

We Just Shattered Every Stereotype

Libraries have transformed dramatically over the past 30 years. Gone are the days of dusty shelves, card catalogs, and librarians demanding silence. Today's libraries are vibrant community hubs with resources extending far beyond books.

Librarians are information technology experts who curate dynamic collections – both physical and digital – that are tailored to your needs. They can guide you through extensive digital resources, including eBooks, eAudiobooks, and hundreds of online resources.

Perhaps the most surprising is the "Library of Things," where you can borrow items like power washers, musical instruments, and cake-decorating kits alongside traditional materials, as well as Creativity Commons, our DIY makerspace.

Programming has expanded beyond children's storytimes to include teen lock-ins, adult game nights, technology workshops, financial literacy classes, and genealogy research assistance.

The library has evolved into a dynamic space where resources, technology, and people connect meaningfully – a far cry from the stereotypical hushed reading room of the past.



The Library Maintains Fiscal Discipline Despite Rising Costs

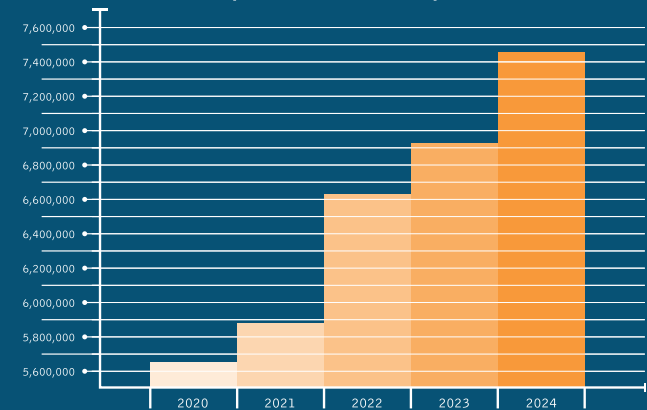
Washington-Centerville Public Library is consistently ranked among the nation's best libraries and serves as an essential community resource. The library has maintained fiscal responsibility without requesting increased local funding since 2011, despite:

- Funding for Ohio public libraries remaining at the same level as 25 years ago
- Increased community size and service demands
- Rising costs for technology, resources, and services

For every tax dollar paid by citizens of the Washington Township/Centerville area, the library provides \$4.56 in value. This value will increase even more next year as you utilize our services more frequently. Visit us in person, access newspapers

and magazines electronically through PressReader, download free books to your eReader, borrow from our Library of Things collection, or attend one of our engaging programs.

Operating Expenses



What's New

- The Legacy Administration Building, which houses 13 staff members, carving out more patron space for the Centerville Library
- Architectural plans for the Centerville Library renovation
- Traveling Short Stories
- Children's Board Games
- Infinity Game Table in Teen Zone
- Tween Time: programming just for tweens
- Culture Pass Collection: museums like the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, The International Peace Museum, and The Dayton Art Institute
- Roku + Hotspot Combo Packs preloaded with streaming services
- PressReader: online resource, allowing patrons to access thousands of periodicals like the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and many more
- New programs like "Speed Friending"
- Lecture Series by Michael Carter, funded by Centerville-Washington Foundation



Facebook followers
increased by **711**



Streaming device
circulation
increased
by almost
40%



69,000
cardholders



Digital magazines
(eZines) – up by
87%



5,451
meeting
room uses

**Outreach
Expands**



70 more attendees,
17 added programs

366,000
Building visitors



Maker Kit
circulation
increased
by almost
30%

3,270 adults,
children, and teens in
Summer Reading Club



Creativity
Commons
program
attendees
increased by
42%

100% increase
in lbs. of trash
diverted... Since the
launch of our public recycling
initiative in 2022, more than
one ton of trash diverted



Board game circulation up **126%**

The library has
evolved in ways that
would astonish
your
grandparents.



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2024 Annual Report

Take the Quiz!

1. How many digital magazines were checked out in 2024?

2. How many eBooks were downloaded in our Ohio library collaboration?

3. Which of these can you borrow from the library?

Guitar

Bike repair kit

Cornhole

Cake-decorating kit

Power washer

Board games

Puzzles

Roku/Hotspot

Giant Jenga

4. Can you download free books onto your eReader (Kindle) through Libby and other library apps?

5. How many people are cardholders of Washington–Centerville Public Library?

6. Can I read the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Dayton Daily News* and thousands of other newspapers and magazines FREE through PressReader on the library website?

7. How many visitors went to Creativity Commons, our makerspace, in 2024?

8. When was the Centerville Library built?

1. More than 45,000 2. 7 million 3. All of them!
4. Yes 5. 69,000 6. Yes 7. More than 22,000
8. 30 years ago, in 1995



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A Library Without Limits

