It is our great pleasure to share Loutit District Library’s annual report and to highlight our many accomplishments of the last year. By expanding programming and open hours, providing excellent service, and building strong community partnerships to increase our impact, the library is achieving great things.

Libraries are a vital part of any community, allowing us to explore, read, learn, and engage with others. Books mirror our own experiences or act as a window into the lives of others. Programs offer people a chance to experience new opportunities and our shared spaces bring people together.

Loutit District Library's exemplary staff strives to create a place where everyone feels welcome and leaves satisfied. Our dedicated Board of Trustees, Friends, and wonderful volunteers also contribute to and support the library in too many ways to mention. By partnering with other non-profits and businesses in the area, we all provide greater impact. Thanks, Team!

Enjoy learning more about your library!
Take a look at what we did this past year!

Robinson Book Drop
Save yourself the drive! The Book Drop is in full service for our Robinson Township friends. Located at Robinson Township Hall.

Over 300 Craft Program Attendance
We had amazing turnout for all our craft programs, totaling over 300 people across 22 programs. Our Quilt Hop programs had 92 participants!

Themed Escape Rooms
We had 370 people participate in our three escape rooms. Our first event was so popular, we added extra time slots for following events to allow more people to join the fun! “The escape room was so fun! I think my friend and I love it at least as much as the kids.”

12 StoryWalks®
Our Youth Department organized Storywalks® containing children’s books posted on signs along trails in various city and county parks for the community to read together as they hiked!

1849.75 Hours Worked By the Friends of LDL!
34 Friends of LDL volunteers worked 1682 hours staffing the Cheapstacks Store, 39 hours managing their Facebook page, 58 hours attending the Friends of LDL board meetings, and 70 hours on the big Summer Reading book sale.

703 Hours Worked By Volunteers!
22 Library volunteers helped with shelving, repairing, and pulling materials to get into the hands of patrons, as well as assisting the Local History and Genealogy Department.

Stay Connected with the Loutit Lowdown
Our digital newsletter goes out twice a month to over 11,000 subscribers! Keep up to date on LDL news, programming, and more!

We Have a TikTok now!
Give us a follow for all sorts of library shenanigans at @loutitdistrictlibrary
552,686 Total Items Circulated

This includes books, magazines, music, DVDs, hotspots, Chromebooks, eBooks, audiobooks, and so much more!

Look forward to the addition of vinyl records and an expanded Library of Things in the future.

New Library Cards

We distributed newly designed cards to 1,594 members of the community!

Throughout September, library cardholders received discounts at local businesses.

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

PHYSICAL MATERIALS

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CARDHOLDERS BY MUNICIPALITY

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*Reflects portion of the township within GHAPS district
Other Financing Sources
Net Change transferred from Fund Balance $68,681

Audited financial statements are available at loutitlibrary.org.
Library Champions

Our Loutit family is growing! We welcomed seven new staff members to the library this year.

We organized 484 programs across all departments.

Last but not least, our Reference and Circulation staff assisted 56,081 patrons!

WHAT OUR PATRONS HAD TO SAY...

“Everyone I encountered today has been so amazing that in itself changed my life’s course - You ALL are amazing. Thank you!”

“Dear Loutit Librarians, I love you. I appreciate you. I’m so thankful for you... Thank you thank you thank you for all those books. Stories changed me.”

“Thank you for always putting out a supportive display for Pride Month... It’s good to know that many in our community are willing to speak ‘Truth to Power.’ Thank you!”

Kindness Month & Adopt-a-Book

The library wouldn’t be the same without the help from YOU! Our amazing community sponsored 90 books through our Kindness Month initiative and 83 books through our Adopt-a-Book program. We currently have over 466 books in our collection from Adopt-a-Book alone! We can’t thank our community enough for all of your years of support.
In everyone’s life, there will be difficult times. I believe that each of those young people – and probably you too– have more strength than you realize and I want to serve to those young people as an example; you can overcome with determination.”

“...
We had 2423 people participate in our Grand Adventure Summer Reading Challenge, a 20% increase from the previous year. That was the highest in LDL history! An astounding 2,769,371 minutes of reading were recorded.
A Special Thanks to Our Amazing Community Partners:

We could not have accomplished so much without your help!
Thank you for letting us be your favorite public library in Grand Haven, MI.