# CUYAHOGA FALLS LIBRARY 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



# THE PLACE TO...







# A NOTE FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Thank you for reading Cuyahoga Falls Library's first ever annual report to our patrons, community, and partners! Our mission is to connect people with the world of ideas, information, and imagination, to inspire and empower our community. We love the library, and we love our community! We are here each day inspired and ready to work together to create a place of reading, learning, creativity, and fun. This report highlights many of the metrics we use to measure our success and impact to our community. It also demonstrates the value we provide. For every \$1 of funding, libraries return \$5 worth of services. As we face funding cuts and other challenges from the State, we feel that sharing our success stories as loudly as we can is more important than ever. Having so many of our patrons advocate for us meant so much to our team, despite the disappointing results from our state legislators.

### Andrew Harant



# **NEW IN 2024**



### **StoryWalk®**

Alongside the City of Cuyahoga Falls, we added a StoryWalk® to Lions Park.

### **New Mobile App**

We launched our mobile app, with new features like mobile checkout.





### **Updated Cards**

Two "otterly" adorable new library card designs are now available!

### **Notary**

The library added free notary services. Staff notarized **203** documents in 2024.





### **Sensory Kits**

We welcome all abilities! Sensory Kits and a Social Story are available upon request.

# **PATRONS**

The library had



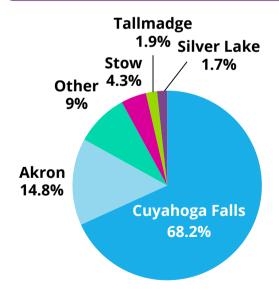
**67,203** cardholders

&

**163,879** visits



# Cardholder Communities



We welcomed

**4,099** New cardholders

# **PROGRAMS**

# **Community Events**

29,214 adults. teens & kids attended

1,238 programs



# **SERVICES**

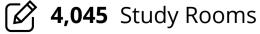
## Connections

79,392 Wi-Fi Sessions





# **Room Reservations**





# **IMPACT**



### **Owen & Helen, Library Assistant**

My son has always enjoyed the library but he mainly only wanted to play on the computers and with the toys despite my best efforts to steer him toward the books. After our first Letter Girl class he has asked repeatedly when he can go back to the library, how many more days until the letter class, etc. He has independently started choosing his own books instead of going for the computers! I can't thank Helen enough for instilling a love for reading in my son. ... You are changing the trajectory for many kids by bringing so much magic to the library.

- Katie, Mom & Library Patron

# **Community Reading**



**During the Summer Reading** Program, 2,699 children, teens, & adults read a total of almost **1.7 million minutes**. That equals 3.2 years of reading!

# **CHECKOUTS**

### **Patrons Borrowed**

**707,738** total items



526.833 physical books, movies & more



25.6% **Digital** Items 74.4% **Physical** Items

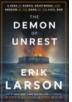
### **Top Titles**

### **Adult Fiction**









### **Children's Books**

### **Teen Books**









# THANKS FOR ANOTHER **GREAT YEAR!**



### **Building & Drive-Thru Hours**

Monday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Wednesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

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