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CHECK THIS OUT: 2023 Annual Report
and Highlights inside!

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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San Juan Island Library will be on the August 6, 2024 ballot for an operations & maintenance levy adjustment to maintain current services and operations of our heavily used library.

Junior districts like ours are voted for, funded, and operated by public taxes, not donations. Districts are limited to 1% annual increases in levy funding. We all know that most costs rise by more than 1% due to inflation. Many budget items have increased by 5% to 20% per year, including utilities, building maintenance, cost of living, liability and property insurance, technology, and more.

Although the library's last levy increase allowed for 7.5% budget increases over six years, the library stretched it for seven additional years by holding increases to less than 2% over the last half-decade by balancing fixed and rising hard costs (listed above) with freezing or cutting budgets for flexible costs like new materials, programs, operating supplies, marketing, carpeting, furniture upgrades, staff development, and more. Since costs for these continued to grow, freezing and decreasing budgets gave us less ongoing buying power. The library has been very frugal with its funding, a testament to our commitment to serving this community responsibly and well.

When the 2012 levy reserves run out, the library will experience an approximate \$350,000 deficit, necessitating deeper cuts to materials and programs, and a likely 20% reduction in staffing. Open days and hours will be cut as a result. Passage of a new levy adjustment would keep library funding stable with conservative 5% annual budget increases over the next ten years, allowing the library to continue offering materials and services that our community values. This is our mission and commitment to the community of San Juan Island.

Our Staff Thanks You!

From all of us to all of you, we thank you for an amazing year. We are so proud to serve this community!

Sincerely,

Laurie

ELIZABETH

Floyd
Naomi

KIM

Jenni
Melina

Lauren

Frankie

Marty

Brenna

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KASEY

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ADVENTURE
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Summer Reading

Program 2024

**Fun and adventure
available for all ages!**

Operational Levy Lid Adjustment

Why Is the Library Asking For Funding Now?

The Library has been frugal and strategic with the reserves from its last levy lid lift and annual funding, lasting more than double the originally planned time to ask for a new levy lid lift. This proposition is needed in order to sustain the current level of library services, programs, and collections.



The Proposition Passes

- The Library can continue to support San Juan Island priorities, providing access to information and educational opportunities for all
- Maintain the popular and high quality collections, services, programs, and operational hours
- Expand open hours in evenings
- New digital offerings, including online publishing resources to help authors format and publish their books.



The Proposition Fails

- Significantly reduced new materials, programs, services, technology, and staff
- Reduced open hours
- Deferred preventative building maintenance and repairs

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More information available at:
sjlib.org/levylidlift

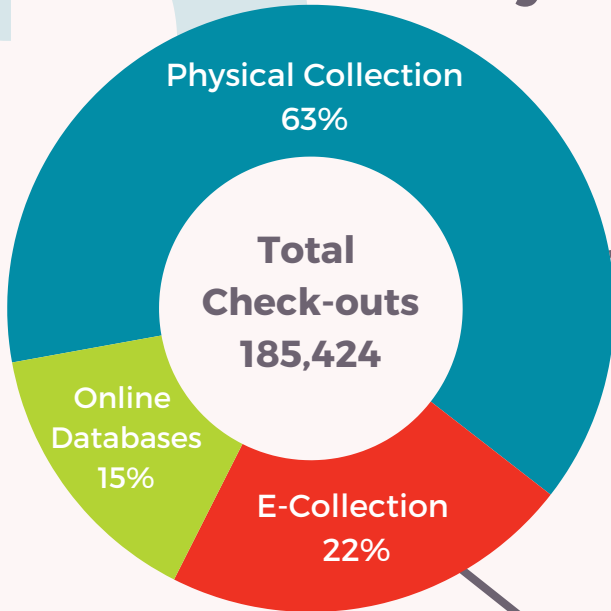
How Much Will It Cost?

The new levy lid lift would adjust the levy rate from 25.39 cents per \$1,000 assessed value to 41 cents. A \$750,000 home would result in an approximate \$117 annual increase in taxes. The goal was to select a levy rate that would yield a budget that was adequate but not excessive to sustain Library services over the next 10 years but not take in more funding than was needed. The new rate factors in a conservative 5% annual increase to library budgets annually.

VOTE August 6th

2023 ANNUAL

Annual Collection Use By the Numbers



An average of **21 check-outs** per San Juan Island resident!

A **25% increase** from last year!

We saw **66,712 people** come through the door this year

An average of **30 people** visiting for every hour we are open

A **20% increase** from last year, along with more open hours

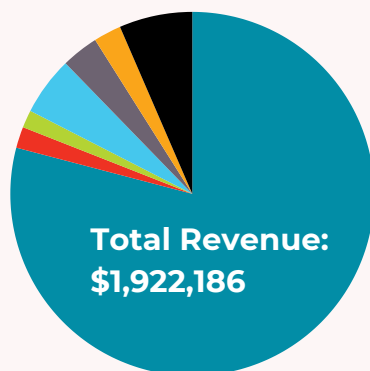
A **10% increase** in check-outs from last year

Nearly **5,000 island residents** have an active library card

HOW IS THE LIBRARY DOING?

We are proud to report that across the board, **2023 was a year of fantastic successes**, with high use and engagement in library services and resources. We have seen increased participation in our programs, collection use, computer use, outreach, and more in 2023.

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE



\$1,520,182

Local Tax revenue

\$125,000

Levy Reserves

\$30,114

Friend Donations

\$47,273

Other Donations

\$63,446

Grants

\$100,000

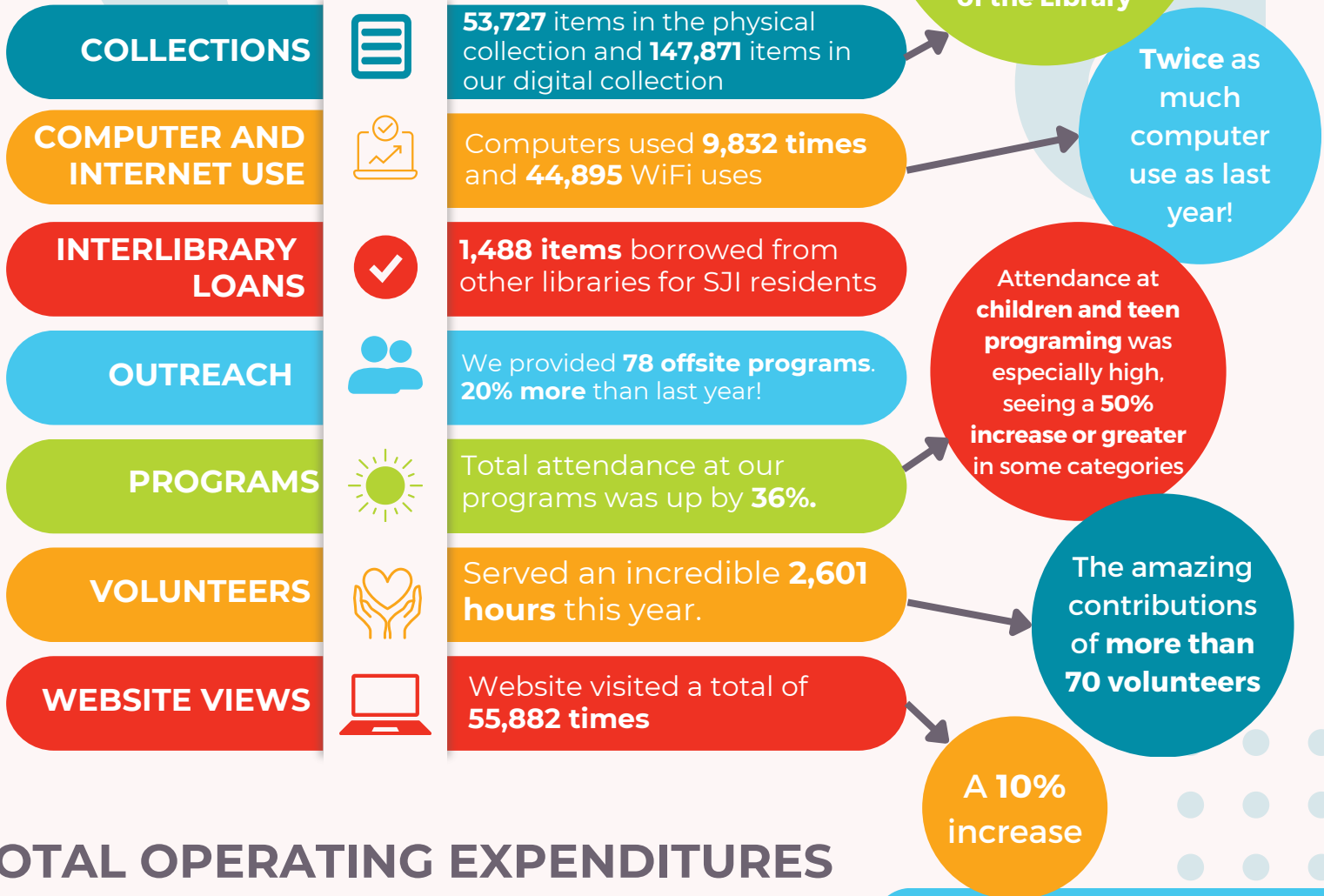
Insurance Proceeds (Spring St Leak in 2021)

\$36,171

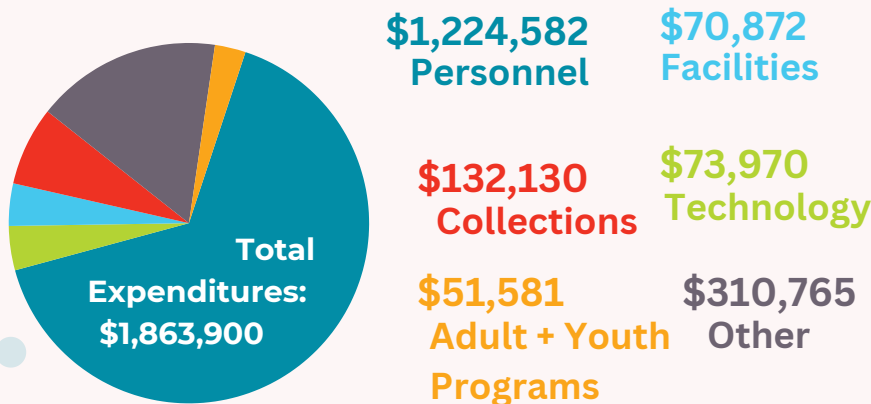
Other

REPORT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES



More questions about our budget? Full details are available at our Board Documents page: <https://tinyurl.com/38tvfn3f>

MOST POPULAR AT THE LIBRARY

Most popular items:
Wifi Hotspots
(at 345 checkouts in 2023!)

Most popular book:
Lessons in Chemistry

Most popular movie:
Before They Vanish

ADULTS

Music

Musical Performances have returned to SJI Library, with fantastic performances by **Sasha von Dassow** and others. Of special mention is the Holiday concert, which filled the library with beautiful music and a crowd that nearly spilled outside the building! Stay tuned for more music from Sasha and others!

PROGRAMMING



Technology

The Tech Café on Tuesdays has been continually popular, with **more than 250 people** helped with their tech questions across 2023. New technology has been added for checkout, including a Meeting OWL and more assistive technology in our Aids for Daily Living Collection.



Creative Programs

The Library is the right place to be when you've got the creative itch! Creative programs in 2023 included **painting, jewelry making, lino cutting, clay, embroidery, and more**. Also check out the **CreativeBug steaming service** to watch thousands of high quality how-to craft videos right at home!



Presentations

Some of the most popular presentations and topics included virtual presentations by famous authors such as **Barbara Kingsolver and David Brooks**, and workshops for **creative writing, poetry, and making comics**.

HIGHLIGHTS

1000 Books

Before Kindergarten

In 2023 we launched the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**. Reading aloud to your young child is one of the best ways to help build your child's early literacy skills! Stop by the Library any time during open hours to pick up your starter folder.



AUTHOR TALKS

We've had the privilege to host several children's book authors, including **Dr. Gerry Ebalagoza-Tennell**, author of *Let's Live A.L.O.H.A* and **Rosanne Parry**, author of *A Wolf Called Wander* and *A Whale of the Wild*. Our gratitude to our partners of our author talks, including the Griffin Bay Bookstore.

After School Programs

After-school hours are busy at the library! We offer a wide range of free programs for K-12th grade including **Art Bar, Lego League, monthly movies, book groups, DnD, and more!** See the Events Calendar on our website for the full list of programs.



Teen Library Council

TLC began in 2022 and quickly became a **vital resource for the library**. This dedicated group of teens plan library programs, book displays, and more. Members also volunteer their time outside of meetings to facilitate programs such as the **Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Screen Free Family Trivia!**

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If your name is missing, please
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Cumming, Judith
Daucinas, Vikky
Drake, Beth
Ewers, Tara
Fagan, Frank
Fletcher, Nancy Taft
Garett, Jeanie
Greene, Georgann
Hall, Dianne
Hanks, Laura
Helstien, Beth
Kirby, Sue
Leschine, Sandra L.
Long, Laura
Longley, Alison
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Wright, B. Carla

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Pope, Betsy & Chris

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Dunn, Roxanne
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Graham, Gay
Grodin, Ann
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Lehman, Ron & Trish
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Malenic, John & Stephanie Prima
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Reid, Harry & Eileen
Roberts, Ellen & Judy Lingerfelt
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Schuh, Randi
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Spaulding, Chris & Beth
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Weisbrod, Rita & Dick
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Carrier, John
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DeShon, Loren & Kathie
Devlin, Patricia
Dreyer, Malinda
Dunn, Barbara
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Gross, Pamela & Charles Anderson
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Hodges, Nancy
Huesman, Jim
Jennings, Lauren & Jeremy
Lagios, Melina
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Madsen, Mark
Mahoney, Susan M.
Martin, Donna
Mattox, Rich & Stephanie
Mazzarella, Susan
Metke, Thomas
Moore, Rebecca & Fielding
McGehee
Nippolt, Candace & John
Oettinger, Rick
Olson, Neal
Orton, Laurie
Penwell, Frank & Patricia
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Saxe-Eyler, Amy
Sharp, Barbara & Gary
Shreve, Jean

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