

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



## BUILDING A CULTURE OF LITERACY



**GRRL Vision:** The Neighborhood Gateway:  
Inspiring Central Minnesota to shape the future  
through exploration, knowledge and connection.



# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS



Great River Regional Library announced that the library system was to go Fines Free in 2022! Beginning January 2, no fines accrue on overdue materials. 2019 was the start of our elimination of overdue fines leading with children's and teen materials. Our main goal for this expansion is to reduce the financial barrier that may prevent patrons from accessing library materials. This change also gives our staff more time to assist library users. Library cardholders are responsible for returning or renewing their checked-out materials by the due date so other patrons can enjoy them.

GRRL2GO locker system at the Sartell Community Center was replaced in June 2022 and had a newly designed wrap installed. The system expanded from 44 to 54 lockers. GRRL entered a new six-year contract with the City of Sartell and changed to a lease agreement with the manufacturer for the locker system. Borrowers of the locker system keep increasing, and we continue to receive positive feedback from the users.



WiFi2GO, the library's mobile hotspot service, expanded to 180 devices circulating around the region in September 2022. Devices can be checked out for a one or three-week period. WiFi2GO service began as a need during the pandemic, but it has since expanded due to its popularity!



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### REVENUE

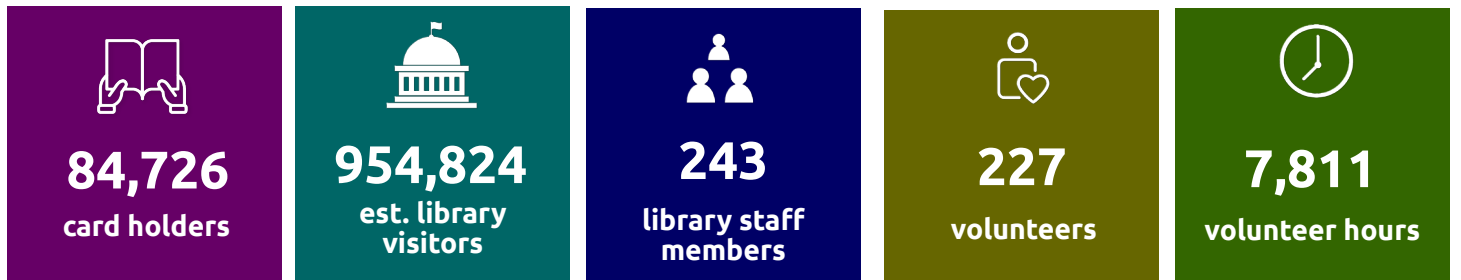
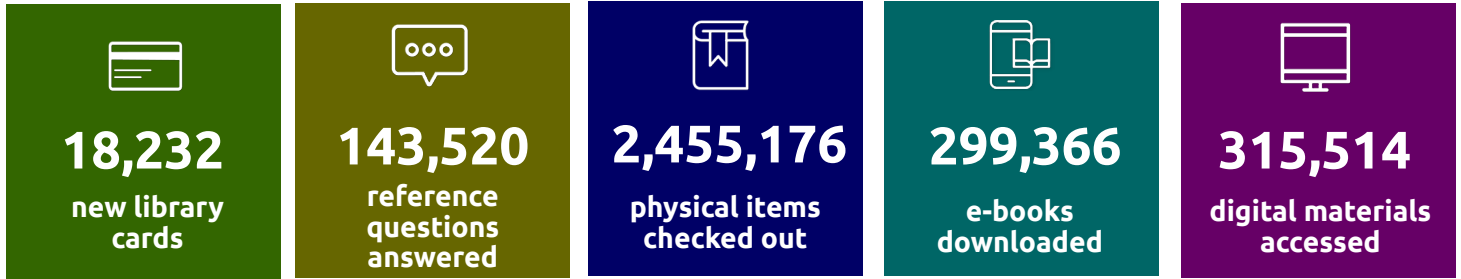
County & City Agreements.....	\$7,281,947
Patron Receipts.....	\$105,268
Grants & State Aid.....	\$1,660,390
Interest & Other Receivables...	\$117,200
Gifts & Donations.....	\$347,052
Cash Reserves.....	\$716,295
<b>Total Revenue.....</b>	<b>\$10,225,152</b>

### EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits.....	\$7,394,430
Library Materials.....	\$1,065,130
Operating & Other Expenses....	\$954,923
Grant & Fund Balance.....	\$648,496
Capital Investments.....	\$79,504
Patron Programming & Communications.....	\$213,439
<b>Total Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$10,355,922</b>

# BY THE NUMBERS

Fines Free started 2022 off as an exciting year! We welcomed many new and old faces into the library, answered many questions, and users checked out tons of items. Here is an overview of our year:



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St. Cloud Reading Room Society  
and several anonymous donors

# PROGRAMS



**3,093**  
programs & events

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**76,763**  
program attendees

The Summer Reading Program and Winter Reading Program were available to patrons both in their local library and online through the Beanstack app.

**12,373**  
children & teens  
participated in  
Summer Reading  
Program



**2,655**  
teens & adults  
participated in  
Winter Reading  
Program



Additional programs and events region-wide were storytimes and book clubs. Also, we offered numerous programs that were made possible with the Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds from Minnesota's Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.



# MOST POPULAR CHECKOUTS

Of all the items borrowed this year, these were the most popular.

