

# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



YANKTON COMMUNITY

**LIBRARY**

BOOKS ARE JUST THE BEGINNING

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## From the Director's Desk **Dana Schmidt | Library Director**



Reflecting on the past year, we are so grateful for the countless meaningful experiences and valuable partnerships such as the Mead Museum, Keep Yankton Beautiful, and Connecting Cultures, just to name a few. The unwavering dedication of our staff to provide exceptional customer service and memorable library experiences has been truly

inspiring. We're incredibly grateful for the support of our Board, Friends and Foundation, as well as our patrons and community, who make it all possible. As we look ahead to the future, we're excited to continue growing, learning, and having fun together in the year to come!



# 2022 by the Numbers

## LIBRARY COLLECTION

**84,801** TOTAL PHYSICAL ITEMS  
**5,636** NEW ITEMS ADDED

## LIBRARY CIRCULATION

**83,344** PHYSICAL ITEMS  
**27,072** eBOOKS/eAUDIO

## TECHNOLOGY HELP

**55** SESSIONS  
**1,180** HOURS

## COMPUTERS

**6,764** USERS  
**3,766** HOURS USED

## WI-FI

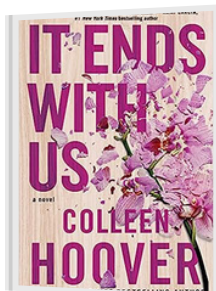
**6,182** SESSIONS  
**7,152** HOURS USED

## LIBRARY EVENTS

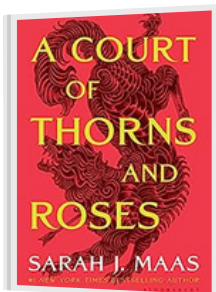
**362** EVENTS  
**6,652** PARTICIPANTS

## Most Popular items In 2022

### FICTION



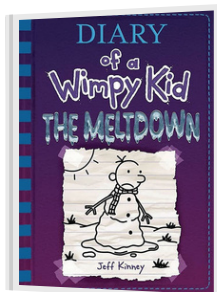
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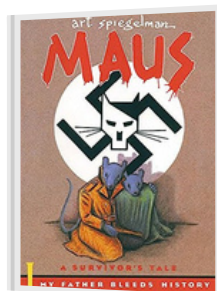
### DVD



### JUNIOR FICTION



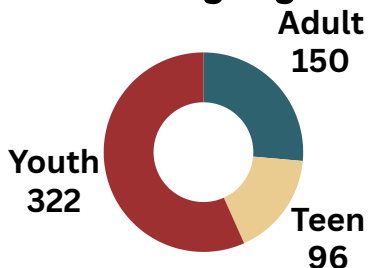
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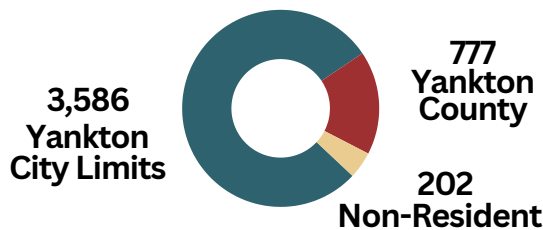
### EASY FICTION



## Summer Reading Registrations



## Library Card Holders



# Updates in 2022



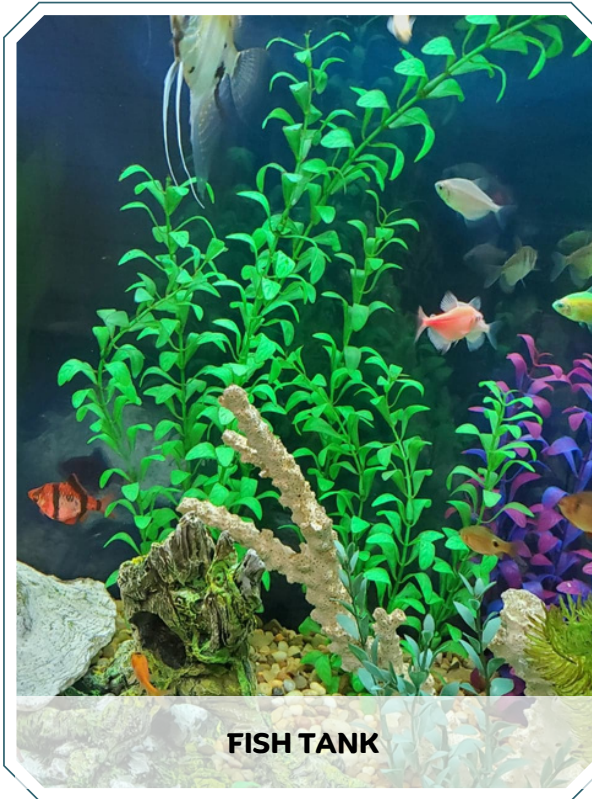
**CHARGING STATIONS**



**MUSEUM PASSES**



**24 NEW COMPUTERS!**



**FISH TANK**



**BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KEEP YANKTON BEAUTIFUL & THE FRIENDS OF YCL**



**IMAGINATION STATION**

# Beyond the Library Walls



**CEMETERY WALK**  
*June 2022*



**WHO LIVED IN THAT HOUSE? TOURS**  
*August 2022*



**RIVERBOAT DAYS**  
*August 2022*



**MARKET AT THE MERIDIAN**  
*September 2022*



**SCARECROW AT MAZING ACRES**  
*October 2022*



**LEGOS AT THE MEAD MUSEUM**  
*November 2022*

# Program Highlights



**PIRATE WEEK**  
July 2022



**WIZARD PARTY**  
March 2022



**CANVAS & CHARCUTERIE**  
July 2022



**COSTUME SWAP**  
October 2022



**NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY**  
December 2022

# Special Guests Highlights



**J. WHITE ART SHOW**  
*November 2022*



**AUTHOR TALK: KEVIN LOVEGREEN**  
*June 2022*



**NYC POP ARTIST: MICHAEL ALBERT**  
*July 2022*



**GUITARIST: PETER FLETCHER**  
*November 2022*



**BATMAN STORYTIME**  
*September 2022*

## Board of Trustees

Composed of five Mayoral/City Commission-appointed positions, the Yankton Library Board of Trustees is a volunteer governmental body with policy-making responsibilities. They meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at the library. Board members also complete training to ensure the library maintains Enhanced Accreditation Status within the state. The 2022 Board of Trustees members were Sarah Mechtenberg (President), David Koerner (Vice President), Christine Tielke, Jean Huff, Sue Otterman, Jerry Webber (City Commission) and Dan Klimisch (County Commission).



## Foundation



The Yankton Community Library Foundation, Inc. exists to raise money, receive bequests, and increase public awareness for a new state-of-the-art facility to meet the needs of the community. This foundation is organized for civic and cultural purposes; specifically, the support of improvements to Yankton

## Friends



The Friends of the Library raise money for the Yankton Community Library through used book sales. The proceeds of these sales benefit the library and its users by sponsoring purchases and projects that are outside of the library's budget. In 2022 the Friends of the Library took in a total of \$12,035 from book sales, membership fees, and donations! As a result of the Friends of the Library fundraising efforts, they were able to fund several new amenities and programs at the library in 2022 including:

- New toys for imagination play area
- Fish tank
- Summer Reading Program Performers
- Mead Museum passes
- Additional Microfilm digitization
- Welcome signage on walkways

Officers of the 2022 Friends of the Library were Joyce Brunken and Sharon Ehrhart (Co-Presidents), Marilyn Kratz (Membership Chair), Sandy Winkelman (Treasurer), and Robin Feimer (Secretary).

Community Library. The 2022 Foundation Board was composed of Kathy Wibbels (President), Ann Clough (Vice President), Sharon Koller (Secretary), Blaine Meyer (Treasurer), Robin Brooks (Treasurer), David Koerner (Library Board Liaison), Charles Evander, Carol Tweedy, and Jan Hausman.

# Mission

The mission of the Yankton Community Library is to uphold the public's freedom of access to information by providing a dynamic collection in a variety of formats and technologies, and responding to the needs of the community through timely services and programs.

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## **Providing Access** .....

We believe that free access to information is foundational to democracy and as such libraries have an obligation to provide free and equitable access to all patrons, regardless of their age, race, sex, gender identity, religion, political affiliations, socioeconomic statuses, national origin, marital status, or abilities.

## **Promoting Lifelong Learning** .....

Learning doesn't begin and end with formal education; libraries have been called the "people's university." We strive to rise to this label by providing vibrant collections, digital opportunities and training, and interesting programs to our community.

## **Increasing Community Engagement** .....

Communities are stronger when we embrace and interact with one another. The library believes that this strength is built through daily interactions with our friends and neighbors in public spaces such as libraries. Libraries are one of the only places people can go that do not cost money. This, we believe, is an excellent environment for promoting community engagement.

## **Exceeding Expectations** .....

Our patrons are at the heart of what we do. By striving to exceed their expectations every day in our offerings, our interactions, and our collections, we build a stronger library and a better library experience for all.

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