



2022 Annual Report



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Library Staff

Library service is delivered by a staff of seven regular employees: The library's Director and Assistant Director, two Circulation Clerks, a Youth & Family Services Coordinator, a Home Delivery Coordinator and a Page. Most library employees work a part-time schedule, which is equivalent to 2.9 full-time staff.

We're here to assist you in person, by phone or by email.



From the Director

The Suttons Bay Bingham District Library's Annual Report gives an overview of the 2022 fiscal year, which ran from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. During this period, the library continued to fulfill its mission of providing enriching materials and services to our community, and began recovering from the peak of the pandemic. The library returned to fully open hours for the public and to providing in-person programming.

The trend at the library during this period has been growth. We saw increases in new library patrons, circulation of both physical and digital items, more use of our wi-fi and computers, more use of our lower level Community Meeting Room, and enjoyed well-attended and lively Summer Reading programs in both 2021 and 2022.

With this variety of activity, we strive to make good use of the library and its truly special location overlooking the bay. As both a community resource and a community space serving individuals and groups with different needs, flexibility is key. We're pleased to have added a new covered entryway to the front of the building to provide a safer and more welcoming entry for all. Likewise, we're pleased that the Friends of the Library have added a new Little Free Library on the TART trail directly behind the library, a simple and effective way to improve access to reading materials. We're working to grow with you.

-Danielle 'Nellie' Danke, Library Director
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ANNUAL SERVICE STATISTICS

2,262	Public Service Hours	1,399	Computer Sessions
		9,423	Wi-Fi Sessions
2,680	Total Library Cardholders		
295	New Patrons	45	Preschool Story Times
		419	Preschool Story Time Attendance
22,262	Physical Items Checked Out	43	Other Youth Programs
22,937	Items in Physical Collection	875	Other Youth Programs Attendance
9,070	Digital Items Checked Out		
39,320	Items in Up North Digital Collection	642	Newsletter Subscribers
		830	Facebook Followers
2,214	Interlibrary Loans		

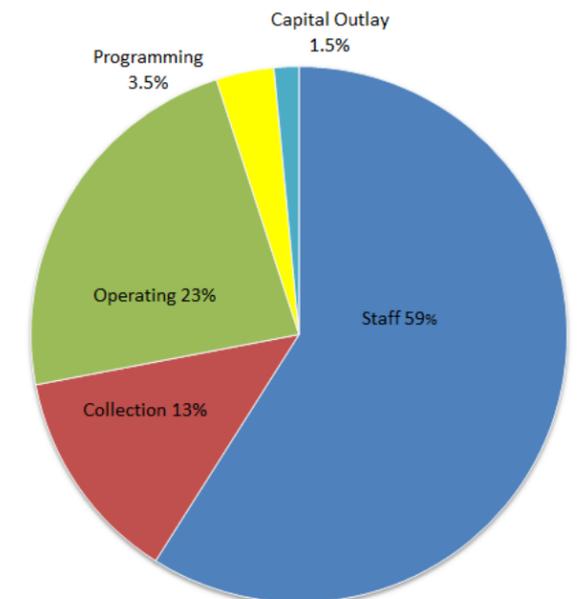
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATISTICS

\$247,106	Millage Revenue	\$133,948	Staff Expenditures
\$12,450	Leelanau County Delinquent Taxes	\$29,706	Collection Expenditures
\$7,707	Penal Fines	\$21,484	Operating Expenses: Building & Equipment
\$7,416	State Aid to Libraries	\$16,016	Operating Expenses: Technology
\$1,767	Library Fees	\$14,389	Operating Expenses: Administrative
\$1,041	Interest	\$8,011	Programming Expenditures
\$277,487	Total Income	\$2,976	Capital Outlay
		\$226,530	Total Expenses

Donations & Grants

It is with great appreciation that the library reports \$6,302 in donations & grants received during the last fiscal year.

Grants were received from the Northland Library Cooperative and the Library of Michigan. Direct monetary donations to enhance library programs and offerings were provided by the Friends of the Library. Individual donations to the library were given by: James & Janeen Bardenhagen, George Kopf, Mark & Emily Miezio, Mark Nixon, Anne Marie Raftshol, Stephen Redding and in memory of Ted Schlee.



From the Board of Trustees



After Nellie Danke became our new librarian in December of 2019, she presented the Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Library with a wish list of items that she thought would enhance the programs and usefulness of your library. Many of her ideas were fairly low budget and easily completed. There was one suggestion that gave us pause, a new and needed outdoor library entryway. Today we're so happy that Nellie dared to have this big wish even though at the time we didn't see how that could fit into our financial situation.

When Covid came along, there were operational cost savings. Those savings, the millage support of Suttons Bay and Bingham Townships, and donor support provided the necessary funds to make this project financially possible. We asked Larry Graves, who designed the original building, to be our architect. We thank Larry for the gift of his services. We are also thankful to have Easling Construction efficiently and in a cost wise manner turn a vision into reality. A final thank you goes to the Friends of the Library who generously funded the sorely needed new outdoor book return.

Besides our goal of maintaining and enhancing quality services, we are looking forward to further upgrade our lower level to serve the needs of our community. Any suggestions? We value your ideas. Your continuing support helps to make the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library a community treasure.

-Sandy Boone, Board President
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Mission

It is the purpose of the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library to provide materials and services which will furnish opportunities for educational, informational, cultural and recreational enrichment to all of the people of the communities served by the library.

By committing themselves to excellence in all facets of the library's service and operation, the Board of Trustees and staff of the library reaffirm the democratic ideals upon which the American Public Library is founded.

From the Friends

The Friends of the Suttons Bay Bingham District Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization completely separate from the library whose main function is fundraising to support the library.

For many years our main fundraising events were the annual Book Sale in conjunction with the Suttons Bay Art Festival, and the Lights, Bites and Books Gala in early December. After a break due to the pandemic, the Book Sale returned in 2021 and the Gala returned this December, 2022.

Some of the Friends' recent projects include the library's landscaping, maintaining Little Free Libraries at Bingham Township Hall on Center Hwy, on Shady Lane Market on M-22, and behind the library on the TART Trail, providing Ancestry software for library patrons and purchasing the library's new outdoor book return.

We welcome new members. No experience needed, just an interest in helping our library.

-Jim Shannahan, Friends President
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The library offers resources and programs for youth and families, including a weekly Preschool Story Time and a monthly Family Fun event. Plus, summer reading is supported with special programming for youth of all ages.

-Martha Topol
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