

**ANNUAL  
REPORT**

THE COMMUNITY  
**LIBRARY**

July 1, 2022-  
June 30, 2023



**“We like to come here for books!”**

# Dear Friends,

The Library's infrastructure – of story times and public lectures, of stacks of books and high-speed internet, of spaces where learning can get messy and an archive that is climate-controlled – supports an abundance of imaginative activities.

As Emery and Luke, pictured on the cover, stated so clearly in April, **“We like to come here for books!”** They also got their faces painted at a party in the Children's Library!

A young man came to the Library almost daily for months this past year to study for the architecture licensing exam. **He got it!**

A teacher from Filer came to the Library for the first time to attend the Sun Valley Early Literacy Summit in June. **“I loved it!”** she said. **“Thank you for bringing this level of professional development to our state.”**

And based on our work of the past year, people can now visit the Library's re-invented regional history museum, the Wood River Museum of History and Culture.

**“Thank you so much for the awesome field trip,”** one sixth-grader wrote. **“I loved exploring the Cabinet of Wonders and going down into the freezing cold room where all of the historical artifacts were.”**

Your generosity creates the infrastructure where these things are possible.

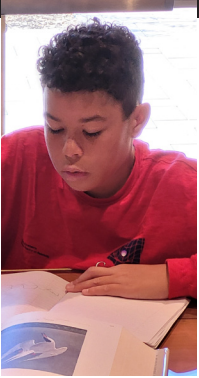
Thank you for helping to build a community that can tend its history, be nimble for the future, and respect the dignity of each individual mind.



**Jenny Emery Davidson, Ph.D.**  
Executive Director



# Between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023...



**261,713**  
items recycled  
through the Gold  
Mine Thrift and  
Consign stores to  
help fund the Library

**100,000+**  
people came through  
The Community Library  
and Museum doors



**287**  
research questions  
answered about  
regional history

**122**  
artifacts installed at  
the new Wood River Museum  
of History and Culture

**1,575**  
miles driven by the  
Bloom Bookmobile across  
Blaine County

**18**  
writers did residencies  
at the Hemingway  
House

**194,500**  
minutes read by  
children in the Summer  
Reading Program

**142,377**  
books borrowed

**28,609**  
different people  
used the internet

**243**  
times the Winter Read  
book *Sabrina & Corina*  
was checked out

**66**  
Idaho teachers  
studied the science  
of reading  
at the Sun Valley  
Early Literacy  
Summit

**11,500**  
people attended free  
public programs



**1**  
regional history  
museum re-imagined  
across the street from  
the Library



# The Library's mission. . .

... is to bring information, ideas, and people together to enhance the cultural life of our community.



## INCOME

Donations .....	\$1,512,540
Gold Mine Contribution .....	\$1,045,804
Endowment Contribution.....	\$209,433
Library Services .....	\$11,076
<b>Dedicated Tax Dollars .....</b>	<b>\$0!</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$2,778,853</b>

## EXPENSES

Library Operations and Programs.....	\$1,786,653
Outreach and Development.....	\$283,234
General and Administrative .....	\$658,076
Gold Mine Building Improvements .....	\$50,890
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE.....</b>	<b>\$2,778,853</b>

**MUSEUM PROJECT.....\$1,203,026**



**The Community Library** is powered by private donations and proceeds from the Gold Mine stores. Anyone can get a library card here for FREE.

# We like to come here ...



...  
to use the high-speed internet to attend virtual meetings

...  
to practice English with Janet

...  
to research Shoshone-Bannock history in Central Idaho

...  
to get help downloading audio books from Buffy and Cándida

...  
to practice Spanish with Leo

...  
to read and rest by the fireplace

...  
to watch a film on the Vermeer exhibition in Amsterdam

...  
to use the computers to apply for jobs

...  
to listen to Ellen read in the Tree House at Story Time

## ... to be part of a community.

...  
to sit on the lawn and listen to Luis Alberto Urrea speak about his books

...  
to chat about books with Pam and Andrea

...  
to study literacy with teachers from around southern Idaho

...  
to hang out with friends in the Teen Lounge after school

...  
to write our own stories



# THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



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Annual Report  
online!



**Thank you!**

Your support helped keep our community reading, learning, connecting, and dreaming - **fearlessly.**

