

POSSIBILITIES

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2024
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REPORT

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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We are all familiar with the traditional look of libraries—those good old-fashioned brick-and-mortar buildings filled with books. For the past 100 years, libraries have continued that core tradition while expanding on another critical element—that of community centers, offering spaces for us to gather, exchange ideas, explore, and learn together. Our library is no exception, and we encourage everyone to take advantage of the numerous resources, services, programs, and spaces.

It can be hard to keep track of all that our library does. This annual report summarizes the many benefits accessible via the library. Everyone living on the island can get a free library card; with just a few exceptions, all these services are free. Come take advantage of what the library offers!

-Laurie

IMLS AND WASHINGTON STATE FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES

An executive order issued by the federal administration on March 14th called for deep cuts to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)—the only source of federal funding for libraries. The IMLS cuts would have impacted our library, but thankfully a preliminary restraining order has secured funding for the near future. However, the Washington State Library, which supports many of our local programs, is affected by severe cuts due to State funding shortages. It lost the \$6.7 million it requested in this biennium's budget to maintain library operations around the state. There will be State Library staffing losses and cuts to programs. If you wish to make a financial donation to support library programs and services, visit <https://www.sjlib.org/donate/>

Our Staff Thanks You!

From all of us to all of you, we thank you for an amazing year. We are so proud to serve this community!

Sincerely,

Laurie

ELIZABETH

Brenna

Katlyn

Joyce

Heather

Floyd
Naomi

KIM

Sue

Kristen

Heidi

Jenni

Stephanie

Melina

Pat Gabriel

Lauren

KASEY

Abby

Marty

Anthony

LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST



Your design could be the next library card! Go to [sjlib.org/creators-circle/](https://www.sjlib.org/creators-circle/) to learn more!

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Operations Overview

Open Hours

Sunday: 12pm-3pm
Monday: 10am-6pm
Tuesday: 10am-8pm
Wednesday: 10am-6pm
Thursday: 10am-8pm
Friday: 10am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm



156,280
Check-outs

An average of
28.5 people
visited for
every hour we
were open

5,111 registered
library card
holders



We saw **72,405**
people come
through the
door this year...

Open hours
increased to
include Tuesday
& Thursday
evenings

417
In-Library
Programs



More than
70
volunteers
served this
year.

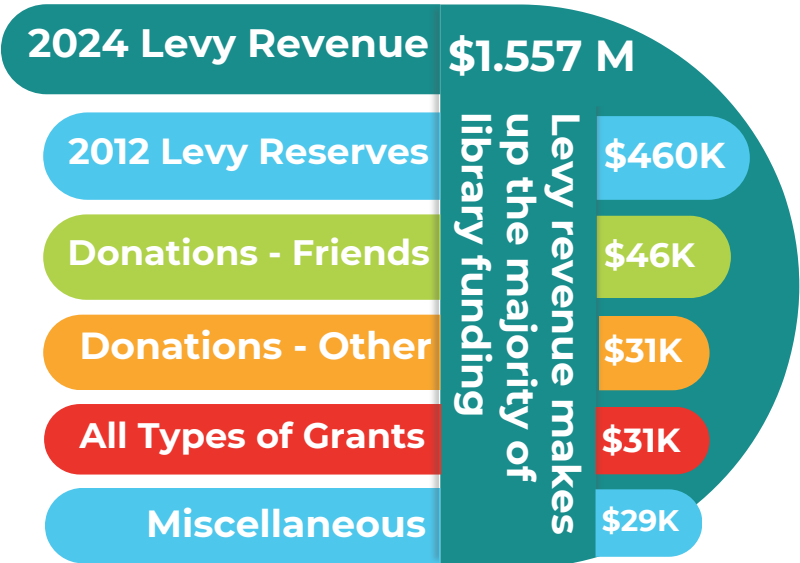
Computers
used 10,859
times and
33,591
WiFi uses

...a **9%**
increase
from last
year!

103
Offsite
Programs



2024 Budget



COLLECTIONS

2024 Collection Use By the Numbers

- Streaming video for professional development and creative projects
- Language Learning
- Newspapers
- Research Databases
- Local Cultural Collections
- Genealogy
- Vehicle Repair Information
- And more, all available for free with your library card!

Find our digital resources at
sjlib.org/a-to-z-of-online-resources/



Physical Collection
114,587 check outs

E-Collection
41,693 Check outs

Online Databases
24 Total

- Books
- DVDs
- Magazines
- Games
- Puzzles
- Event Equipment
- Museum and Theater Passes
- Hotspots
- Laptops
- Audiobooks
- A telescope
- And more!

There are **53,885** items in the physical collection ...

- eBooks
 - eAudiobooks
 - eMagazines
 - Streaming media
- From Libby and Hoopla, freely accessible using a library card

... and **147,871** items in our digital collection

Newly added:
Biblioboard, to create local digital collections of island culture!



Total Check-outs
156,280

Pressbooks helps you create your own ebooks

Submit your creative works to our Biblioboard collections! More at sjlib.org/creators-circle/

17.6 average check-outs per San Juan Island resident!

The Libby eCollection is generously supported by the **Friends of the Library**

1,422 items borrowed from other libraries for island residents



DID YOU KNOW? INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Interlibrary Loan, or ILL, allows you to search for and request to borrow items in thousands of other libraries throughout the United States. This service is **FREE** unless a lending library charges.

MOST POPULAR AT THE LIBRARY

Item: Wifi Hotspots
(at **450 checkouts** in 2024!)

Book: Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow

Movie: Ferrari

SUPPORT SERVICES

The library is here to support your everyday needs! There is so much you can do at the library in addition to finding your new favorite books and movies.

COMPUTER AND INTERNET

Free use of public computers, and wifi for devices



TECHNOLOGY HELP

Free troubleshooting and training for your devices



PRINTING

Quick & easy printing and photocopying



FAXING

Secure, fast faxing services



LOCAL PASSES

Passes for museums, theatre, state parks, and more



NOTARY

Basic notary services, free of charge



MEETING ROOM

Online reservation requests for meeting room use



3D PRINTING

Cutting-edge 3D printing service



HOTSPOTS

Check out hotspot devices for free internet service



THE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Many types of equipment for home use



PROGRAMS & OUTREACH

Library programs and outreach serve many community needs and interests. Some of the past programs from 2024-2025 or upcoming are:

OUTREACH

Library visits to:

- Village at the Harbor
- New Day Recovery Cafe
- Farmer's Market
- County Fair, Pride Fest, and other events
- Preschools, Elementary, Middle, & High Schools

TECHNOLOGY

- 1:1 Tech Help at Tech Cafe
- A set of instructional classes about phones and software in 2024

LITERATURE & ARTS

- Local book talks
- Music performances and lectures
- Nationally known authors and experts from Seattle Arts & Lectures and Humanities Washington

CREATIVITY

- Creative Classes with Alchemy Art Center: embroidery, painting, linocut, and more!
- Weekly Makerspace using large format equipment (sewing & embroidery machines, Cricut device, etc)

LANGUAGE LEARNING

- English Language Learning classes
- Community Spanish Class for English speakers
- German practice around the Stammtisch

LOCAL

- Presentations from local authors, poets, historians, artists, musicians, scientists, environmentalists, and more

PHYSICAL WELLNESS

- Tai Chi classes with Dr. Melissa Wickey
- Yoga classes with the Flow Collective
- Guided meditations



2024 total attendance for all programs was **10,739 ...**

... an increase from 2023 for all age groups

Added in 2024, the seed library, stocked by the SJI Grange!



There are also activities to do at your own pace when you come to the library

YOUTH SERVICES

Age-appropriate resources for learning and fun

Reading collections for every learning level



Dedicated space where teens interact with their peers

Digital resources to help with school projects



Dedicated technology for kids for learning, reading, and development



Baby Toddler and Preschool Story Times offer social playtime to support little ones' development

ENTIRE FAMILY

TEENS

TWEENS

GRADE SCHOOL

PRE-K

BABIES

Summer Reading has fun events and prizes for small kids to adults!

Teen Library Council gives teens leadership experience (and original after-hour programs like Deadly Secrets: A Murder Mystery Party!)



Outreach and partnership with schools for access to library resources



Programs to engage and inspire at every age

1000 Books Before Kindergarten and Dolly Parton Imagination Library build early literacy for kids 5 and under



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- ☐ Family \$35 ☐ Benefactor \$100 ☐ Patron \$1,000
- ☐ Business \$50 ☐ Sponsor \$250 ☐ 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.

Sign Up
Online!



sjlibfriends.org

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR FRIENDS MEMBERS

Your membership supports youth, adult, and outreach programs,
Libby ebooks and eaudio, library staff and volunteers, the
publication of this newsletter, and more!

***2025 members as of May 9th, 2025**
If your name is missing, please contact
the Friends of the Library at: fol@sjlib.org

Individual (\$25)

Abato, Alla
Anderson, Dana
Butler, Stephanie
Cain, John
Campanella, Mary
Cumming, Judy
Ewers, Tana
Geyman, Emily
Greene, Georgann
Greiffenberg, Karen
Hall, Dianne
Helstien, Beth
Lindner, Carole
Mahan, Erin
Moench, Theora
Owens, Debbie
Padilla, Diane
Plymesser, Linda
Ryan, Mary Karen
Sabin, Karla
Teasdale, Janelle
West, Alison

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Jackson, Carol
Mulno Cove
Creations, LLC
Roche Harbor Resort
Stillpoint School

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Bentzen, Judy
Eberhard, Susan
Goring, Linda
Jones, Nancy D.
Mayhew, Stan & Karen
Sharp, Barbara & Gary

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Ballard, Kathleen
Black, Connie & Jerry
Blaylock, Janice & Albert
Brooks, Diana & Tim
Bruins, Sandra
Chessell, John & Catherine
Clowers
Clingaman, Dan & Janet
Collyer, Barbara & Lee
Doyle, Sheila
Fitch, Pam & King
Gentry Family
Gislason, Brad & Pat
Gould, Douglas
Gross, Pamela & Charles
Anderson
Hart, Janet & John
Hodges, Nancy
Howe-Gregory, Bruce &
Colleen
Johnson, Joyce & Torry
Klein, Ruth & Barry
Knowles, Kathleen
Lehman, Ron & Trish
Lewis, Heidi & Philip Smith
Littlewood, John & Lorraine
Lopez, Juan & Heidi
Mancarti, Gail & Jessica
Palmer
Martindale, Diane
McCormick, Jerry & Dede
Morris, Abigail & Anthony
Moss, Randy & Kathy
Pratt, Boyd & Lovel
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Reid, Andrew & Patricia
Roberts, Ellen & Lingerfelt,
Judy

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Best, Nancy & Bruce Clark
Bolitho, Matthew & Megan
Carter, Judith
Deshon, Dan & Jen
Devlin, Pat & Bill Williams
Dreyer, Alvin & Melinda
Eshelman, Deborah
Fagan, Barbara & Frank
Gray, Jo
Griffin, Mike & Jean
Harvey, David & Nancy
Hoff, David & Diane
Hunt, George & Peggy
Jennings, Lauren & Jeremy
Lagios, Melina
Leschine, Sandra
Madsen, Mark
Mahoney, Susan
Mattox, Rich & Stephanie
Mazzarella, Susan & Anthony
McGehee, Fielding
Oettinger, Rick
Olson, Neil H.
Orton, Laurie
Penwell, Patricia
Reid, Eileen & Harry
Robinson, Marty
Schmitt, Mary E. - Attorney at
Law

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Stricker, Susan
Thompson, Gary & Linda
Thompson, Steve & Julie
Vedder, Karen & Jim
Veirs, Leslie & Val
Von Gehr, Barbara
Vulgares, Sue & Nick
Waxman, Bill & Carol
Weil, Jane & David Smith
Wentworth, Keith

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Bryar, Tracy
Deshon, Loren & Kathie
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Metke, Thomas
Rosenberg, Susan & Alan
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