



Allen County
Public Library

2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2024, the Allen County Public Library enjoyed another successful year serving as an accessible and dynamic resource for all. In fact, our patrons visited more than 1.7 million times. Let me put that in context: if we invited each visitor to a TinCaps game, the team would have to play 209 sold out games just to accommodate our patrons!



Our vast collection, digital tools, engaging programs, and safe, welcoming spaces, are mainstays in this community. I want to thank you for your continued use and support.

Never was that more evident than earlier this winter when we secured the critical funding needed for the first phase of our Facilities Master Plan. This investment will allow our system to meet the demands of today and the growing needs of tomorrow. We could not have done it without you! I invite you to follow the progress on the plan at youracpl.org.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future of the Allen County Public Library. We will continue to strengthen the foundation we've built, creating an even more resilient, vibrant, and connected community for years to come.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan P. Baier". The script is fluid and cursive.

Susan P. Baier, Executive Director

Allen County Public Library
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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Tom Freistroffer

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Martin E. Seifert
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PEOPLE - FIRST SERVICE

Quotes from our Patrons

"I've loved the library since I was young. The staff have always made me feel normal for liking nerdy things, even when no one else would. Thank you from a lifelong library lover."

"I just love the libraries, period! But the people are what make it special – so kind, so helpful and usually help is given with a smile as if they are glad to see you! Large variety of anything you might want to read or watch."

"Everyone is welcome! And the maker studio grants opportunities to experiment with creative ideas without need to invest in home systems to do so."

"It's beautiful, big, friendly, informative, kind, and helpful."



"When I walk through the door I feel my blood pressure lower and tension slacken. I love the books, the architectural spaces, and programming, and the best library staff in America. ACPL is the crown jewel of Fort Wayne!"

"I love all the resources other than books the library provides. An amazing free source of community, knowledge, and entertainment for EVERYONE!"

"I love our library because there is something for everyone. One kid loves to color, another loves to play, and our oldest loves books. One of our kids loves it so much he wants to become a librarian when he grows up. Thank you!"

"I love the library because it feels like home and it is a safe space for everyone like adults, teens, and young kids"

*I like that the library has books for everyone, including me!
I love that the options are endless!"*



**Allen County
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2024

By the Numbers



199,223

Registered Patrons
51% of Allen County Residents



1.7+ Million

Library Visitors



14 Locations

Serving Allen County



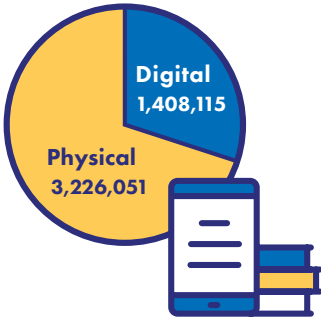
3.9 Million

Items in Our Collection



24,000+

New Card Holders



4.6+ Million

Items Borrowed



1.5+ Million

Children's Items Borrowed



1.3+ Million

e-Books and e-Audiobooks

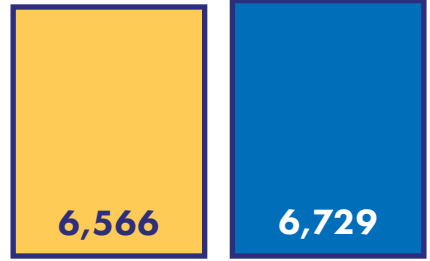


20,616

Patron Holds at Dupont lockers

(more lockers to be added to ACPL in 2025)

Total Programs
(live, virtual, and asynchronous)



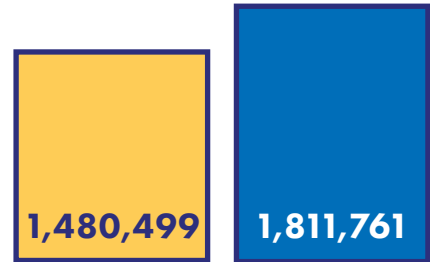
2023

2024

168,954

Total Program Attendance

Wireless Internet Sessions



2023

2024



2,639,068

Website Views



43

**Streaming & Digital
Services Available**



\$5,186,576

**Spent on Books &
Materials**

14.1%

**Budget Spent on
Collection** *(State Standard: 8%)*



9,005

**Public Uses of
Meeting Rooms**



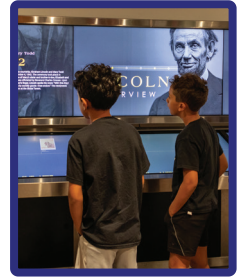
5,072

**Children registered in
Dolly Parton's
Imagination Library**





22,109
Visitors to the
Rolland Center for
Lincoln Research



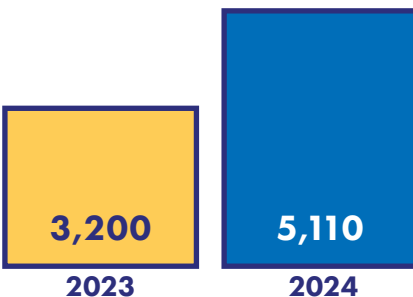
ON AIR



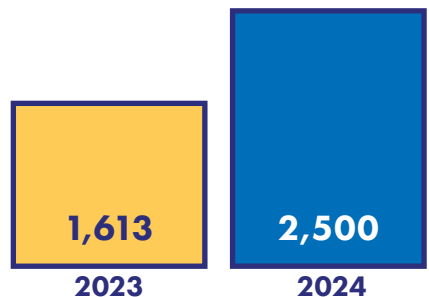
3,607
Audio Reading Service
Programs with
**24 hour
streaming**



**WELT produced
local radio shows**

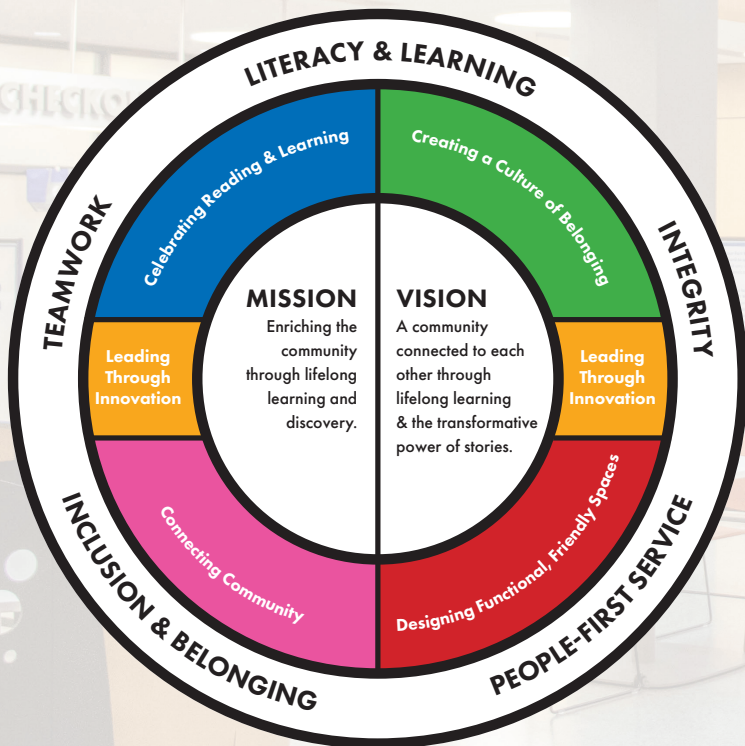


**Access Fort Wayne
produced TV shows**



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As we look forward to the future, we invite the community to follow the progress of our 2024-28 strategic plan “Allen County’s Window to Lifelong Learning and Discovery.” This plan strives to create an environment where everyone belongs and where everyone sees themselves mirrored in our diverse collection, enriching services, and enthusiastic staff. We will serve our loyal lifelong patrons while also engaging new audiences.



To view the full 2024-28 Strategic Plan, visit acpl.info/strategic-plan.

HOW TO SUPPORT ACPL



Friends of ACPL

Become a Friend of the Library! The Friends of ACPL support and promote the Allen County Public Library and assist in carrying out its mission. Since 1981, the Friends of the Allen County Public Library has made significant contributions to the steady growth of the library and its services to the community. To learn more and join today, visit acpl.info/friends.



ACPL Foundation

Consider a legacy gift to the Allen County Public Library Foundation, a private philanthropic organization dedication to ensuring the library remains strong and vital for those who come after us. The Foundation has established endowment funds to receive private gifts to augment public support. Gifts to the ACPL Foundation support initiatives including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, The Genealogy Center, and ACPL Scholars. For more information and to donate, visit acpl.info/foundation.

OUR LOCATIONS



ABOITE

5630 Coventry Ln.
Fort Wayne, IN
46804



MONROEVILLE

115 Main St.
Monroeville, IN
46773



DUPONT

536 E. Dupont Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN
46825



NEW HAVEN

648 Green St.
New Haven, IN
46774



GEORGETOWN

6600 E. State Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN
46815



PONTIAC

2215 S. Hanna St.
Fort Wayne, IN
46803



GRABILL

13521 State St.
Grabill, IN
46741



SHAWNEE

5600 Noll Ave.
Fort Wayne, IN
46806



HESSEN CASSEL

3030 E. Paulding Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN
46816



TECUMSEH

1411 E. State Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN
46805



LITTLE TURTLE

2201 Sherman Blvd.
Fort Wayne, IN
46808



WAYNE DALE

2200 Lower Huntington Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN
46819



MAIN

900 Library Plz.
Fort Wayne, IN
46802



WOODBURN

4701 State Road 101 North
Woodburn, IN
46797



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