

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



450,974

## ITEMS CIRCULATED

from more than 1,000,000 books,  
movies, and additional materials



25,676

## WIRELESS SESSIONS

provided and 8,351 uses  
of public computers



34,181

## REFERENCE QUESTIONS

answered by staff



26,376

## REGISTERED BORROWERS

including 21,733 adults  
and 4,643 children



964

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

presented with 24,654  
in attendance



181,572

## VISITS TO THE LIBRARY

including 13,366 visits to  
DiscoveryWorks



**avon lake**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Avon Lake Public Library is to foster and enrich the community through collaboration, services and resources.

## OUR VISION

The vision of the Avon Lake Public Library is to be the premier community destination and the model for innovation, discovery and lifelong learning.

## OUR VALUES

### INNOVATION

The Library is a leader of smart and efficient sustainability and forward-thinking uses of technology and programming. The staff are creative problem-solvers and learn from individual and collective challenges.

### INTEGRITY

The Library is a reliable source with the highest standards of transparency, responsibility and fiscal stewardship.

### LIFELONG LEARNING

The Library is committed to the individual pursuit of learning and discovery by providing equal access to materials, services, resources and programming.

### OPENNESS

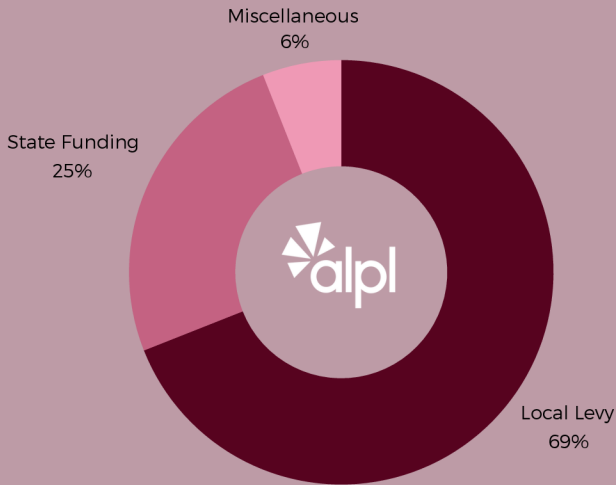
The Library is an environment that welcomes everyone and supports equality, diversity and space for peaceful assembly and the discussion of ideas.

### SERVICE

The Library is where people come first, internally and externally. The staff listens, is helpful, collaborative, approachable, friendly and professional.

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## OPERATING REVENUE \$3,545,629



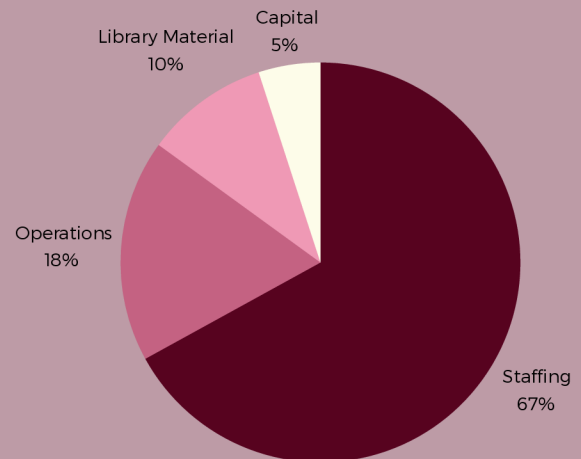
## TOP ADULT FICTION EBOOKS

1. *The Women*  
by Kristin Hannah
2. *First Lie Wins*  
by Ashley Elston
3. *Fourth Wing*  
by Rebecca Yarros
4. *None of This Is True*  
by Lisa Jewell
5. *Funny Story*  
by Emily Henry

## TOP YOUTH FICTION EBOOKS

1. *Big Nate and Friends*  
by Lincoln Peirce
2. *Move It or Lose It!*  
by Lincoln Peirce
3. *The Deep End*  
by Jeff Kinney
4. *Stacey's Mistake*  
by Ellen T. Crenshaw
5. *Dibs on This Chair*  
by Lincoln Peirce

## OPERATING EXPENDITURES \$3,289,353



## HIGHLIGHTS

This year, in collaboration with the City of Avon Lake and Friends of the Library, the Library hosted a series of programs to celebrate the April 8 **TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**, during which Avon Lake was in the path of totality. Attendees received complimentary eclipse glasses generously provided by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and the Space Science Institute through its Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries (SEAL) program.

In September, the Library partnered with Avon Lake City Schools to welcome author Elizabeth Letts to a month-long **COMMUNITY READS** event. Inspired by her novel *Finding Dorothy*, a series of extraordinary *Wizard of Oz*-themed displays filled the Library in addition to special events, culminating in Ms. Letts' visit to the Library and Avon Lake High School, where she engaged with students and community members to discuss her work.

Throughout the summer, while DiscoveryWorks was under renovation, visitors enjoyed **DISCOVERYWORKS UNPLUGGED**—a dynamic series of engaging STEAM activities for all ages!