Delaware County District Library

# 2023 Year in Review ↘

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# Introduction

## 2023 in review

Delaware County District Library began 2023 knowing it would be a year of firsts and growth. Library Director Bryan Howard completed his first year leading the system, and DCDL grew with the grand opening of the new Liberty Branch Library.

The gorgeous 3-story, 42,000-square-foot library opened on March 26 with a ribbon cutting and celebration. It was an honor to meet the community and introduce them to their new library.

Throughout the system, we saw more visitors and more items being checked out than the year before. The demand for the digital collection was stronger than ever, showing that even after pandemic-induced growth, the digital library is a major source of growth.

## About Delaware County District Library

### Mission Statement

The Delaware County District Library serves as the public information provider for our community, using traditional and innovative technology to encourage curiosity, free inquiry, and lifelong learning in a friendly environment.

### Vision Statement

The Delaware County District Library (DCDL) and its branches are vibrant centers of activity for residents and visitors in Delaware County. DCDL provides an inviting environment that encourages reading, learning, community discussion, and supports lifelong discovery. We are proud to be recognized for engaging minds, expanding opportunities, and improving the quality of life for Delaware County residents.

# DCDL People

Bryan Howard
**Director**

Molly Meyers-LaBadie
**Deputy Director**

Angie Grossenbacher
**Fiscal Officer**

Amanda Sheterom
**Human Resources Coordinator**

## Board of Trustees

Holly Quaine
Scott Tiede
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## Staff Stats

**124** Total Staff

**65** Full-Time Employees

**59** Part-Time Employees

# DCDL Places

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**Delaware Main Library**
- Total checkouts: 477,436
- Total visitors: 151,396
- Questions answered: 38,719

**Liberty Branch Library**
- Total checkouts: 217,023
- Total visitors: 87,990
- Questions answered: 22,139

**Orange Branch Library**
- Total checkouts: 565,291
- Total visitors: 135,183
- Questions answered: 29,142

**Ostrander Branch Library**
- Total checkouts: 38,945
- Total visitors: 22,057
- Questions answered: 2,951

**Outreach Services**
- Total checkouts: 111,673
- Home delivery patrons: 72
- Bookmobile stops: 24

**Powell Branch Library**
- Total checkouts: 126,344
- Total visitors: 54,844
- Questions answered: 4,778

# DCDL Things

**Checkouts**

**1,895,568**

**Total Cardholders**

**92,045**

**New Cardholders**

**10,630**

## Digital Collection

Within and outside the library, patrons turned to our digital databases for research. DCDL added the Wall Street Journal Online to our digital offerings in 2023.

**Total Sessions**

**15,248**

**Digital Checkouts**

**358,856**

## Culture Passes

Local cultural institutions allow DCDL cardholders to check out or obtain admission to their locations. Also offered is a discount to the Central Ohio Symphony for students.

**Franklin Park Conservatory**

**1084**

**Columbus Museum of Art**

**510**

## New Items

DCDL added new types of items to the collection this year

Loog Guitars

Educator Card

First Chapter Books

# DCDL Programs ↘

## 2023 Programming

The purpose of programming at all DCDL locations is to support the Mission and Vision of the Library and to promote lifelong learning and literacy for all ages. Programs also promote collections, materials, resources, and library services.

**Number of DCDL Programs**
**896**

**Program Attendance**
**36,479**

### Programming Highlights 2023

This year, we introduced the community to the new Liberty Branch Library and its staff through programs! Throughout the system, library users played and learned with us at hundreds of programs.

We welcomed special guests, like firefighters and the Delaware Public Health District, to storytime. Our marquee program for the year was the Medieval Faire at the Ostrander Branch Library, which saw hundreds of visitors.

## Seasonal Reading Club Participation

**Winter Reading Club**
**3,945 bookmarks**

**Summer Reading Club**
**4,943 readers**

# DCDL Tech

## 2023 Technology Updates

DCDL encourages lifelong learning through access to technology. With desktop and laptop computers available for in-building use, free wifi, and tools and training in the Maker Studio, the community can use technology to enrich their lives.

In 2023, DCDL opened and furnished a second Maker Studio location at the Liberty Branch Library. This could not have happened without the generosity of the Friends of the Delaware County District Library and their donors.

**Public Computer Sessions**
22,369

**Wireless Sessions**
55,577

**Pages Printed**
224,866

**Pages Scanned**
40,532

### Maker Studio

This DIY technology studio saw visits from thousands of people in 2023. Patrons enjoy the different equipment at the Delaware Main Library and the Liberty Branch Library.

**Maker Studio Visitors**
3,562

**Programs/Attendees**
259/904

### Website

Patrons used the library website to find more than items to borrow. Other than the homepage and catalog, the most popular pages include locations, room reservation, the digital collection, and library card sign-up.
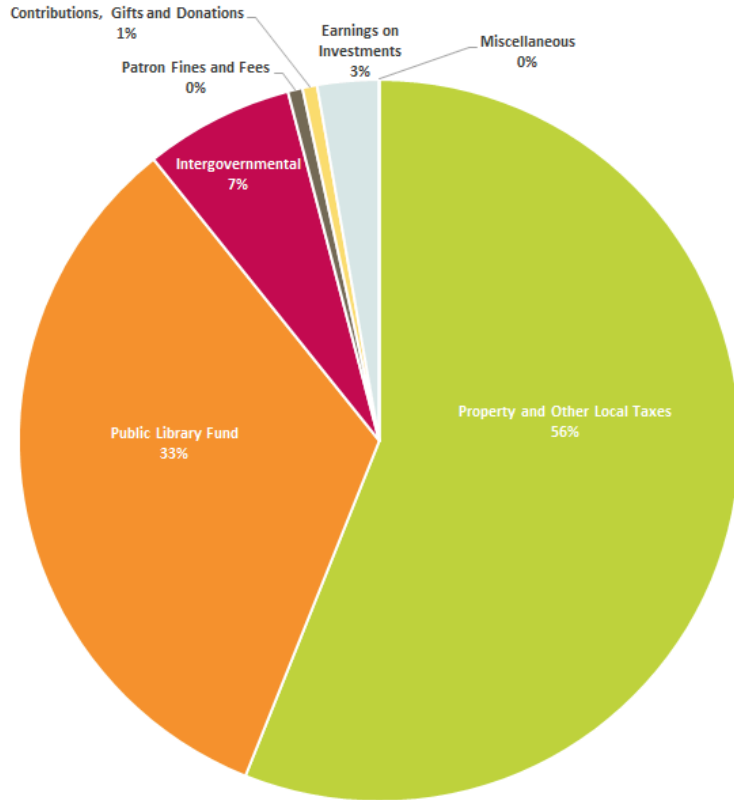
**Page Views**
2,900,000

**Unique Visitors**
311,000

# DCDL Fiscal



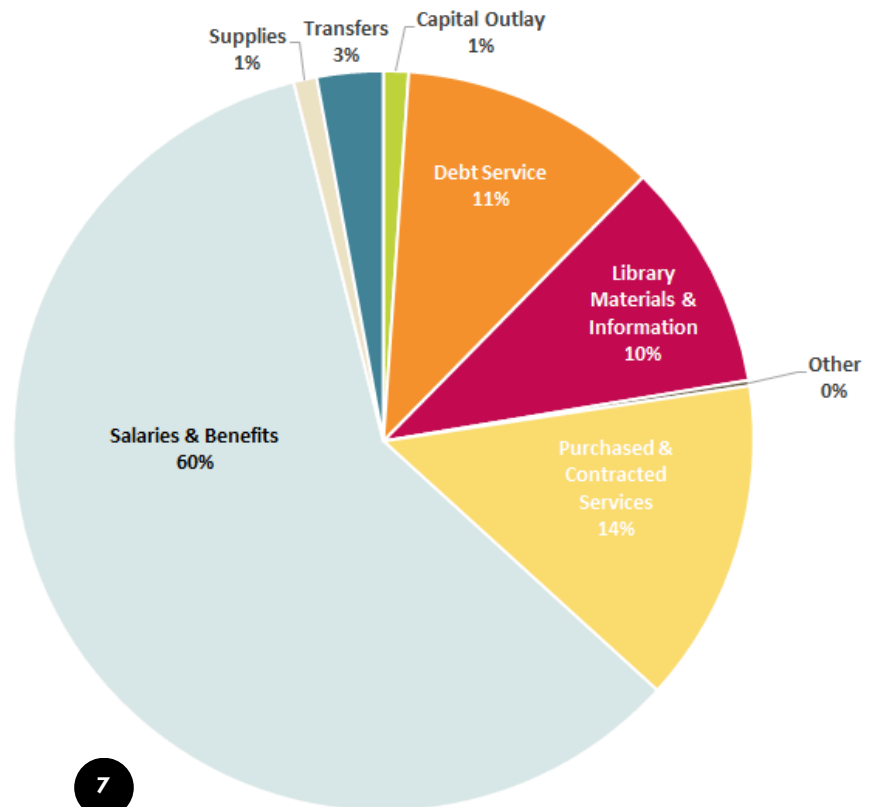## Revenues 2023

### Local Taxes & PLF

Residents living in the Delaware City School, Olentangy Local School, and Buckeye Valley School districts support the Delaware County District Library with a 1-mill property tax levy that accounts for roughly 56% of the Library's annual revenue stream.

Additionally, the State of Ohio directs 1.7% of the General Revenue Fund (GRF) to the Public Library Fund (PLF). Ohio's major taxes - such as state sales and income tax - fund the majority of the GRF, which then supports government operations and public services. The PLF is distributed to each public library in Ohio, and accounted for 33% of DCDL's revenues in 2023.

# General Fund Expenditures 2023

### Investing in People, Places, and Information

The greatest resource we have at the Delaware County District Library is our hard-working staff, which is why we invest more than half of our annual budget in staff salaries and benefits. Collectively, another quarter of the budget is used to maintain the Library's locations and Outreach services, as well as the collections and information services offered physically and digitally.

# Thank you for a great 2023!

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