



Connecting Our Community

Connecting Through Quality

Library Journal



Star Library

Washington-Centerville Public Library is consistently ranked as a star library by Library Journal's Index of Public Library Service, and 2021 was no different with receiving another 5-star rating. This rating is a reflection of the community's avid usage and continuing support of the Library. Community support was further demonstrated by the renewal of the operating levy, which passed by an astounding 73.5%. The 3.0 mil local levy is critical to operations by providing 66% of the Library's funding. Many thanks for the continued support!

Connecting Through Partnerships

With COVID-19 still being a much of concern through much of 2021, the Library sought partnerships to safely bring services to the community:

- **CommUNITY Wellness Challenge** - the Library, Centerville-Washington Park District and Washington Township RecPlex teamed up to encourage citizens to get 'well' by participating in physical activities throughout the community.
- **Outdoor Family Storytimes** - with attendance ballooning to over 200, many joined their favorite Library storytellers in one of the Centerville-Washington Park District locations for nature-themed stories and activities.
- **COVID-19 Test Kits** - assisting Ohio Department of Health in keeping citizens safe and healthy, the Library distributed 13,389 COVID test kits.
- **Aspiring Artists** - funded through a grant from the Centerville Arts Commission, kids connected virtually to look closely at famous artists and recreate their iconic pieces.



Connecting Through Programs

Keeping safety in mind, the Library provided nearly 900 educational and innovative programs. Virtual programs remained an option even as more in-person programs resumed. With more programming choices and people feeling more comfortable being in groups, 73,813 people attended programs in 2021, a nearly 300% increase over 2020.



Connecting Through Exhibits

Engaging with art, history, and science was possible with the return of exhibits at the Woodbourne Library. Artwork and artifacts from staff and other local artists, local residents, 9/11 Memorial Museum, and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History were featured on topics, such as the Oregon District, Immigration, Climate Awareness and Nature.



Connecting Through Technology

Technology improvements made it easier than ever for the Library to connect with patrons. Welcome email messages to new patrons were automated to send after registration. Creating new registrations and verifying existing accounts online became easier with new forms and processes. A new mobile app made it a snap to renew items, place holds, checkout materials, search for events, or find the next great read.

Connecting Through Collections

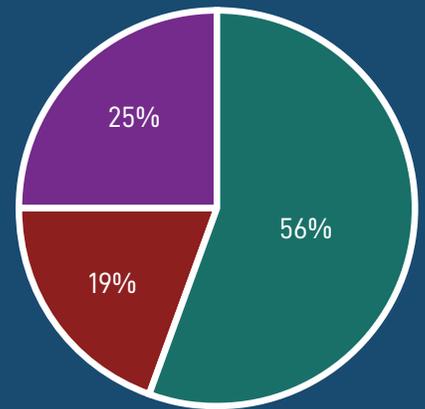
Old formats retired to make way for new collections, and existing collections saw a refresh in 2021. The collection of children's music CDs was removed to make room for the expansion of read-a-longs. 'Brary bags got a new look and were made more child-friendly. Access to the digital collection expanded as graphic novels, Great Courses, and magazines became available through the Libby app.

Connecting Through Investment

The Library has a long history of being good stewards of public tax dollars. Expenditures over the last ten years have been reflective of the circumstances. Through careful spending, the Library offered \$5.15 in value for every \$1 in taxes paid by citizens in 2021. See how much your household saved by using the [Value Calculator](#).

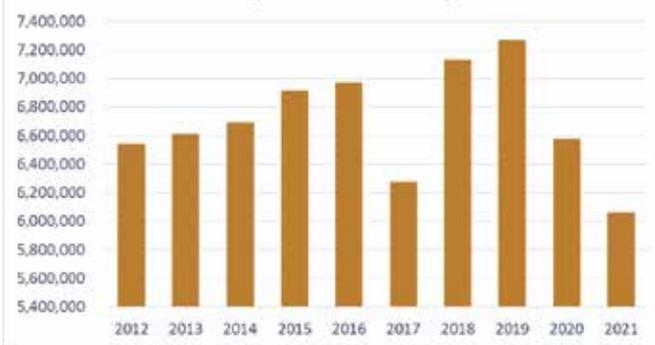


2021 Circulation



□ Print □ AV □ eCollection

Annual Expenditure Comparison



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(937) 433-8091

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6060 Far Hills Avenue
Centerville, OH 45459
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Connecting Through Usage

2021 By the Numbers

290,026

Building Visitors

4,951

New cardholders

1,594,740

Physical and Digital Items Borrowed

2,106

Children's Summer Reading Participants

20,611

Public Computer Users

612,418

WiFi Sessions

2,184

Meeting Room Uses

\$19,050

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