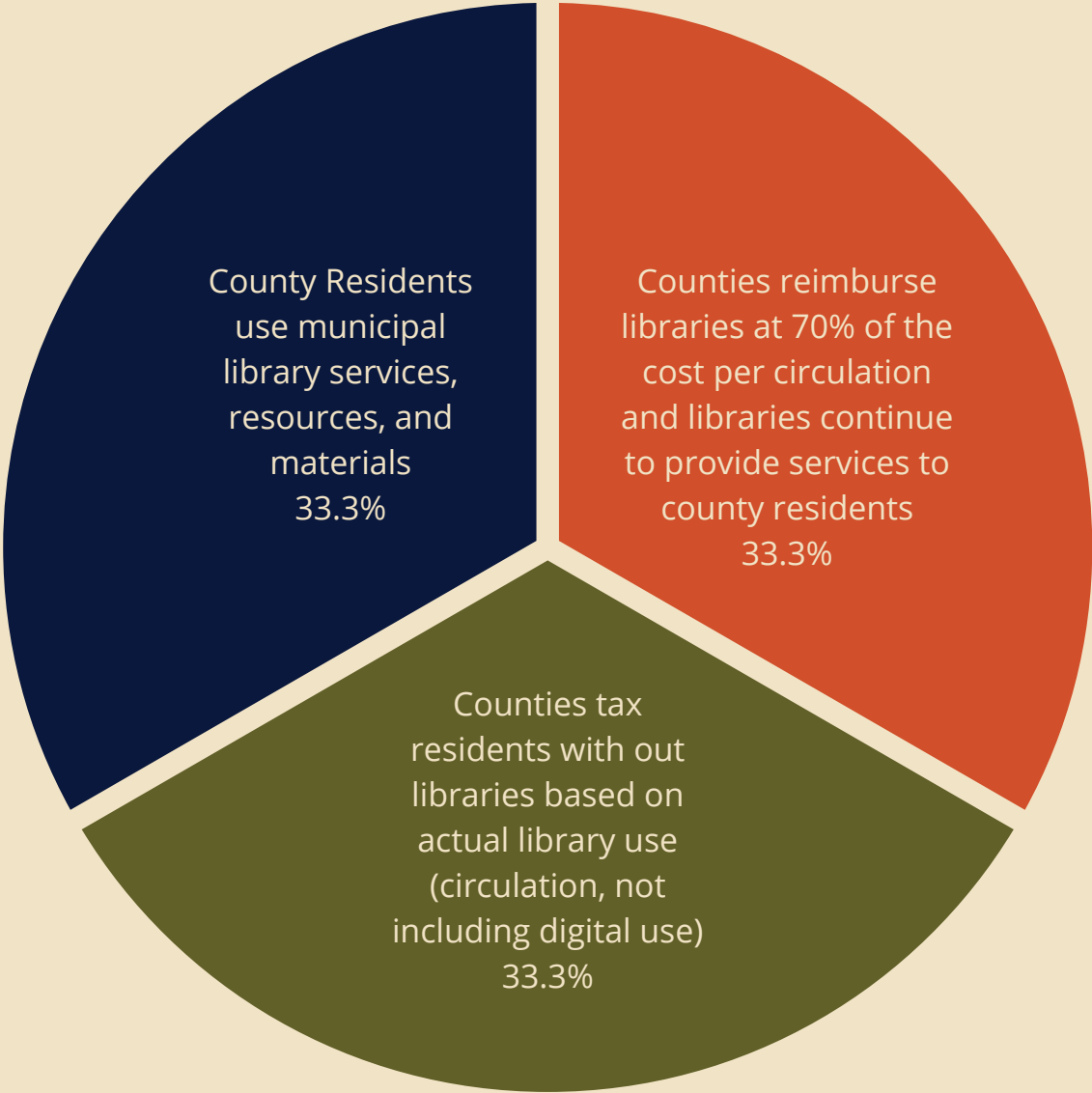
Other Funds Budgeting in 2021:
\$3133.00 fines and fees



How County Funding Works

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$$\frac{\text{Operating Expenses}}{\text{Total Circulation}} = \text{Cost per Circulation}$$



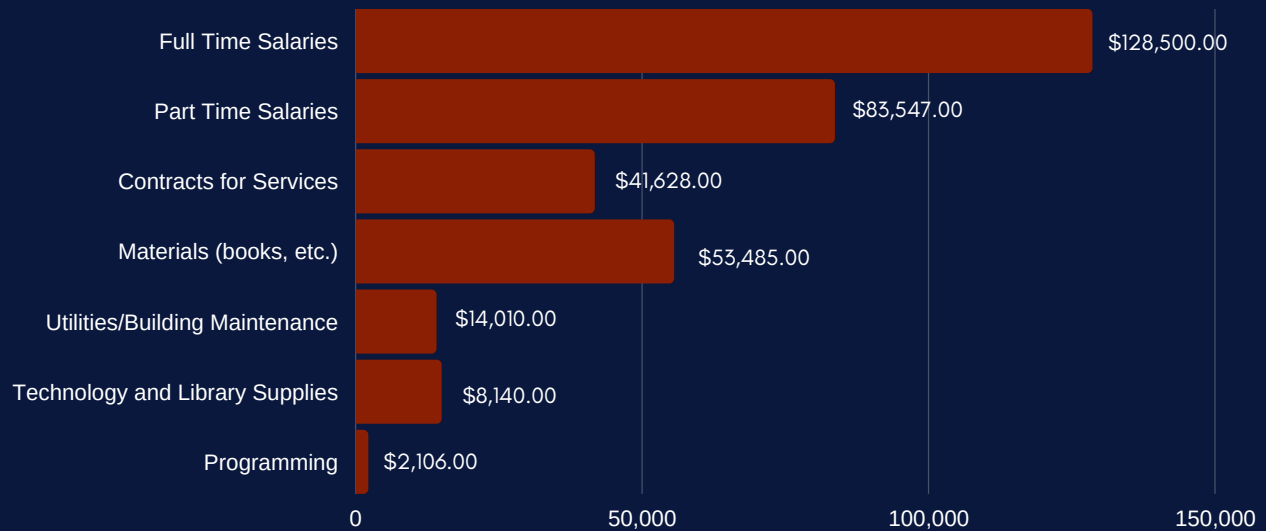
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Expenditures Lancaster and Potosi 2021

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Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation. -- Walter Cronkite

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TOP Virtual Performances

Top 3 performing posts

Zombie Apocalypse reminder 5.6K Reach 22 Likes

Baby It's Cold Outside... 2.3K Reach 84 Likes

Congratulations LP for reading 1000 Books Before ... 1.1K Reach 110 Likes



Top 3 performing videos

Tinker Tuesday - Spectroscope 439 Reach 184 Views

Heart to Heart with Arlen Brokopp 305 Reach 166 views

Tinker Tuesday - 3D Cardboard Tube Sculptures 250 Reach 145 View

Top 3 performing Facebook Live recordings

Night On the Plaza - Down from the Hills 1360 Reach 300 Views

Night On the Plaza - The Wundos 891 Reach 312 Views

Night On the Plaza - Ensemble Nouveau 371 Reach 443 Views



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Information Page

Schreiner Memorial Library

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Lancaster, WI 53813



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schreinermemoriallibrary.org

Tara Fortney, Interim Director
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Monday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Potosi Branch Library

103 North Main Street
Potosi, WI 53820



608.763.2115

potosibranchlibrary.wordpress.com

Tuesday, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, 3:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Saturday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Library Staff

FULL TIME (*Library Assistant III*)

Tara Fortney, Interim Director & Acquisitions
Kristin Holman-Steffel, Program Coordinator

PART TIME (*Library Assistant II*)

Kerin Colson, Genealogy & Local History

PART TIME (*Library Assistant I*)

Cindy Atkinson, Circulation
Susan Guerrero, Circulation
Bob McKelvey, Circulation
Scott Murphy, Circulation
Judy Schaefer, Potosi Branch

PART TIME (*Library Page*)

Katherine Bernhardt
Alexandra Brimmer
Kathleen Nelson

Library Board of Trustees

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Carrie Post, Secretary
Cindy Busch
Ashleigh Hampton
Luann Droessler, Potosi Rep.

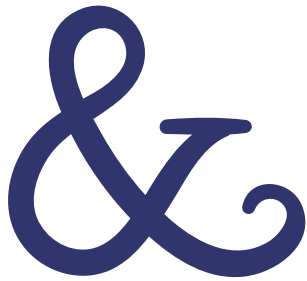


SCHREINER MEMORIAL
LIBRARY

Visitor Count
125

Sheep Shearing

Thank you!
Crooks Family



Sarasponda
Spinners



Visitor Count
191

Pony Day
Thank you!
Seippel Family

&

Wisconsin High
School Rodeo & West
Grant Saddle Club





Tara



Kerin



Scott



Kristin

The Staff



Bob



Susan



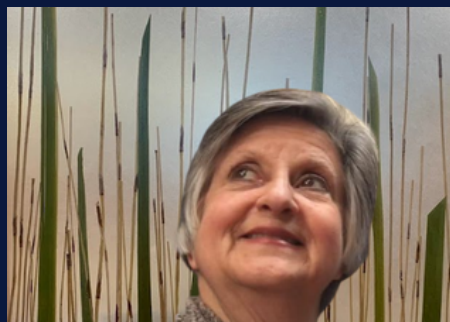
Judy



Katherine



Ally



Kathy



Cindy