

# About Us

## Our Mission

We help people, of all ages and backgrounds, learn, enjoy and better their lives.

## Vision - Learn. Enjoy. Explore.

- Learn – throughout your lifetime
- Enjoy – connection, creativity and entertainment
- Explore – new ideas and experiences

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Crystal Lake Public Library  
Annual Report  
FY 22/23





A message from  
**Crystal Lake Public Library**  
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The 2022/2023 fiscal year was one of increased access to the library. We signed an intergovernmental agreement with Crystal Lake Elementary District 47 to extend library services to all enrolled students. This allowed more than 700 students who live outside the city limits to access the library. We believe a public library is one of the most valuable resources a community can have and we're proud to make those resources available to more children.

We value our community partners and are always excited to reach outside our library building. Our staff participated in several local events including National Night Out and the annual Independence Day parade. We also worked with the Crystal Lake Park District and local businesses to present programs.

The library is a place for everyone to learn, enjoy and explore. In addition to our programs, we have books, audiobooks, STEM and literacy kits, video games, movies, databases, music, magazines and more for all ages. Remember, your public library card is your ticket to everything the library has to offer!

Becky Fyolek, Executive Director

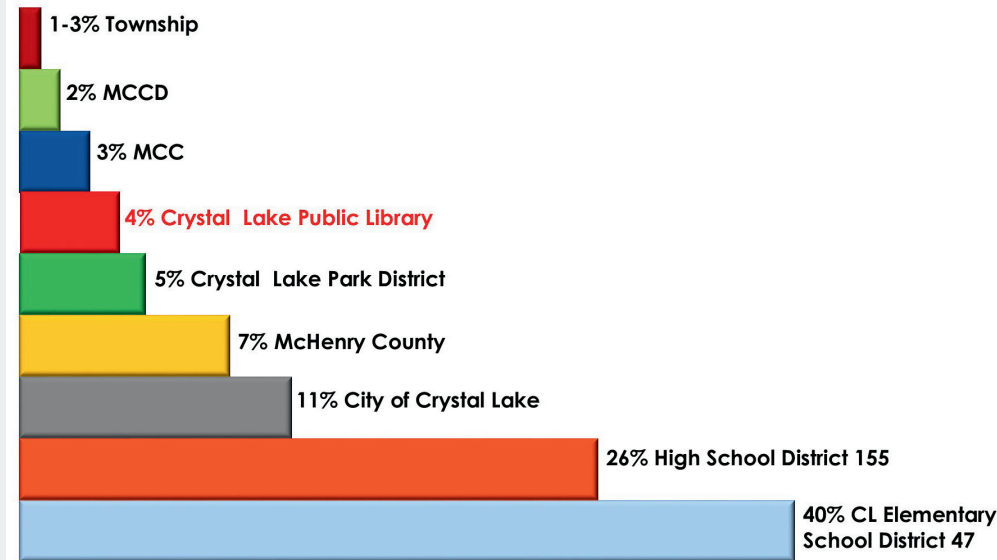
## Library Board of Trustees



Back row, left to right: board president William Weller, trustee James Becker, board treasurer Cary Waxler, trustee Bonita Drew, board secretary Rebecca Sisler, trustee Mary Fisher. Front row: trustee Charles K. Ebann, vice-president Alice Fellers (retired in June 2023) and trustee Charles Stump.

## Financial Overview

Where do your tax dollars go? Here's a breakdown of Crystal Lake residents' 2022 property tax bill allocation. For each tax dollar, here is how it is distributed:



## Library Income for FY2022/2023

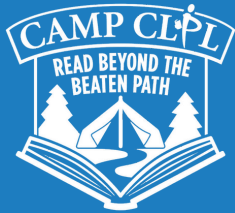
Property taxes	\$4,735,542	95.9%
Fines	7,620	0.2
Nonresident Cards	54,726	1.1
Per Capita Grant	59,397	1.2
Miscellaneous	74,624	1.5
Gifts	6,627	0.1
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$4,938,535</b>	

## How is the Money Spent?

Personnel	\$3,468,721	70.2%
Books & Materials	436,582	8.8
Operating expenses: utilities, supplies, maintenance	513,698	10.3
Operating equipment upgrades	38,785	0.8
Capital repairs & improvements allocation	480,749	9.8
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,938,535</b>	



3,175  
Items delivered to patrons  
in adult living communities



2,679  
Participants in the 2022  
Summer Reading Program



1,737  
Participants in the 2023  
Winter Reading Program



1,467  
Hours conference room use



692  
Programs held at the  
library & in the community

## Community Partners

Crystal Lake Public Library partners with local businesses and organizations every year to enhance life in Crystal Lake!

### Thank you to our cherished partners:

American Association of University Women

City of Crystal Lake

Community High School District 155

Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce

Crystal Lake Elementary District 47

Crystal Lake Fire Department

Crystal Lake Library Foundation

Crystal Lake Park District

Crystal Lake Police Department

Crystal Lake Strikers Drumline

Downtown Crystal Lake/Main Street

Dream Riders TLC

Kiwanis Club of Crystal Lake

Madoli Farms

McHenry County College

McHenry County Conservation District

Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers

Senior Services Associates, Inc.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

Summer Reading Program Sponsors - several local businesses

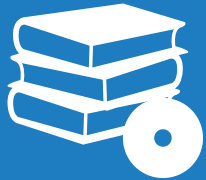
The Land Conservancy of McHenry County



The Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees is comprised of nine city residents, who are appointed by the mayor of Crystal Lake with the approval of the Crystal Lake City Council. Board members are volunteers and serve three-year terms. The library board is responsible for the library's budget, policies and strategic plan. Visit [clpl.org](http://clpl.org) for board trustees' contact information.



## 2022-2023 BY THE NUMBERS



579,734  
Materials circulated



38,638  
People participated in  
programs



206,391  
Database searches



20,239  
Wi-Fi sessions



139,413  
Visitors to the library



17,685  
Library cardholders



90,121  
eMaterials circulated



14,177  
Children visited by library  
staff at schools, parks &  
special events



62,697  
Questions answered



3,026  
New library cards issued