

Lorain Public Library System

Annual Report 2024



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System



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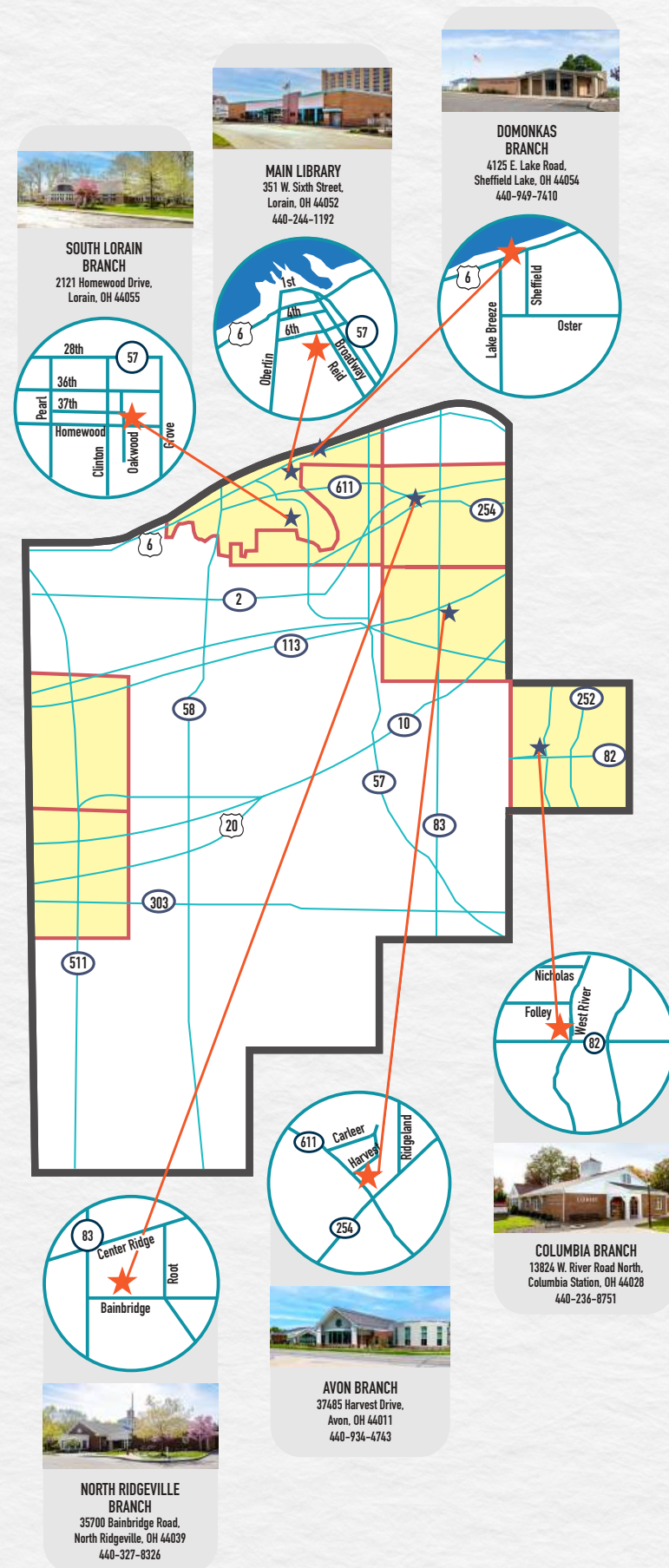
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About the Lorain Public Library System

The Lorain Public Library System, or LPLS, is the largest, most comprehensive library system in Lorain County, Ohio, with much of its service area comprising the northeast part of the county. The estimated population in the library system's service district is over 154,000. It serves both large and small communities, boasting a diverse patronage consisting of various economic, ethnic and educational backgrounds, with our Main Library sitting in the heart of downtown Lorain, the International City.

Library services are provided from six branches in Lorain, Avon, Columbia Station, North Ridgeville and Sheffield Lake. Additionally, LPLS has a Little Library on the Lake at Lakeview Park in Lorain, a Books by Mail program and an extensive array of online resources at LorainPublicLibrary.org.

School districts in the service area include Lorain City Schools, Avon Local Schools, Clearview Local Schools, Columbia Local Schools, Firelands Local Schools, North Ridgeville City Schools and Sheffield-Sheffield Lake City Schools. LPLS also is a member of CLEVNET, a consortium of library systems that share materials.





Vision Statement:

We are the catalyst for personal and community growth, discovery and success.

Our Mission:

Connecting our communities to experiences that enrich, empower and inspire every day.

2024 System Statistics

450,395

Patrons visited LPLS branches

9,363

New library cards were issued, bringing us to **67,820** LPLS library cardholders

3,047

Free programs were offered to **51,949** in-person attendees

939,657

Materials were loaned including **42,312** new items added to our collection

Our public computers had

73,171

bookings

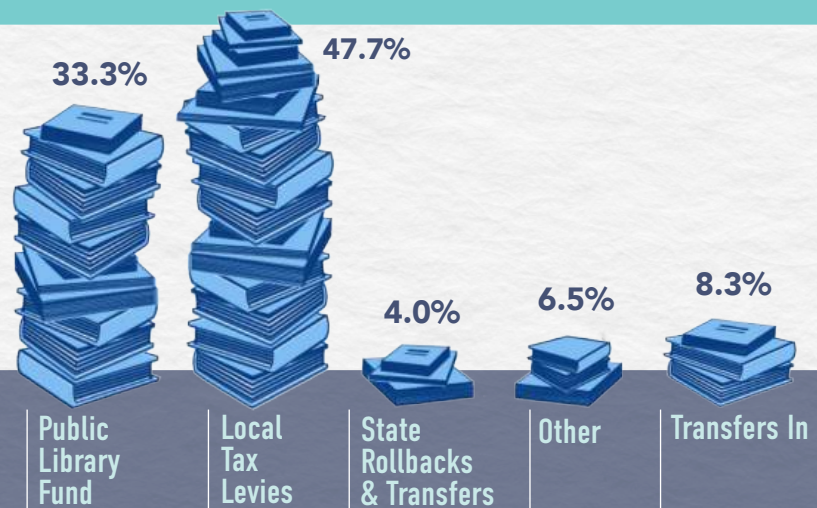
LorainPublicLibrary.org had

183,664

users

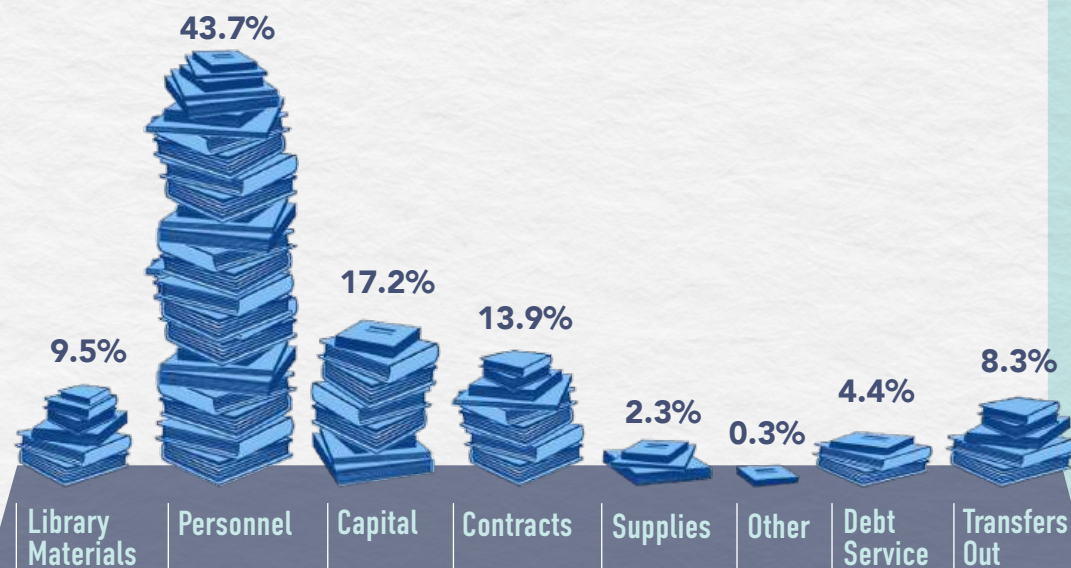
2024 Financials

Revenue Sources



% of Total

Expenditures



% of Total

2024 eLibrary Statistics

Total digital circulation of **639,645** that included:

383,112

eBook, audiobooks, video storybooks and digital magazines (OverDrive, Hoopla, Bookflix and Consumer Reports)

20,912

Streaming movies, television and music (Hoopla, Kanopy and The Shelf)

15,891

Online education course enrollment (Gale Courses, LinkedIn Learning and Tutor.com)

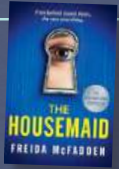
Our public computers had **207,469**

Online newspapers including Lorain Morning Journal, New York Times, The Plain Dealer, USA Today and Wall Street Journal



The TOP FIVE titles loaned in each category in 2024

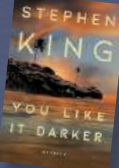
FICTION



1. "The Housemaid"
by Freida McFadden



2. "The Housemaid's Secret"
by Freida McFadden



3. "You Like it Darker"
by Stephen King



4. "Holmes, Marple & Poe"
by James Patterson



5. "The 24th Hour"
by James Patterson

DVDS



1. "Oppenheimer"



2. "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire"



3. "A Quiet Place: Day One"

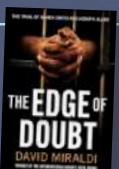


4. "IF"



5. "Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes"

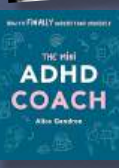
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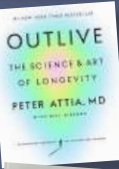
1. "The Edge of Doubt: The Trial of Nancy Smith and Joseph Allen"
by David Miraldi



2. "The Woman in Me"
by Britney Spears



3. "The Mini ADHD Coach – The Tools and Support to Make Life Easier"
by Alice Gendron



4. "Outlive – The Science & Art of Longevity"
by Dr. Peter Attia



5. "The Creative Act: A Way of Being"
by Rick Rubin

AUDIOBOOKS



1. "Resurrection Walk"
by Michael Connelly



2. "The Exchange: After The Firm"
by John Grisham



3. "The Edge" by David Baldacci



4. "The Woman: A Novel"
by Kristin Hannah



5. "Mind Games" by Nora Roberts

CHILDREN'S BOOKS



1. "No Brainer"
by Jeff Kinney



2. "Dog Man"
by Dav Pilkey



3. "Fetch-22"
by Dav Pilkey



4. "Cat Kid Comic Club: On Purpose"
by Dav Pilkey



5. "Diper Överlöde"
by Jeff Kinney

TEEN BOOKS



1. "The Chalice of the Gods"
by Rick Riordan



2. "Catching Fire"
by Suzanne Collins



3. "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes"
by Suzanne Collins



4. "The Lightning Thief"
by Rick Riordan



5. "Good Girl, Bad Blood"
by Holly Jackson

COOKBOOKS



1. "The 'I Love My Air Fryer' Easy Recipes"
by Robin Fields



2. "5 Ingredients Mediterranean"
by Jamie Oliver



3. "Taste of Home Copycat Favorites"
by Taste of Home



4. "15 Minute Meals: Truly Quick Recipes That Don't Taste Like Shortcuts"
by Ali Rosen



5. "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinner's Ready!"
by Ree Drummond

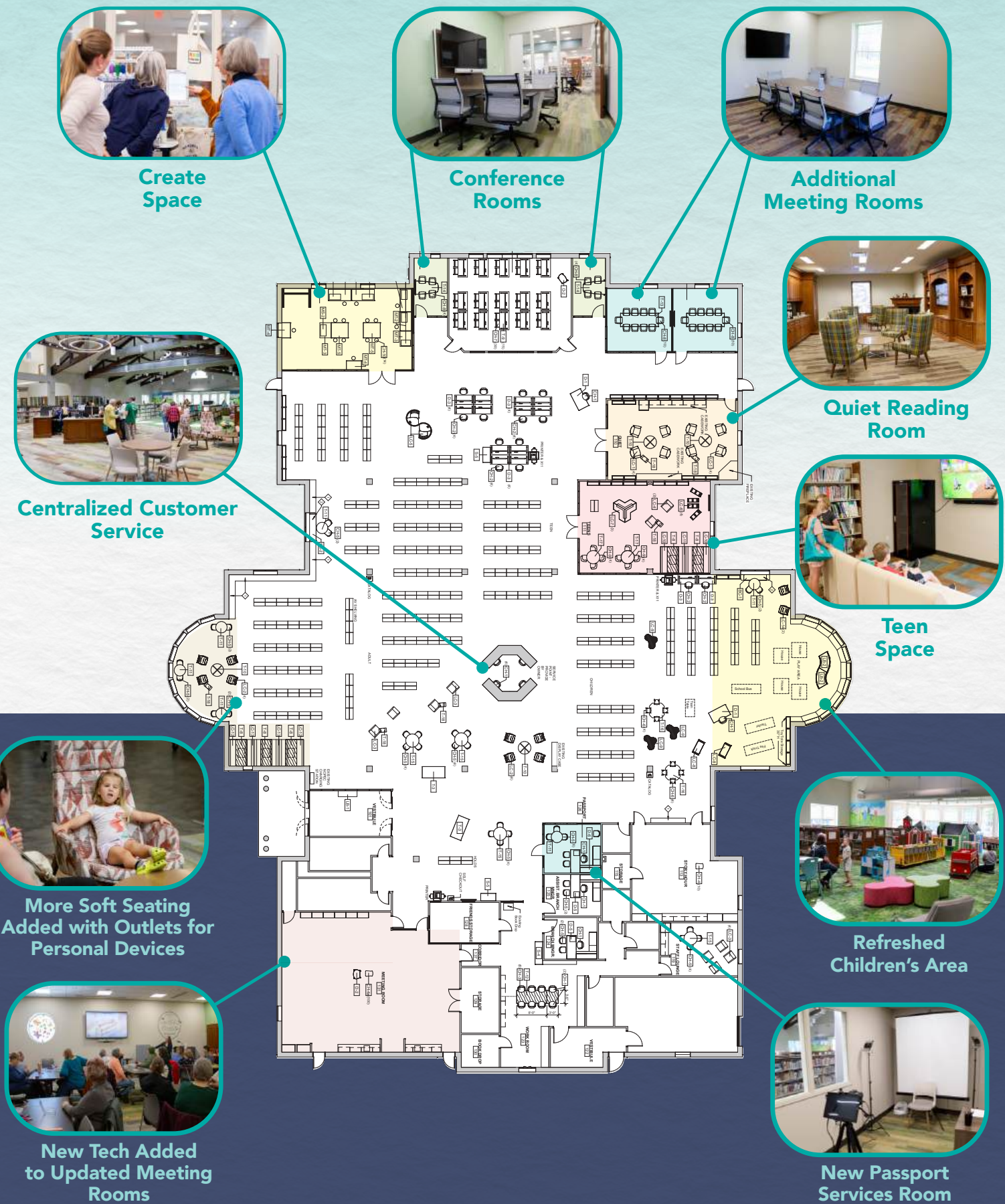


North Ridgeville Branch Renovation and Levy

- The North Ridgeville Branch renewal levy passed by almost **68%** thanks to patrons like Trish T. who commented: "My favorite thing about this community is our library. Thank you for all you do for **EVERYONE.**"
- The renovation updates webpage averaged over **200** hits per month as eager cardholders watched the progress!
- Over **600** people came through the doors during the grand reopening event.
- The Foundation of Lorain Public Library System purchased the Longarm Quilting Machine in the Create Space.
- **410** passports were processed from the new Passport Room between June and December.



North Ridgeville Branch Updated Floor Plan



Every NUMBER Tells a Story



12 new Lego and Duplo building sets were added to the Library of Things collection.



16 children completed six months of programs as part of the Lorain South Horizon Daycare Cooking Club in which they learned about and tasted new types of foods, ways to describe tastes, expanded their vocabulary and knowledge of kitchen tools and learned how to make healthy snacks.



27 pints of blood were collected at the Red Cross Blood Drive at the Main Library in August, which can help up to 81 patients. There were 189 donors at the six blood drives held at the North Ridgeville Branch which can impact another 507 lives!



30 Lorain County residents received free advice and direction for additional resources at a Legal Aid Event at Main Library.



48 percent was the increase in foot traffic to the South Lorain Branch the day after a tornado swept through northern Lorain County in August leaving many without power. They turned to their local libraries for assistance and we heeded the call with mobile charging stations, public computers, internet access and air conditioning.



937 free meals were served to children ages 18 and under during the summer when their free school lunches were not available. Additionally, 2,918 nutritious afterschool snacks were provided, all through Children's Hunger Alliance.



91 active students were helped through the Level Up tutoring initiative which boasts a 1:4 ratio of tutors to students. Between the two branches that offer the tutoring, LPLS had students from 26 different schools, encompassing three public school districts, 5 charter schools and 5 private schools.



131 That is the number of times the study rooms at the Avon Branch were used in just the month of November.



200 commemorative library card pool passes were created as part of a partnership with the City of Lorain to celebrate the grand reopening of the Oakwood Park public pool.



244 entries were received in the annual Toni Morrison Poster Contest.



400 patrons were able to take advantage of no-cost tax preparation appointments at the Main Library in partnership with United Way of Greater Lorain County.



836 passport applications were processed at the Avon Branch in 2024.



2,579 people participated in the Summer Reading Challenge: Adventure Begins at Your Library, completing a total of 7,856 activities.



2,638 pounds of produce and herbs were harvested and used for culinary literacy and given to patrons from the urban farm at the Main Library. An additional 215 pounds were harvested from the urban farm at the South Lorain Branch.



6,000 free viewing glasses were distributed to patrons for the total solar eclipse in April. Afterwards, all branches collected used glasses to donate to Astronomers Without Borders to be recycled for the next eclipse.



6,985 people followed LPLS on Facebook.



9,700 pounds of food were provided by The Hunger Network's Food Rescue Program in addition to the twice weekly donations from Apples Grocery Store to stock the Freedgie (free outdoor refrigerator) outside the South Lorain Branch.



33,019 was the reach of our Facebook post about free admission to the Avon Pool with your LPLS library card.



49,000 animals are tagged, being tracked from MOTUS towers all over the world; including the newly installed tower on the roof of the Main Library in Lorain. Data is collected by the Birds Canada research group for the purpose of migration research and conservation.



69,000 views of our TikTok about the availability of free menstrual supplies at LPLS.



6,117,256 ebooks, audiobooks and magazines were checked out from Libby by LPLS patrons in 2024.





This is long-time patron Larry with a canoe he hand-made and stenciled using DIY library resources.

**What can LPLS help YOU
achieve this year?**



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