

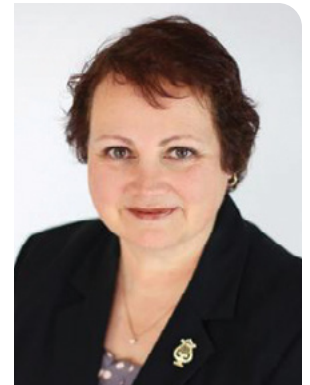
# Annual Report

Medina County District Library

2024

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## Executive Director's Notes



In 2024, MCDL was on a roll. Sometimes literally. The Book Bike debuted in May at the Lodi Memorial Day Parade and had a full schedule at community events. It has an attached trailer, custom built by MCDL Maintenance Department staff, with enclosed shelves for books and all the technology we need.

As school let out, we were excited to begin offering Adventure Passes to the Akron Zoo, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Akron Art Museum, and Brunswick Recreation Center. Available on a first-come, first-served basis, these admission passes can be borrowed for up to a week.

This fall, along with our CLEVNET partner libraries, we launched a new online catalog and app. The fresh interface allows you to search the physical and eMedia collection simultaneously, place and manage holds, view checkouts and due dates, edit account information, and more.

We debuted a redesigned MCDL website in December that complements our new events and meeting room reservation software. The website utilizes the most current accessibility technology to ensure every community member can navigate it easily. Whether you're booking a community room, browsing books, or registering for an event, I hope you find the new design user-friendly.

I extend my thanks to MCDL staff, patrons, volunteers, Friends of the Library, Board of Trustees, and community partners for a productive year. I'm looking forward to working together in 2025 to advance the library's mission to enrich life in the community with outstanding and innovative library services for all.

**Julianne Bedel**  
Executive Director



## MCDL Hosted Many Popular Authors This Year

**Raina Telgemeier**

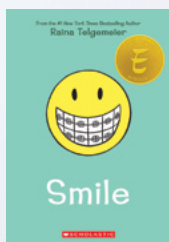


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**Abby Jimenez**

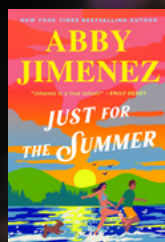
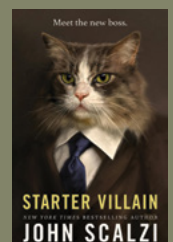


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**John Scalzi**



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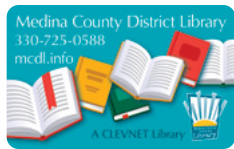
# 2024



2,969,953  
Items checked out

550,596  
Items in collection

87,266  
Items added



7,528  
New library cards issued  
up 6.5% over 2023

2,153  
New eCards issued  
up 10.75% over 2023

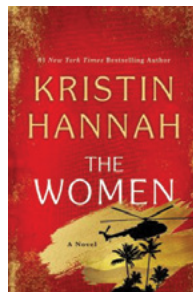
## Check Outs by Item Type

63%  
Physical

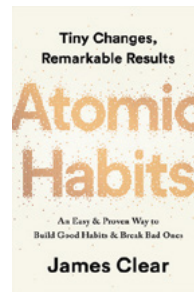
37%  
eMedia

Books	1,353,971	700,259
Movies & TV	339,605	18,147
Audiobooks	62,926	314,003
Magazines & Comics	50,094	59,001
Music	37,848	3,452
Devices & Kits	30,647	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,875,091</b>	<b>1,094,862</b>

## Most Checked Out Titles



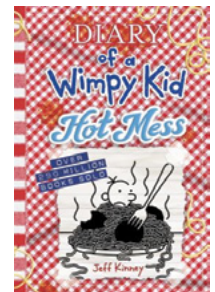
2,555  
Adult  
Fiction



560  
Adult  
Nonfiction



608  
Teen  
Fiction



9,241  
Children's  
Series

824  
Check outs



**Adventure Passes** offer free regular admission to the Akron Zoo, Akron Art Museum, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, and Brunswick Rec Center.

46  
Books added



**Reading2Connect** modified books compensate for a reader's visual or cognitive deficits while maintaining the integrity of the writing.

20  
Items added



**Tools & Tech** almost doubled in selection with the addition of convenient A/V technology, pickleball set, inflatable projection screen, and more!

19  
Kits added



**Stay Sharp Kits** are for those experiencing memory disorders or cognitive issues and for anyone wanting to improve short-term memory and mental speed.

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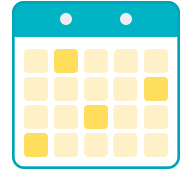
# 2024



**566,023**  
People visited the library  
up 6% over 2023



**3,914**  
Passports issued  
up 7% over 2023



**2,899**  
Events held

**89,020**  
Attendees

MCDL hosted popular authors including Raina Telgemeier, Abby Jimenez, John Scalzi, Jim Gill (*below*), and more.



## Summer & Winter Reading Games



**6,604**  
Kids played

**3,230** finished the game and **1,192** played a second round

**1,423**  
Teens played

and read more than **1 million** minutes

**968**  
Adults read

and logged **11,114** books

**36**  
Letters

**477**  
Photographs



**Medina County Memory Project** debuted, featuring scans of aerial photographs and Civil War letters. Available at [mcdl.info/History](http://mcdl.info/History).

## Honors & Awards

**Chris Horvath**, Medina Library Adult Department Supervisor, graduated from Library Leadership Ohio.

**MCDL** won American Library Association's PR Xchange Award for its 2023 Summer Reading Game design.

**MCDL** achieved Dementia Inclusive Public Library designation from the Ohio Council for Cognitive Health.

**11**  
Events

**217**  
Items shared

**Book Bike** has an attached trailer with custom-built enclosed shelves that hold books. Forget your library card? No problem, no check out required! Look for it at community events, festivals, and parades.



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## General Operating Fund

**Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/2024:** \$ 12,634,259

### Revenues

Property Taxes (Medina County)	\$ 6,888,489	55.5%
Public Library Fund (State of Ohio)	4,495,544	36.2%
Fees	275,866	2.2%
Investment Income	630,793	5.1%
Refunds/Other	130,950	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,421,642</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 6,446,631	56.7%
Supplies	153,073	1.3%
Contracted Services	2,096,738	18.4%
Library Materials	1,715,140	15.1%
Capital & Other Expenses	167,985	1.5%
Transfers to Other Funds	800,000	7.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,379,567</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Ending Cash Balance 12/31/2024:** \$ 13,676,334

Full financial report available at [mcdl.info/AnnualReport](https://mcdl.info/AnnualReport).

## Donations

**\$35,400**

Friends of MCDL

**\$11,000**

Joseph Kisvardai

**\$1,000**

Clifford Gregoire

**\$1,000**

Carol Jordan

## Grants

**\$20,000**

Cleveland Clinic Foundation

**\$18,723**

Ohio History Fund

**\$1,000**

Medina Sunrise Rotary Club

### Monetary Donors • Brian & Carole Kowell • Lodi American Legion Post #523

Eliza Northrop Elementary School • Main Street Bank • Victoria Harden • The Medina Book Broads  
Nancy Jackson • Healing Hearts • Anonymous • Kiwanis Club of Medina • Shannon Just • Brianne Middendorf  
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