



Strengthening Our Community, *One Neighborhood at a Time*

OUR VISION: *A thriving, literate, equitable community*



**STARK
LIBRARY**

Inviting. Informing. Transforming.

2023 Impact
Report

Advancing Literacy

OUR MISSION: *We strengthen the community by advancing literacy, connecting people, and encouraging exploration.*



54,441

Active Library Cardholders

New Library Cardholders

11,552

People who walked through our doors

618,584

COLLECTION & CIRCULATION

Physical Circulation 2,055,335

Digital Circulation 653,715

▲ 18% over 2022

Total Circulation 2,709,050



FEEDING THE SPIRIT

It's hard to learn when you're hungry. We partnered with the Stark County Hunger Task Force and provided **8,382 backpacks to families in need.**



Stark County Imagination Library



66% of all kids five and under in Stark County get a free book each month from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

13,112 kids got 146,098 books!

Connecting People



Programs

Events – 5,947

Attendance – 110,185



1:1 Services

Our staff provide personalized services for people who need individual help in specific areas, like navigating the Web, using their smartphones, finding jobs, getting passports, notarizing documents. In 2023, **we helped 11,782 individuals.**



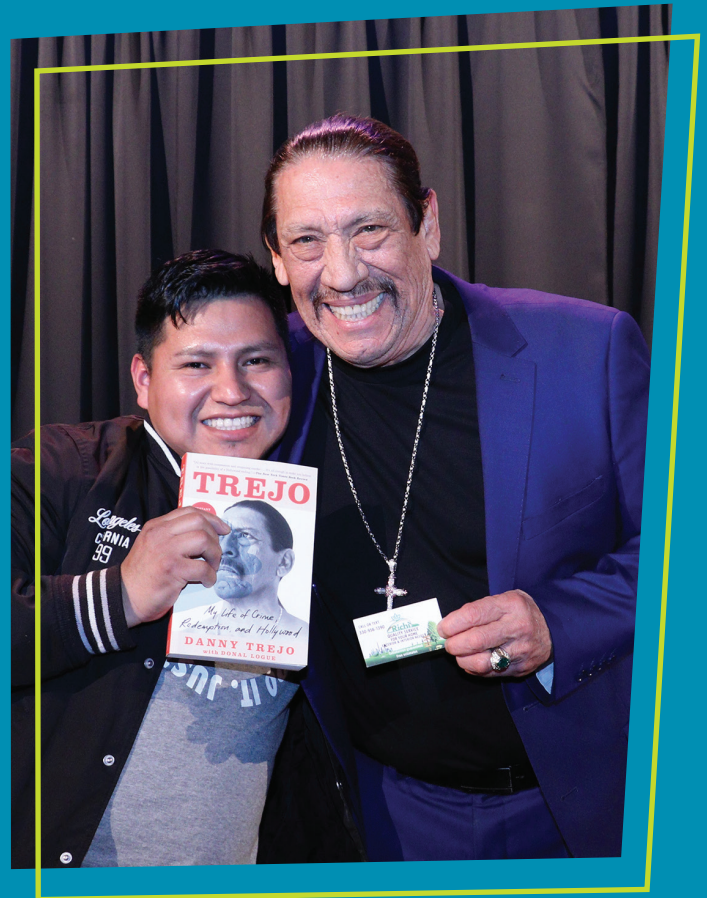
Books by Mail

It's important to keep everyone connected – especially when the person is unable to leave their home. In 2023, **we delivered 1,280 personalized packages** to individuals who are homebound.



Meeting & Study Rooms

People booked our meeting and study rooms a total of **6,879 times.**



A happy patron at a Speaking of Books Author Series event featuring actor Danny Trejo.



The completion of the Lake Community Branch renovations marked the end of the first phase of the ReImagine project. In January of 2023, we announced ReImagine 2.0 – the development of the Main Library Campus. Throughout the year, we held meetings and focus groups with Library staff and leaders as well as community members and leaders.



Lake Community Branch



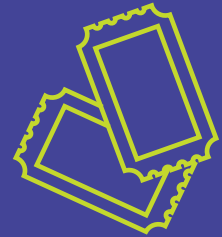
Main Library

Encouraging Exploration



Adventure Passes

We distributed almost **1,000 passes** for local attractions: Canton Museum of Art, the William McKinley Presidential Museum & Library, and Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. We also provided **220 free tickets** to the Canton Symphony Orchestra.



Bridging the Digital Divide

We provide free access to public computers, WiFi in all of our locations, and WiFi Hotspots for families and students who may not have internet access in their homes.

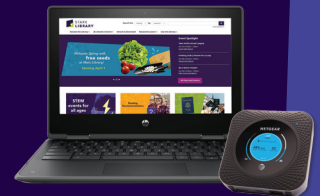


Computer Sessions – 75,840

WiFi Sessions – 281,839

WiFi Hotspots & Internet2Go Kits

330 WiFi hotspots circulated 4,151 times



Online Library

Website Page Views – 4,616,871

Unique Visitors – 1,329,755

User Sessions – 2,015,708

Databases and online resource access – 614,023

Thank you to our Board of Trustees: Steven Pittman (President), Susan Rodgers (Vice President), Sally Efremoff (Secretary), Robert F. Belden, Joseph French, Robin Mingo-Miles, and Daniel Petricini.



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