



Our Story

Year in Review

2022-2023

I'm happy to report on another great year at the Green Hills Public Library District, with continued progress on meeting the needs of our community members.

Our fiscal year began in the summer on July 1, 2022, which is always an exciting time at the Library. We were only a few weeks into the Summer Reading Challenge, when more than 600 community members registered to read over the summer. Not only does this program help prevent the summer slide for school-aged children, but also supports literacy while fostering a love for reading.

With summer coming to an end and school back in session, we promoted Library Card Sign-Up Month in September by inviting our community members to visit the Library and get the most valuable card of all - a Library card! By the end of the month, we had 118 new cardholders enjoying all the services the Library has to offer.

As we moved into fall, we entered the final stages of our Staff Area Project, which resulted in improvements to staff workspaces. We are now settled into our new space, and staff are excited to continue working towards sustaining and enhancing services in our community.

While the Staff Area Project was mainly focused on staff areas, we still had some exciting projects in the works on the public side of the Library. We added new, functional furniture to the Screened Porch Room, where patrons can enjoy a good book, work on school assignments, or complete other work while enjoying the beautiful view. The Youth Services Play Area adopted a new name, The Campground, as we furnished the space with items that support interactive and imaginative play for our littlest patrons.



We ended 2022 on a high note, celebrating the Library's 60th anniversary. Patrons were given "Cheers to Sixty Years" commemorative cups as we took a step back in time with 1960s-themed programs focusing on cooking, music, crafting, and pivotal moments in history.

After having achieved 60 years of service to the community, it was the perfect time to reflect on how the Library has evolved over the years. Even more fitting, we celebrated National Library Week in April, and this year's theme was "There's More to the Story." This is a regular saying in the Library, as we have grown so much along with our community. Books will always remain, but with time we have created new services to align with the needs of our community. The support from our patrons, staff, and Board of Trustees is what enables our Library to make a positive, meaningful impact in the community.



Near the end of the fiscal year, the Library Board of Trustees saw some changes. Long-serving Trustee Steve Culen retired from the Board after 30 years of dedicated service. The community also re-elected President Noula Angelos, Vice President Azmi Mohammad, Treasurer Steve Stratakos, and Trustee Ian Chafee. The Board also appointed new Trustee Christine Barry to fill a vacancy.



Jane Jenkins

Jane Jenkins, Library Director

With a new fiscal year upon us, there is a lot to look forward to in the coming months. Here is a sneak peek at a few things you can expect to see at GHPLD this year:

- A brand new collection called Beyond Books that supports lifelong learning and exploration. This collection will include unique items such as a sewing machine, podcasting equipment, tools, a Yoto player, a portable projector, and more.
- A new and improved 3D printer.
- New databases for skill-building and continuing education.

Make sure to keep up with our newsletter mailings and other communications to stay updated on all we have planned, or, next time you are in the Library, ask a staff member what's new. We hope to see you soon!

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Hours

Monday-Friday: 9am-9pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: 12-4pm

Special Hours:

Thanksgiving Day • Closed

December 8 • Closed for Staff Training

Christmas Eve • 12-4pm

Christmas Day • Closed

New Year's Eve • 12-4pm

New Year's Day • Closed

Library Board

Noula Angelos, President

Azmi Mohammad, Vice President

Steve Stratakos, Treasurer

Kathleen Groark, Secretary

Christine Barry

Ian Chafee

Thomas Hanes

Jane Jenkins, Library Director

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, November 20 • 6pm

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Green Hills Public Library District By the Numbers 2022-2023



226,738
Total
Collection

67,025
Physical
Collection

85,235
Patron
Visits

11,819
Program
Participation

16,208
Library
Cardholders

5,098
Reference
Transactions

193,866
Computer
and Internet
Sessions

