We have continued to grow since the library move, we provided $1,606,388.27 of value to our friends and neighbors!
Our library team is dedicated to our amazing community. We put a lot of effort into finding out what our community needs through conversations with our patrons. This feedback helps us to develop resources and programs to meet those needs. Whenever possible, we look to bringing in additional funding from grants to assist in giving our community everything we can.

This year we added an after hours locker pick-up, laptop and Wi-Fi kits, research stations, robot classes, and introduced Talk: Text and Learn for Kindergarten and a Library of Things!

As we look with excitement towards the future, we are keeping our purpose in mind: we strive to support our friends and neighbors through it all by giving access to the resources and materials that we need to read, learn, and dream.

"The library is an arena of possibility, opening both a window into the soul and a door into the world."

~ Rita Dove

BOBBI SCHOON
Director
FY 2022 AT A GLANCE

- Almost 34,000 visitors!
- Staff assisted with 17,904 needs
- Facilitated internet access 6,863 times!
- Over $86,000 worth of grants won
- Open 2,157.5 hours
- 3,794 database searches
- 49,418 materials checked out
- 3,206 program attendees

Over $1.6 million of value in materials and services utilized by our community.

WWW.THRERRIVERSLIBRARY.ORG
BIBLICA TAKES THE LIBRARY BY STORM!

If you are a parent, chances are you've already met Biblica! She began as a funny sign saying not to bother the dragon in the basement, then became a mythical story of our own as kids held conversations about her with staff. Since we are friends now, she comes out to play in the library! Our younger patrons search her out for a small prize!

SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY FRIENDS GROUP ADDS MORE!

We love our Friends group!!! Volunteers from this amazing group give their time to support the library. From book and bake sales to volunteering for our bigger programs, they help us offer more!

This year they also generously donated motorized blackout shades for our program rooms!

Ask about how to join today!!

ONLINE RESOURCES GIVE 24/7 ACCESS

MeL databases offer a world of information online! You can find everything from reliable research sources to book recommendations to magazines through MeL!

Libby and hoopla offer audiobooks, eBooks, and more!

Ask us for more information about any of these resources!
One of our top priorities is to make the money our community provides for library services go farther by applying for grants. This year these efforts have led to funding for more programming, and more materials. The staff won grants at local, state, and national levels and are pleased with the additions for our community.

Our largest grant is from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This grant provides $150,000 to our area, $75,000 for Three Rivers Public Library and $75,000 for Glen Oaks Community College. For our portion, we will be able to provide 30 laptop and wi-fi kits for checkout for two years!

Several of the grants gave us the ability to add even more to our eBook, audio, and book collection. The ARPA grant in particular focused on expanding our digital content. Our library added 92 nonfiction titles to our collection! Check them out on Libby!

The Walmart grant allowed us to add Healing Library Kits that were designed by professionals with kids in mind! These kits have books and activities that help parents and guardians have hard conversations with kids about divorce, the death of a pet, or the death of a loved one. We also provide a list of additional books that may be beneficial for families.

The Meijer grant helped add to our program offerings! In particular, it allows us to offer coffee (hot or iced) for our Coffee and Conversation programs! Once a month we grab a coffee and discuss a variety of topics. Topics like adventures or holding a good conversation. Everyone’s welcome to join!

The staff also received grants for additional personal protection equipment for ongoing COVID precautions, and e-book purchases. We continue to look for new ways to fund additional materials and programs for our community!

**LIST OF GRANTS WON IN FISCAL YEAR 22**

- IMLS $75,000 (library's portion)
- LSTA $2,475
- SMLC $2,260
- U of M Leadership & Project Grant $2,000
- Walmart $1,000
- Meijer $750
- ARPA Grant - $2,325
- PLA Scholarship - $500 (Plus covered $330 registration fee and one year of ALA & PLA memberships - a $228 value.)
- Great Michigan Read - Provided 30 books, 5 eBooks, 2 audiobooks, 3 teacher's guides, and 50 bookmarks
$1,606,388.27
TOTAL IN FY 22

MATERIALS CHECKOUT
$182,779.65 Value (9,072 items)
PROGRAMS/SERVICES
$119,655.04
TOTAL VALUE
$302,434.69

CIRCULATION
JULY 2021 - JUNE 2022
By Material Type

- Adult Materials: 27%
- Online EBooks/Audios: 14.5%
- DVDs: 10.1%
- Teen Materials: 8.6%
- Children’s Materials: 35.1%
- Audibooks: 2.4%

Some materials/services cannot be tied to a specific location and are not included in any of the above values.
**Children’s Programs**

*1K Books Before Kindergarten*
*Storytime with Mr. B*
*Take & Make Crafts*
*ClicBot Robots & Coding*
*STEM Wednesdays*
*Summer Reading*
*Outreach to area schools & preschools*
*Storywalks around the community*
*Music Together & Musical Storybooks with KSO*
*Harmony Fest Kids’ Tent & Santa’s Workshop*

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**Teen & Adult Programs**

*Take & Play Mystery Kit*
*DIY Crafts*
*Trivia*
*Painting*
*Book Clubs*
*Science Experiments*
*Summer Reading Fun*
*Cricut Nights*
*Hunt a Killer*
*Contests & Challenges*
*Community Outreach*
*Coffee & Conversations*
*Tread with Tales*
COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

We were honored with the chance to collaborate with many of our community organizations. Here's some of them!

Three Rivers Community Schools
We worked together to offer outreach, book clubs, and fun experiences

Carnegie Center for the Arts
The Carnegie Center hosted one of our Musical Storybook programs at their amazing facility!

Culture is Not Optional (CINO)
We are part of the Back to School Fair and offered library services on Thursdays during their Meet Up and Eat Up event. They are a site for our story walks this summer, hosted Musical Storytime, and co-hosted a Community Conversation in September 2021.

Glen Oaks Community College
We are collaborating with GOCC for our $150,000 IMLS grant which allows us to offer laptop and MiFi kits!

YMCA Camp Eberhart
Library staff participate in the annual Trunk or Treat to outreach and give information about the library.

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra
We partnered with Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra to offer Musical Storytimes!

T.R. Downtown Development Authority
We continue to work closely with the DDA. We participate in Sass in the City, Harmony Fest, Christmas Around Town, and more!

George Washington Carver Center
They co-hosted our Community Conversation in August!

St. Joseph County Great Start Collaborative
We have an ongoing partnership with them that has facilitated our Music Together programs, story walks, and more!

Michigan Works!
Mi Works hosts pop up events in the library computer lab to assist patrons with applying for jobs!

COMMUNITY DONORS
Armstrong Global
Richard & Margaret Yoakam
John & Etta Bond
Gloria Johnson
Randi Webb
Susan Burke
Dennis & Margot Cunningham
Dyan Blanton
Ann & Larry Hermen

ADDITIONAL COLLABORATIONS
Community Action - Carol Shippy Headstart
Building Blocks Preschool
Immaculate Conception School
Spanish Playgroup
Scidmore Petting Zoo
MSU Coop 4-H
Three Rivers Area Mentoring (TRAM)
First Place Preschool
OUR NEW STUFF!

CHECK OUT

EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES!

The library of things offers a world of possibilities! Check out items in arts, crafts, hobbies, electronics, games, home and garden supplies, musical instruments, science and technology equipment, and healing library kits!