



# 2024 AT A GLANCE



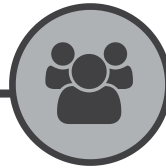
**281,482**

Total Registered  
Borrowers  
*221,695 Adults*  
*59,787 Children*



**4,598,640**

Items checked out  
(physical and digital)  
*7% increase*  
*from 2023*



**1,461,411**

Visits to our Library  
*13% increase*  
*from 2023*



**336,290**

WiFi sessions  
*25% increase*  
*from 2023*



**7,818**

Number of Library  
programs offered  
*47% increase*  
*from 2023*



**227,991**

Attendance at  
Library programs  
*66% increase*  
*from 2023*



**7,662**

Meeting room  
reservations  
*49% increase*  
*from 2023*



**12,400**

Participants in our  
summer reading program  
*21% increase*  
*from 2023*

## How our Library is funded...



**46.14%**

State Funding  
(Public Library Fund)



**50.32%**

Local Operating Levy



**3.54%**

Other Sources



**Akron-Summit County  
Public Library**

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## Celebrating 150 Years

Since its founding in 1874, our library has been a cornerstone of the community, fostering a passion for learning, creativity, and connection. To celebrate this milestone, we launched a Passport program, encouraging visits to all 19 library locations and bookmobiles. We also introduced commemorative library cards and tote bags featuring artwork by local artists.

We hosted various anniversary events, including a Community Read. Our Special Collections department curated a digital timeline from our founding to the present day. The celebrations were crowned by a Sesquicentennial Gala, attended by over 350 guests.

As a special anniversary gift, our Library became fine-free on March 1, 2024, the exact date we first opened our doors in 1874.

## Services Provided

- **53,364** young children attended 2,062 early childhood programs
- **1,376,008** physical items in the Library's collection with access to millions more through SearchOhio and OhioLINK
- **172,238** uses of public computers
- **1,625** U.S. passports processed and 1,537 U.S. passport photos taken (available at Main Library and Nardon Hills Branch)
- **13,464** after-school snacks provided throughout school year
- **3,428** appointments in the TechZone@Main, with makerspace services like 3D printing, vinyl printing, laser engraving, multimedia recording studios, and more
- **50,394** visitors to three bookmobiles that travelled 13,000 miles
- **1,232,300** items checked out via digital services including Hoopla, Kanopy, and Libby
- **737,742** database uses including Akron Beacon Journal, Ancestry, AtoZ, Consumer Reports, LinkedIn Learning, Value Line

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### Mission Statement

The Akron-Summit County Public Library provides resources for learning and leisure, information services, meeting spaces, and programs for all ages that support, improve, and enrich individual, family, and community life.

### Core Values

Excellence      Learning  
Service      Diversity and Inclusion