

2023 newsletter & 2022 annual report

# DISCOVER LIFE'S POSSIBILITIES



## NEW BUILDING UPDATES

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# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



## MORE THAN BOOKS

### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Many people think of libraries as shelves of books. While we have an excellent collection of books for all ages, it's not the only thing we do! Of special note, we've been building a Library of Things. This includes several different kinds of equipment available for checkout, many useful for helping tight budgets. Items include:

- A telescope
- Board games & puzzles
- Aids for Better Living , including
  - Dressing kit
  - Telephone Amplification
  - Book Stand
  - Big Keys Keyboard
  - Many more!
- Low Vision Equipment
- Wifi Hotspots
- Discover Passes to State Parks
- SJL Museum of Art Passes (Newly added!)
- Event Equipment (Digital projector, screen, laptop, speakers, etc.)

And more! We are always looking for what could be useful to the community. If you have an idea for something we could add to our Library of Things, come chat with us! We love to hear your ideas, and you may be surprised to find that we already have it.

~ Laurie Orton, Library Director

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The San Juan Island Library offers more than just a good read; it is a community treasure worth supporting. From youth programs and author readings to adult education and technical support, the library opens minds. It expands our knowledge through access to information, and brings us closer together.

-sjil patron

## COMING FALL 2023

The Library is excited to announce:



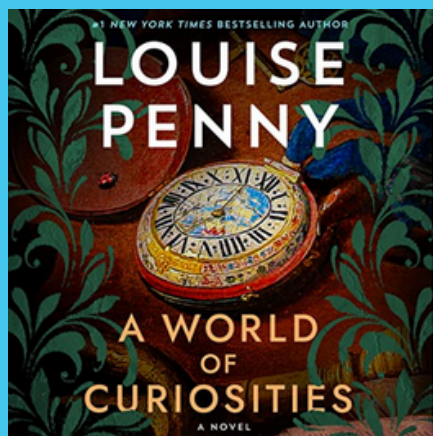
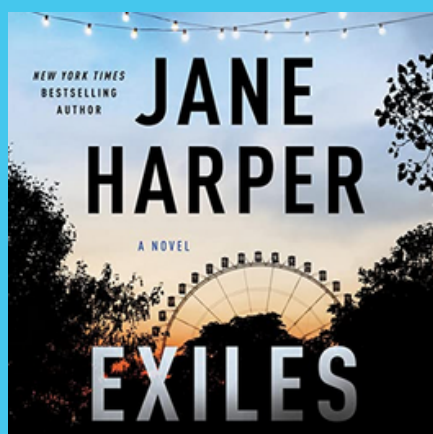
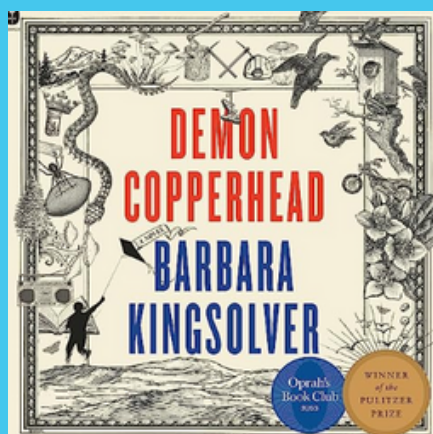
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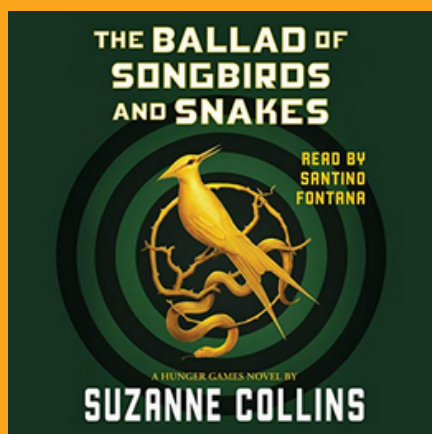
# TOP CHECK-OUTS OF SUMMER

Most checked out books since June 2023

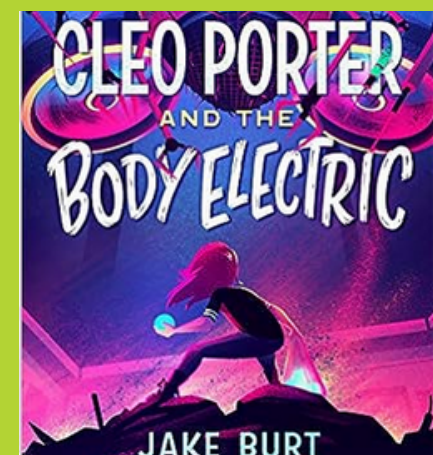
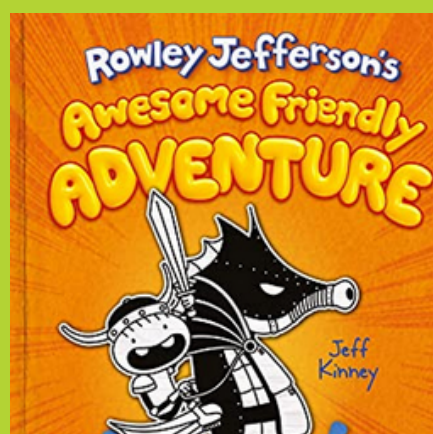
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## TEEN



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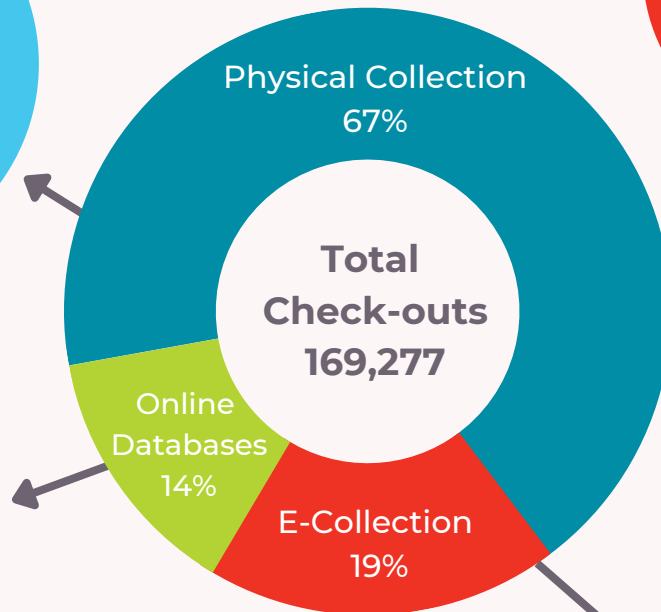


# 2022 ANNUAL

## Annual Collection Use By the Numbers

This is an average  
of **19 check-outs**  
per San Juan  
Island resident!

These check-outs  
happened across  
**53,156 visits** this  
year.



That is an  
average of **24  
people visiting**  
for every hour  
we are open

**606 new  
accounts** were  
registered for  
library users

This is a **20%  
increase** in  
check-outs  
from last year

**3 out of every 5**  
San Juan Island  
residents have a  
library card



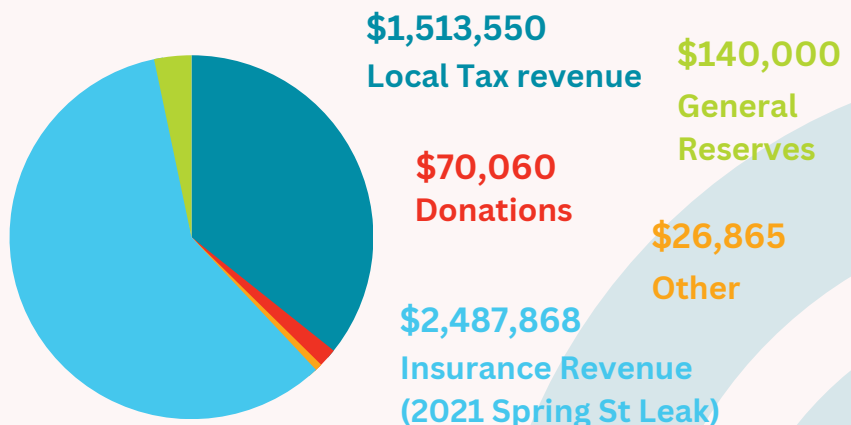
## THE LIBRARY DOES WHAT?!?

You can learn professional skills for free, using the Library's subscription to **LinkedIn Learning**. Use the QR code or link below to sign in using your library card number and PIN.



<https://www.linkedin.com/learning-login/go/sjlib>

## TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

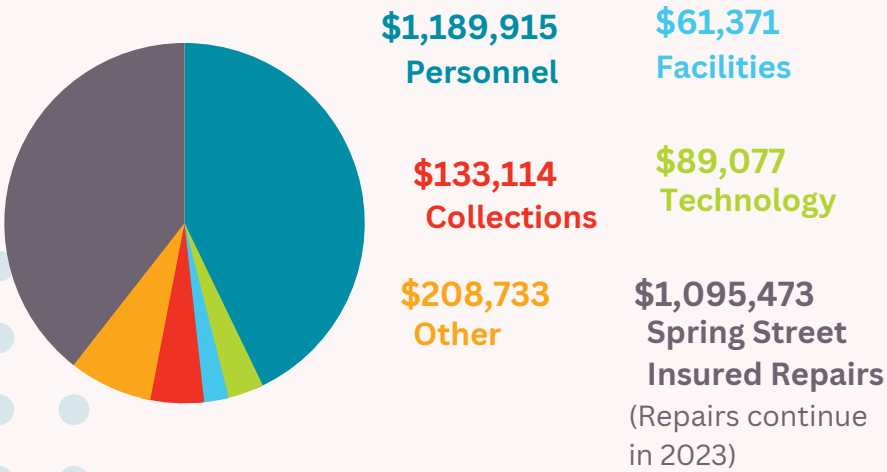


# REPORT

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

COLLECTIONS		5,673 new items were added to the physical collection
COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE		Computers used 4,926 times and WiFi used 44,438 times
INTERLIBRARY LOANS		1,541 items borrowed from other libraries for SJI residents
OUTREACH		We provided 64 offsite programs. More than one per week!
PROGRAMS		Total attendance at our programs was 12,849 people.
VOLUNTEERS		Served a whopping 2,208 hours this year
WEBSITE VIEWS		Website visited a total of 51,323 times

## TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES



### DID YOU KNOW?

The most popular item in 2022? Our WiFi Hotspots! In 2022 there were 331 checkouts of Hotspots. We might beat that record this year- already more than 250 checkouts so far!



# ADULT PROGRAMING

## Learning

We love learning at the Library!

- Weekly **Tech Cafés** help community members with technology skills.
- Conversation circles and classes facilitate **language learning**.
- Library patrons learn about aging, online reading services, and streaming tools through **topical workshops**.

## Presentations

During presentations in 2023 we have collaborated with a wide variety of community partners. Topics have included:

- **local flora and fauna**
- **current events**
- **island history**

## Community Outreach

Some of the places you may have seen a Library table:

- Village at the Harbor
- San Juan Island Pride Festival
- San Juan County Fair
- Roche Harbor
- Marketplace
- Community Health Fairs
- New Day Recovery Café

## Creative Programs

The Library is a resource for creatives. Here are some examples of our creative programming:

- **Open Mic Night for Writers** is a time for locals to share excerpts from their own work.
- **Crafter Work** features fiber arts, clay, lino carving, collaging, and more.
- **Take and Make** crafting kits allow patrons to make their own creations at home.

There were **3,102 participants** in Adult and All Ages programs in 2022, and **1,681 participants** in Adult and All Ages programs so far in 2023.



# YOUTH PROGRAMMING

## DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

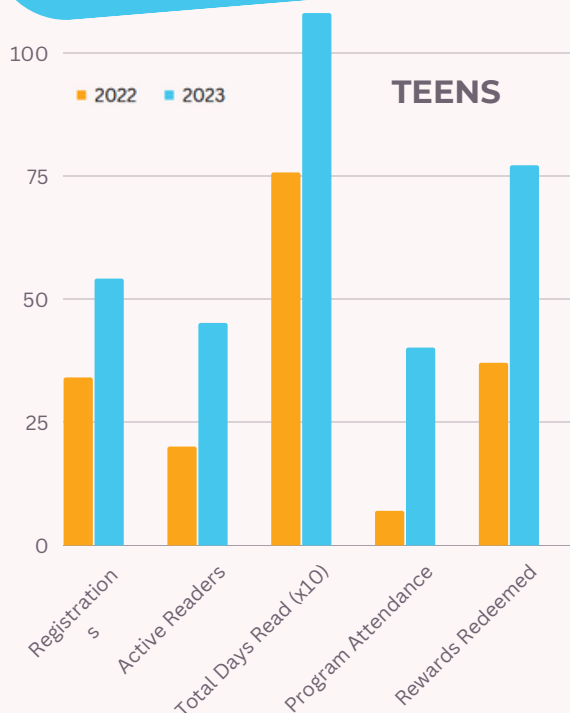
In early 2023, we launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, a **free book gifting and early literacy support program**, for children, birth up to age 5.

All children ages 0-4 (and living in 98250 zipcode) are eligible to enroll.



## 2023 SUMMER READING

Summer reading was a blast! Of special note was **record-breaking participation from TEENS**. In many categories, **more than twice the number** of teens participated as compared to last year!



## PRIME TIME FAMILY READING PROGRAM

We launched our **first Prime Time Family Reading Program** for bilingual English and Spanish-speaking families.



Thank you to the **Joyce L. Sobel Family Resource Center**, and funding from **Humanities Washington**.





# DEVELOPMENT

We're so grateful for the individuals, businesses, and family foundations who generously made donations directly to the library to support operations, programs, or the building project in 2022. Thank you!

## THE DIFFERENCE YOU MAKE

### DEVELOPMENT MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for your continued support for our San Juan Island Library through your property tax contributions and donations! The San Juan Island Library fosters education, imagination, and connection for individuals of all ages. Your financial support makes this possible.

With a 1% cap on any increase in our annual operating income from taxes, the library relies heavily on philanthropy to help fill the gaps. A tax-deductible donation is an excellent way to provide valuable community support with an immediate impact.

#### Why donate?

With each financial gift, you're investing in the intellectual growth of our community members – from infants listening to their first stories and songs to adults seeking lifelong learning opportunities.

If you'd like to hear more about the library wish list, program needs, and the 660 Spring Street new building capital campaign, reach out to me directly at: [asaxe-eyler@sjlib.org](mailto:asaxe-eyler@sjlib.org).

With gratitude,

Amy Saxe-Eyler, Development Director

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# & BUILDING

## CONCEPTUAL DRAWINGS

The images below are very early conceptual drawings of a new library. We will be seeking public feedback on these drawings and more throughout the entire process.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Donations to the Library are tax deductible! More information can be found at: [sjlib.org/donate/](http://sjlib.org/donate/)

## THREE STEPS FORWARD

Our goals for progress on the building project

#1

ONGOING  
COMMUNITY  
INPUT

#2

PRIVATE  
FUNDRAISING

#3

FINALIZE  
SIZE & COST  
GOALS

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**Laurie O.**  
Library Director  
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Dislikes: Eggplant

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Select your level of membership:

- Individual \$20
- Family \$35
- Business \$50
- Sustainer \$75
- Benefactor \$100
- Sponsor \$250
- Advocate \$500
- Patron \$1,000
- Additional Donation
- I am interested in helping with FOL activities!



FOL memberships dues are a tax-deductible donation and the main fundraiser to support the Library.

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