



ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND (ACHF) Regional Library System, State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023 Interim Progress Report

A report on projects paid for with SFY23 (July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023) ACHF funds

A completed Executive Summary Form includes:

- This executive summary with signature(s)
- A spreadsheet with details about each of the projects paid for with funds from SFY23
Please use the online reporting form MDE has created through Google, which exports project information into the required spreadsheet format. A system may use its own reporting mechanism, so long as it has been approved by MDE and results in a spreadsheet that contains the required information. If you do not have access to the MDE-created online reporting form, please contact Ashley Bieber at ashley.bieber@state.mn.us.

Optional Interim Progress Report components:

- Promotional materials and high-resolution event photos in electronic format, which may be used to illustrate ACHF projects in public libraries on the [Legacy website](#).

Please submit a .pdf of the signed executive summary, an .xls (Excel) of the spreadsheet, and any illustrative materials to Ashley Bieber at State Library Services.

Regional Library System: Great River Regional Library

Summary Data:

Total number of projects: **163**

Total number of programs and/or events (if different than total number of projects): **same as projects**

Total attendance/participation: **11,340 (5,499 branch, 5,841 regional)**

Total number of partnerships: **48**

Total value of in-kind contributions: **n/a**

Total administrative costs: **\$5,241.35**

Total FTE hours: **n/a**

Highlights:

Briefly describe at least one project that illustrates how the regional library systems are jointly using SFY 2023 ACHF funds to offer arts, history, literary arts, and cultural heritage learning experiences to Minnesotans. Please include unique locations, great stories, quotes, etc.

In April 2024, author Margi Preus toured the GRRL region with 16 stops along the way. She visited 14 schools, 2 branch libraries, and reached 3,306 attendees with her presentations. It has become an

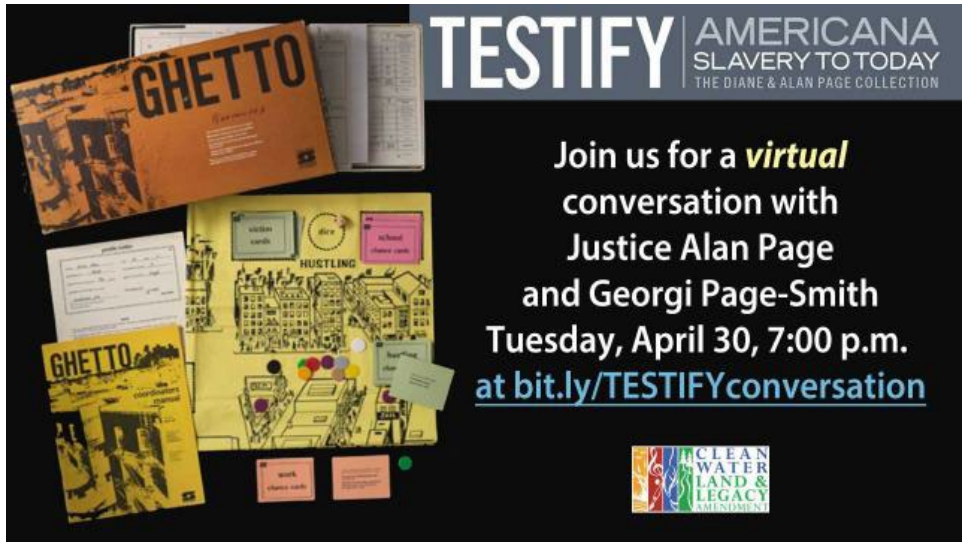
annual effort to get Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund programs to schools and homeschoolers in our region, and teachers and students alike appreciate the events.

Media Specialist from Delano schools wrote, "Everything went great last week!! Margi was a fantastic presenter. The only thing I would change is I would ask for a cloudy day as the sun was shining in some of the kids' eyes...We had all of the fourth grade present which is about 180 students. I'm attaching a couple photos from her time here. Thank you for making this possible."



Photos from Delano Schools (left, author Margi Preus speaks; right, students participate).

Also in April, GRRL had our copy of the TESTIFY: Americana from Slavery to Today photo exhibit on display at the Belgrade, Buffalo, Elk River, and Little Falls libraries, and the Delano Senior Center from April through May. This was an effort to share the exhibit at smaller libraries and give more people an opportunity to view it to coincide with a virtual conversation on April 30 with Justice Alan Page and Georgi Page-Smith. In 2022/2023, Georgi Page-Smith worked with regional library systems to bring selections of the Diane & Alan Page Collection to libraries with GRRL leading the way to host a full-scale photo exhibit. The exhibit pieces were viewed by hundreds of library users.



Promotion for TESTIFY virtual event which took place on April 30, 2024.

Signatures:

Signature _____
 Printed Name **Karen Pundsack**
 Regional Library System Administrator
 Date **November 19, 2024**

Signature _____
 Printed Name **Beth Ringsmuth Stolpman**
 Report preparer (if not Regional Library System Administrator)
 Date **November 19, 2024**

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Branch-planned ACHF events	Great River Regional Library ACHF Grant SFY 2022-SFY 2023	Branch staff planned various events based on local interest, including art workshops with local artists, author visits and history presentations, concerts, and performing arts for all ages. Feedback is included for the report in the three categories below.	Minnesota Session Laws - 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 4, Sec 2, Subd 5(a)	51881.70	Attendees will be able to identify at least one new idea or concept learned [knowledge] or have a richer cultural life [attitude]. Attendees are asked "If it was an educational program, please identify one thing you learned at this program" and "If it was an entertainment program, was your life enriched because of the program? If so, how?"	<p>Branch authors</p> <p>Branch library staff worked with authors to bring them to branch libraries. Subjects ranged from true crime and historical fiction to local author experts on ornithology and reptiles.</p> <p>"[Learned] how the books are made and how an author comes up with her ideas." "I love meeting Minnesota authors." "[Learned] how a forensic psychologist uses tools to help his work. Books always make life better. Great program." "Learned about writing from the author's perspective." "He was very interesting to listen to." "Real life is just as strange as fiction." "Very interesting speaker--lively presentation." "A vibrant speaker on how to write books." "Fantastic opportunity for the community." "I enjoyed hearing how the personal life is intermixed to the novel's story line." "Really enjoyed the author's discussion about his writing process." "Learned about some Minnesota history." "I was encouraged in my writing process." "Love hearing writers talk about their work--inspires me to read more." "Learning about a little history. Impactful story. Fantastic!" "Thank you so much--my kiddo and I enjoyed it so much!"</p> <p>Branch performers</p> <p>A variety of performers visited branches with FY2024 funds.</p> <p>"How to relax and enjoy the music and the season! Very entertaining and learned about instruments." "Music is the universal language." "Loved everything about the music presented." "[Learned] history of these drums." "Drumming moves the soul." "Introduced me to a new type of music." "Very entertaining, great community event." "Uplifting to see a program that benefits young children." "Exposed to new music styles; great chance to play a djembe. Thanks for the great opportunity!" "Excellent!! Cultural awareness. Great to see a black cultural group come to Delano!" "Learned a lot of names of instruments, different techniques." "Use of resonance, dynamics, and new sounds each instrument can make. Adds great variety and interest. I was entertained, relaxed, and my mind was opened to new sounds." "Got to hear some awesome new pieces that I didn't know about. Love to hear new effects and how engaged the kids were." "We loved the string quartet! My kids were very engaged." "Loved hearing pieces from composers that are not commonly heard. This was a wonderful opportunity and much appreciated." "I loved the modern sound and rhythm." "New kind of music. New composer to listen to. Amazing!" "How young kids can easily make music!"</p>

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						<p>Branch art</p> <p>Branch library staff partnered with various artists to bring many different workshops and classes to branches across the region.</p> <p>“I brought my daughters, and it made a very fun mother daughter date.” “Excellent demonstrator, very helpful.” “Great teacher for the program.” “Class was wonderful, enjoyable.” “It was good family fun!” “Very beautiful and useful project. Will keep this one for a longer time.” “It was something I have never experimented with. It was easy and fun. I like that she had a lot of variety of items to pick from to work with.” “Seeing everyone's creativity, trying something interesting.” “No right or wrong--abstract.” “Made me think outside of the box.” “Great program! Good instructor! Was fun to have an evening of art with all supplies and teaching. A manageable amount of time. Low-key!” “[Learned] how to do oil pastels. Amazing instructor; gave great lesson.” “Nice activity to do with spouse and meet new people.” “[Learned] patience. Paint doesn't have to be perfect.” “Liked the oil pastel medium. Stress relief of art. Awesome--thank you!”</p>
Regionally-planned ACHF events	Great River Regional Library ACHF Grant SFY 2022-SFY 2023	<p>The regional library system planned tours to libraries in 2023 and into 2024 with FY2023 ACHF dollars. These included concerts in the winter of 2023 with Chris Ward, Julie Johnson, Paul Imholte, and others. Artists Mark Rivard and Laura Ruprecht toured and introduced community members to new art forms. GRRL partnered with Plum Creek Library System and other library systems statewide to offer a statewide virtual conversation with former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page and Page Foundation head Georgi Page-Smith, as well as displaying the TESTIFY photography exhibit at various libraries to coincide with this event. In spring 2024, author Margi Preus toured libraries and schools in the region to promote reading and writing among school-aged children. Summer art tours began in May/June with Ready Go Art and Now.Make Art., two organizations which work to bring diverse artists statewide.</p>	Minnesota Session Laws - 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 4, Sec 2, Subd 5(a)	106911.55	<p>Attendees will be able to identify at least one new idea or concept learned [knowledge] or have a richer cultural life [attitude].</p> <p>Attendees are asked “If it was an educational program, please identify one thing you learned at this program” and “If it was an entertainment program, was your life enriched because of the program? If so, how?”</p>	<p>Regional tours - authors & history</p> <p>The TESTIFY exhibit was displayed at libraries in Belgrade, Buffalo, Elk River, and Little Falls, as well as the Delano Senior Center in partnership with the Delano library, in the spring of 2024 to coincide with a virtual event with Justice Alan Page and Georgi Page-Smith on April 30, 2024.</p> <p>“[Learned about] a new artist, Burr Singer--her artwork is beautiful.” “This is great! Educational. Bring more of these.”</p> <p>Author Margi Preus toured schools and libraries in the spring of 2024.</p> <p>“Fun to meet the author and listen to the books she wrote.” “Fun, engaging, thoughtful.” “The kids definitely learned a lot more about storms and the north shore. . .Program was lovely!” “Margi is such a great author. Thank you for choosing her.” “Participation of the children was delightful.” “It was great to have Margi here presenting her many books that she has authored. She is very passionate about her work and it shows in how she interacts with her listeners. . .She is truly inspiring!”</p>

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						<p>Author/photographer Doug Ohman toured libraries in 2024.</p> <p>"[Learned] all about Civil War in Minnesota." "Background on Minnesota's Civil War participation." "[Learned] lots--appreciated the detail." "Absolutely incredible talk!"</p> <p>Regional performers</p> <p>Musicians also toured the library region. Julie Johnson, flutist, and Emily Gerard, harpist, toured the region at the end of 2023, as did musical stringman, Paul Imholte. These musicians introduced listeners to new styles of music and unique instruments that aren't seen/heard regularly in live performances.</p> <p>"[Learned] about different string instruments." "Enjoyed the different instruments and the variety of music... very fun! Love this program!" "Local history told in songs. Live performance, skills of musicians. Interactive with audience, local heritage." "Learned about the harp and flute." "I learned about the instruments themselves. I loved seeing this live performance." "Informative, educational program." "Amazing music is always uplifting." "It made me feel wonderful to be able to hear from such a talented person. I can't imagine all the practice he has to do to be so good!" "So much talent--loved the program!"</p> <p>Regional art</p> <p>Artists Mark Rivard and Laura Ruprecht offered touring art workshops. Rivard teaches drawing using markers, specifically on skateboard decks, for teens to encourage their creativity, and Ruprecht teaches mosaic techniques using a variety of projects.</p> <p>"[Learned] about creating shadows, line movement, and starting with basic shapes of an image. I love this. We weren't planning on attending but the librarian suggested it. Thankful she did!" "I got to use my art skills and have a good time." "Wonderful class, well taught and done very well by Mark. Kids loved this!" "It was really fun to use our creativity and learn new ideas with art." "[Learned] to look at your drawing from different angles so you can get the full perspective." "I learned so much. Laura even gave a brief history of mosaics." "I have confidence I can do mosaics and will try other new crafts." "It was fun and an opportunity to meet new people." "[Learned] how to match up glass mosaic tiles to make the perfect puzzle." "This was a wonderful art opportunity for my child. I homeschool and he was able to try this new art form when he would not have been able to try at home." "Great class! Would do this again and similar art-based activities." "[Learned] mosaic history and color theory." "Presented in easy, accessible manner with lots of guidance and information." "I learned how to use different mediums on different objects." "It helped me see art differently."</p>

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November 2024



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- Ebook and Eaudio
- Library chooses titles
- OC/OU model = waiting
- Pay per license
- Counts as circulation

Hoopla



- + music and video
- Hoopla chooses titles
- Sim. use model = instant
- Pay per use
- Counts as electronic retrieval

Digital Licensing Styles

Perpetual

- Does not expire
- Can be recalled by publisher

Metered

- Time based – one to two years
- Use based – 24 or 52 checkouts
- Hybrid (whichever comes first)
- Can be recalled by publisher

Newer model: by checkout / concurrent users

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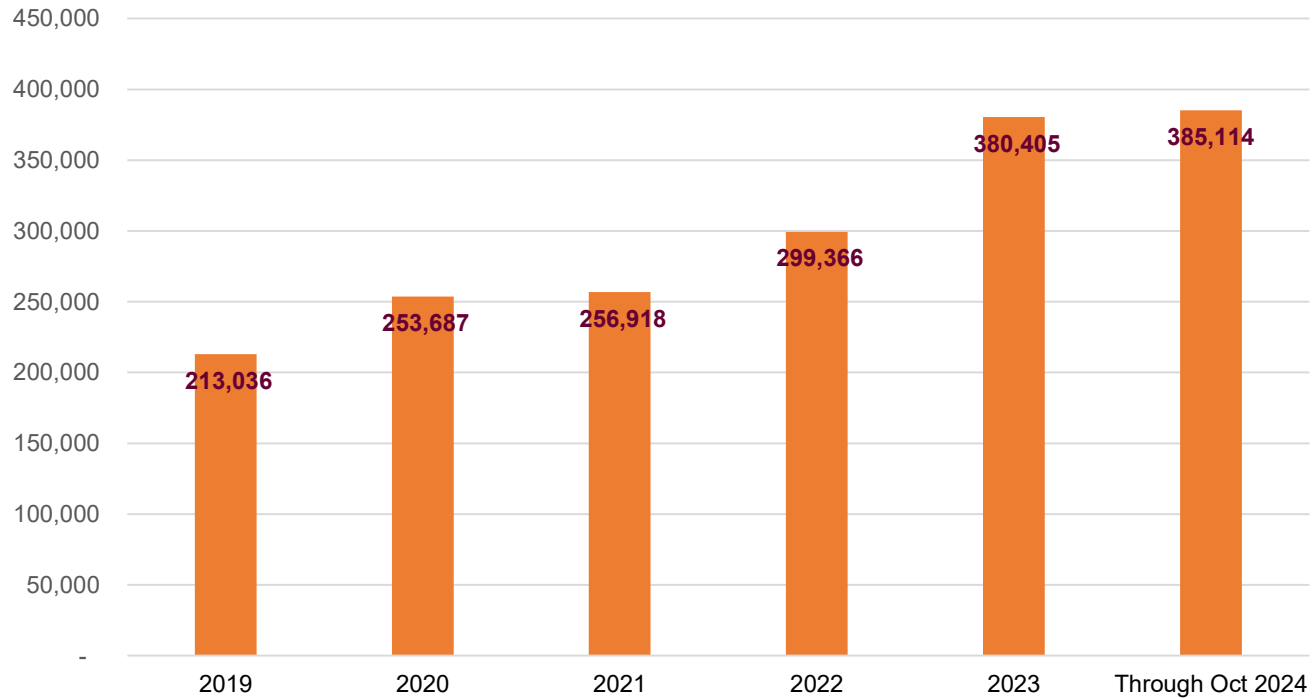
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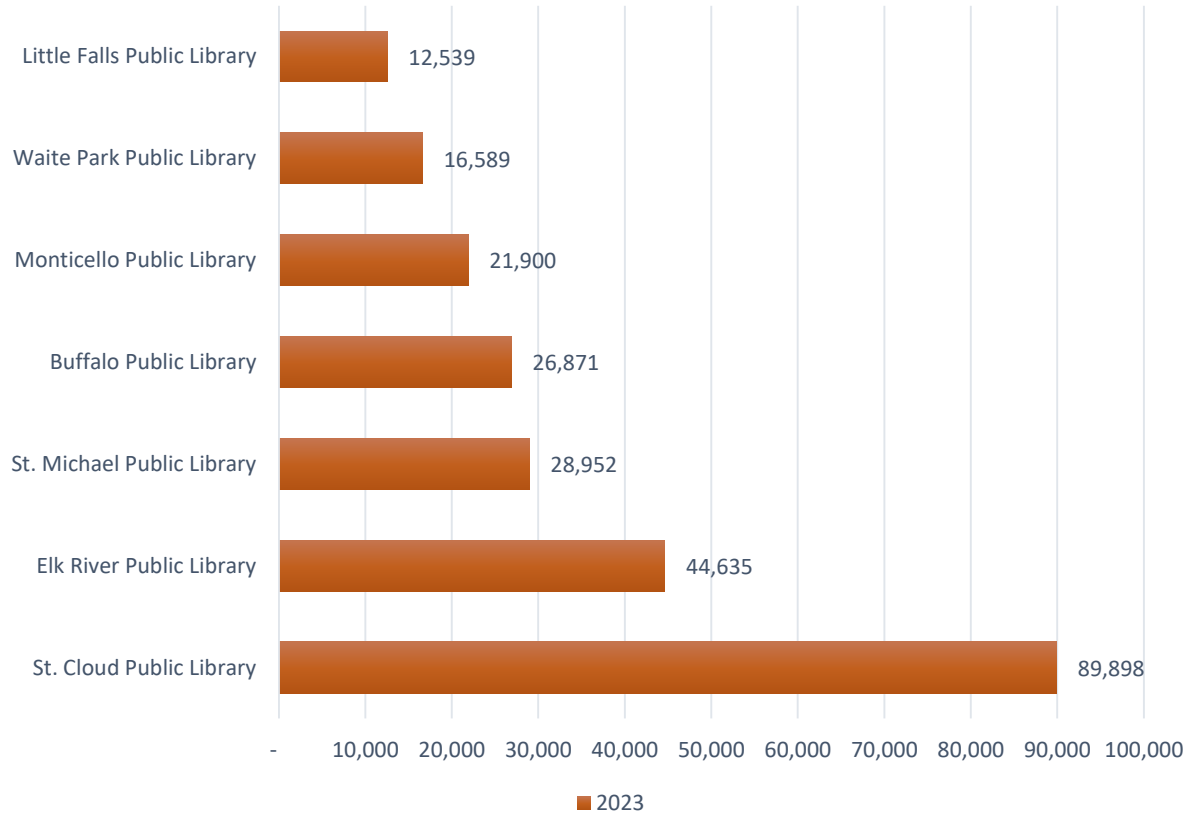
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Libby Use at GRRL

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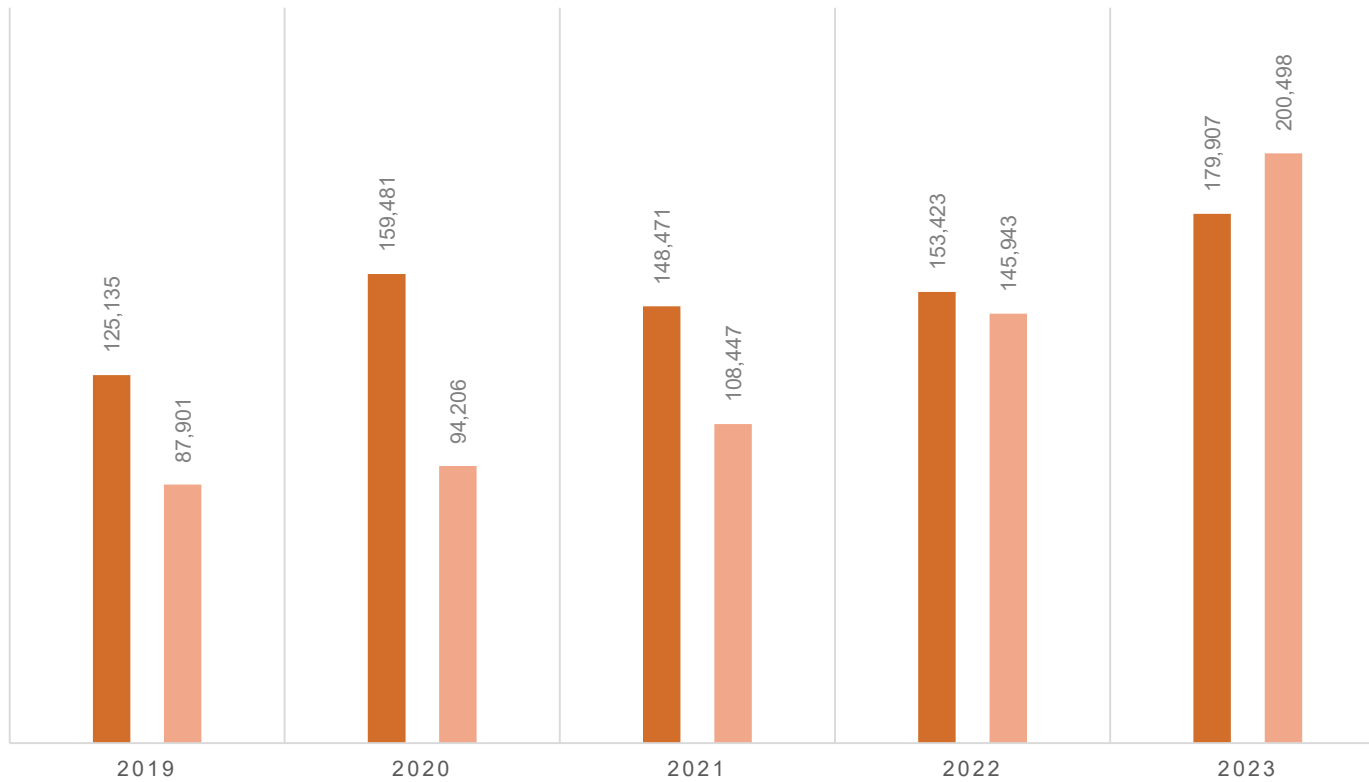
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