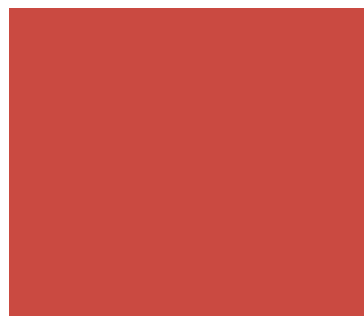


# Upper Arlington Public Library Annual Report

# 2024

We build connections  
that make lives better.



2800 Tremont Road  
Upper Arlington, OH 43221



# Dear Upper Arlington,

The Upper Arlington Public Library saw a year of significant progress in 2024, marked by outstanding programs, impactful events, and the official launch of our Master Facilities Plan, ensuring long-term sustainability for our community spaces.

We took the first steps by replacing HVAC systems at two branches, enhancing energy efficiency and comfort. The Lane Road Branch renovation officially began, bringing long-needed updates to the space, including a first-floor reconfiguration and plans for improved shelving and meeting room furniture, supported by a dedicated fundraising campaign for the Youth Department.

Behind the scenes, we strengthened our collections and circulation philosophy, making strategic investments in Overdrive Advantage for better digital access, launching a Quick Pick collection, and tailoring collections to fit the unique needs of each location. We continued our marketing enhancements, including branding standardization, website redesign, and outdoor signage renovations, reinforcing our identity and outreach efforts.

**Beth Hatch**  
Library Director

2024  
Board of  
Trustees



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President



Kate Hare  
Vice President



Matthew Courser



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Sue Ralph



William Shkurti



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## 2024 Impact

Library Usage	As of December 31, 2024	Change from 2023
Visits	470,361	↑ 4%
Program Attendance	56,086	↑ 3%
Circulation	1,513,264	↓ 5%
eBooks / Streaming	370,051	↑ 12%
Database Usage	46,081	↑ 2 %
Public Computer Usage	24,371	↑ 17%

Library use continues to climb with an increase in visits, computer use, and program and event attendance.

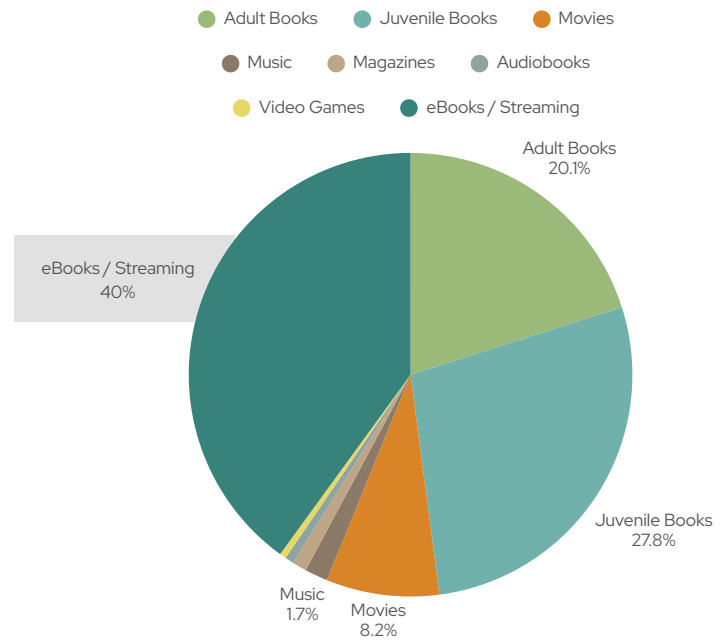
# Circulation Trends

In five years, print book checkouts have increased by 30%, our digital circulation by 88%, and video games by 780%! The collections with the sharpest decline are audiobooks, music, and movies.

In 2024, we introduced Quick Picks – popular titles available for immediate checkout. They can't be reserved, making them perfect for browsers.



## What is popular?

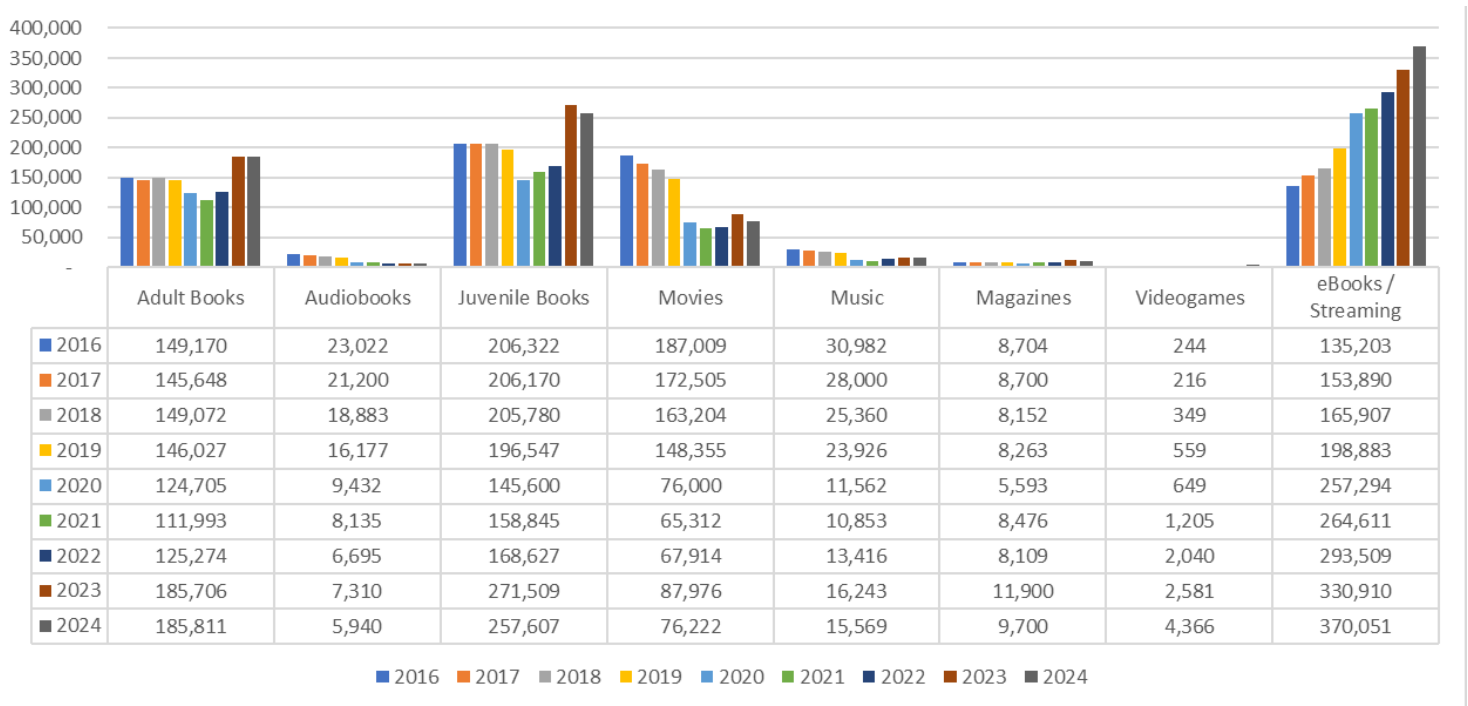


## Continued investment in collections

We increased our total collection budget by 1.5%, including a boost to the print book budget of almost 5%. We added \$100,000 to our eBook and streaming audiobook budget to keep up with the increasing demand.

A UAPL library card gives you priority access to UAPL-owned items.

## Material Circulation, 2016-2024



# 2024 Fiscal Stewardship

## 2024 Revenue

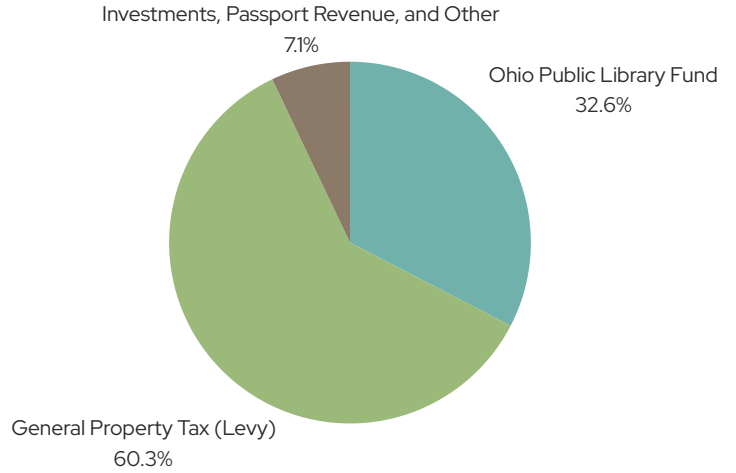
Public Library Fund	\$ 3,053,897
Property Tax Levy	\$ 5,649,478
Other	\$ 662,239
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 9,365,614</b>

## 2024 Expenditures

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 5,063,961
Library Materials	\$ 913,444
Utilities, Other	\$ 1,228,060
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 7,205,466</b>
Building Improvement	\$ 1,300,000
Fund Transfer	
<b>Total after Transfer</b>	<b>\$ 8,505,466</b>

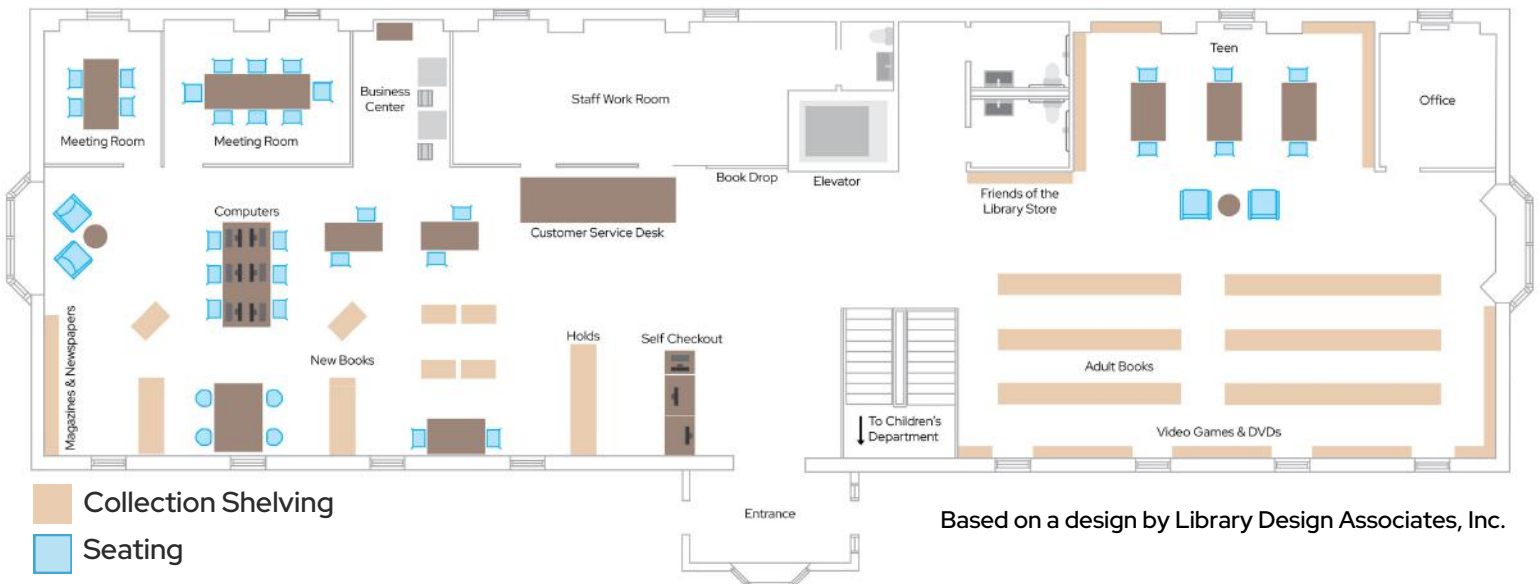
We sustained a \$170,000 loss from the Public Library Fund in 2024, a result of tax cuts impacting the State Budget. Fortunately, the revenue from our interest rates offset the loss. Library revenue is projected to remain flat for the foreseeable future.

## Our Revenue Sources



## Lane Road Renovation

Upon reopening Spring 2025, just in time for its 50th anniversary, the Lane Road Branch will have a fresh, updated look and exciting new features. You'll find a new HVAC system, upgraded lighting, additional power outlets, soundproofing, and a new meeting room and study room on the first floor.





# Biggest Year Ever for Programs

There is always something happening at the Library! Stop in to experience animal visits, yoga classes, author events, storytimes, live music, lectures, summer and winter reading programs, and an explosion of holiday and summer fun.



**1,393** programs and events for all ages

**56,000** people came to our events

**↑3%** increase in program and event attendance





# Ways to Give



## General Fund Donations

Your direct gift to the UAPL supports special projects like our Early Learning Play Areas, building projects, furniture needs, collections, programming and more.



## The Friends of the Library

The Friends assist the Library with funds raised through book sales and memberships. They make projects like the summer and winter reading programs and staff appreciation activities possible.



## Ann Royce Moore Fund

This fund supports author visits in Upper Arlington. The Upper Arlington Public Library and the Upper Arlington Community Foundation partner in this mission with funds held by and administered by the UACF.



## The Columbus Foundation Planned Gifts and Donor Advised / Named Funds

The Library partners with the Columbus Foundation to administer planned gifts, donor advised or named funds that support us.

## Thank you to our 2024 donors

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Your support for the UAPL allows us to further our goal of providing exceptional programs and services that strengthen and enrich our community. We are grateful for gifts of any size. Donations are tax deductible.

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## A special thank you...

Friends of  
the Library  
raised  
**\$105,932**



We participated in

# 34

Community  
Partnership  
Events



**64** adults  
volunteered  
**2,441** hours



**426** students  
volunteered  
**1,987** hours

