

2025 Foundation Wish List



LEWIS & CLARK
LIBRARY



Children's Services

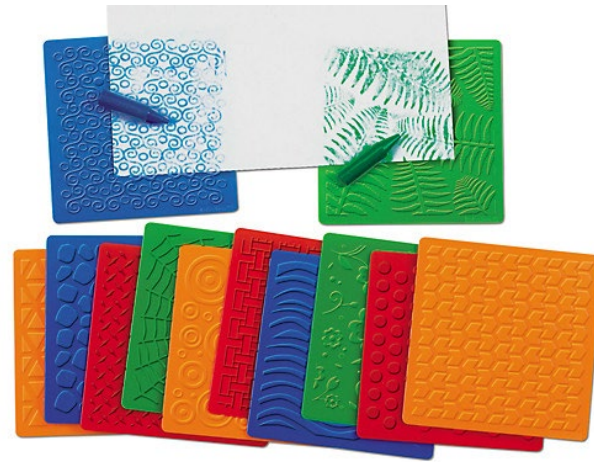
Molly Hudson, Children's Services Librarian

Children's Services FY 23/24 Request Progress Report

- ▶ Early Literacy Kits and Caregiver Packs
 - ▶ Materials are on order, will work with Technical Services, Public Services, and Marketing to process, promote and circulate!
- ▶ Sensory Bag
 - ▶ Purchased materials, currently in processing
- ▶ Beanstack
 - ▶ BookNerd, Smokey Bear Challenge, Summer Reading Challenge!

Children's Services

- ▶ Coloring Station \$350



Children's Services

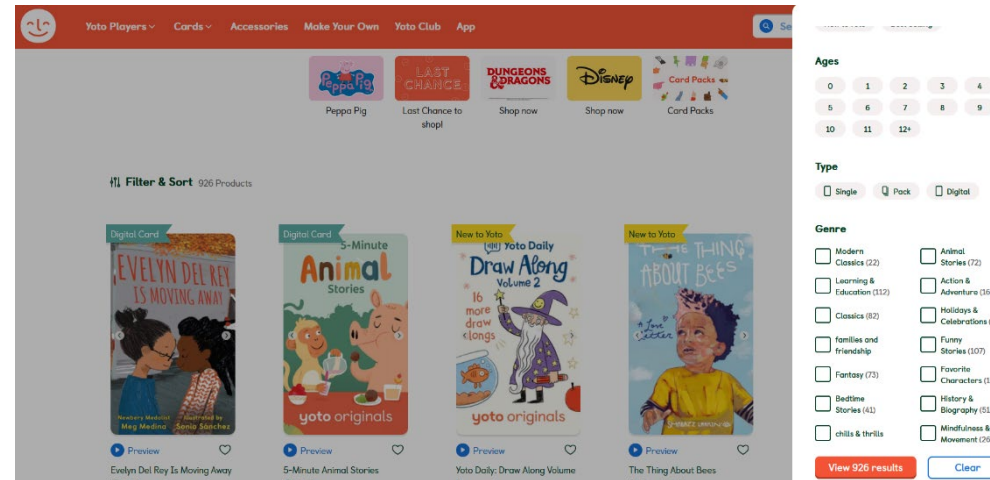
- ▶ Toys \$2,500
 - ▶ Stapelstein
 - ▶ Imagination Playground Blue Blocks
 - ▶ Jumbo Foam Blocks
 - ▶ Magnetic Gears



Children's Services

► Yoto Players and Accessories

\$2,000





Teen Services

Emmon Rogers, Teen Services Librarian

Teen Services FY 23/24 Request Progress Report

The PAL book vending machine:

- ▶ Provides free copies of books to students
- ▶ No catch, just free access to books for teens

2024 funds:

- ▶ Supported repairs to the machine
- ▶ Kept the machine stocked with high quality, popular books to be distributed to PAL students



Teen Summer Fieldtrips – program pilot

\$3,000

The opportunity to appreciate the unique natural and cultural beauty in our own backyard

- ▶ 2024 trip will be Day at the Bray experience for a proof-of-concept pilot: half-day, with lunch but no transportation provided
- ▶ Future trips to provide transportation, food, equipment, and entry costs
- ▶ Aimed at providing potentially-rare access to experiences that may be too costly, too far away, or related to interests not shared by family/friends
- ▶ Future destinations might include Gates of the Mountains Boat Tour, visits to gem mines, ghost town tours, hiking, various outdoor adventures, pow wows, comic conventions, or even a national park day trip



Goals and outcomes:

- ▶ Foster a love of Montana's wildlands and cultural gems
- ▶ Allow for exploration of ideas, skills, and places outside of school and the immediate geographic area
- ▶ Encourage curiosity, and builds social bonds with peers and library

Shodair Children's Hospital Gift Books

\$1,000

Funding to provide a high quality free new book to folks discharged from Shodair Children's Hospital

- ▶ Branded “With Love From Lewis & Clark Library”
- ▶ Library staff toured remodeled Shodair facilities
- ▶ A typical length of stay at the hospital is 3 months
- ▶ Users are from Montana and not from Lewis & Clark County
- ▶ Many return to Shodair for another stay if they're able

Mental Health is a huge issue with teens in Montana and this program will promote the library and continue the work of the bookmobile as a place to go for community, materials, and a space to be.



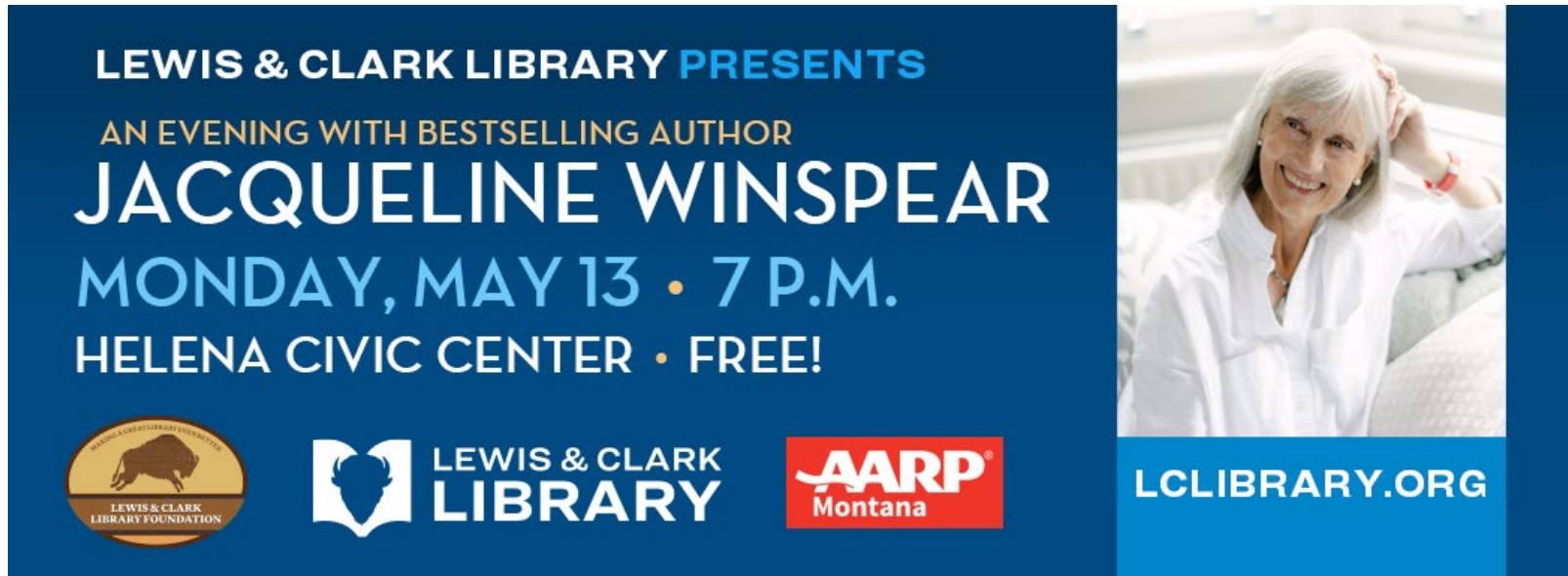


Adult Services




Suzanne Schwitzenburg, Branch Manager


Adult Services FY 23/24 Request Progress Report

- ▶ We request \$12,000 for a spring 2024 speaker fee.
- ▶ We brought in Jacqueline Winspear in May, 2024.
 - ▶ Her fee was \$15,000. \$12,000 paid for by the Foundation. Thank you!



LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH BESTSELLING AUTHOR
JACQUELINE WINSPEAR
MONDAY, MAY 13 • 7 P.M.
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Games was played
4+ Billion
Times in 2022

COOKING

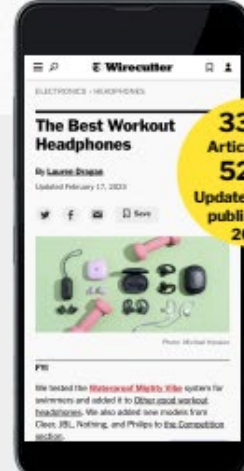
A digital cookbook and cooking guide alike that will support your patrons' total wellness and kitchen confidence, deliciously.



700+
Essential and
diverse recipes
published in
2022

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Independent product recommendations and reviews based on real-world testing that can help your patrons choose products confidently.



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covered



Collections

Elizabeth Karr, Collections & Technical Services Manager

Library of Things Additions

\$4,500

- ▶ Funding for simulated light therapy lamps. Most Montanans need additional Vitamin D due to our extended winter season; **these lamps could particularly support older adults or other individuals who have a difficult time getting outside.**
 - ▶ 2 for Helena, 1 for each other location & bookmobile
- ▶ Funding for accessibility devices such as digital magnifiers and smart pens. **Will support users with low vision, reading disabilities like dyslexia, or who are English language learners.**
 - ▶ 5 smart pens (2 for Helena, 1 for each branch)
 - ▶ 3-5 different digital magnifiers to test out
- ▶ Misc. funding for processing of these materials.

SIMULATED SUNLIGHT THERAPY LAMP



Stabilize Mood



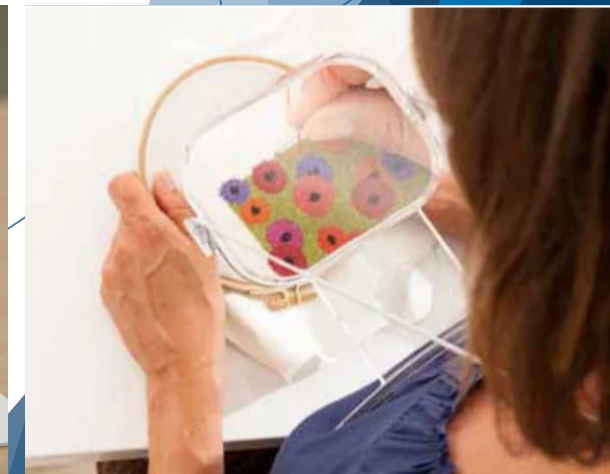
Increase Energy



Improve Focus



Aid Sleep



Seed Library/Plant Wall

\$3,500 (does not include shipping/freight for slat wall)

- ▶ Wall-mounted plant holders, plants, and monthly watering by Keeping It Green.
- ▶ Slat wall panel to highlight related materials in the collection (nutrition, gardening, outdoors) and to host a Seed Library half of the year in partnership with Helena Community Gardens.
- ▶ Beautifies library space and provides a focal point for promoting collections. This will go on the wall facing the lobby behind the staircase near the elevator.
- ▶ Seed libraries help create better quality of life through health, relationships and a sustainable connection to local food resource.
- ▶ Lots of benefits to additional plants: “The main psychological benefits of plants include stress reduction, reduced symptoms of depression, higher productivity, and improved concentration in schools and workplaces.”



Teen Space Shelving Glow Up

\$5,000 (does not include shipping/freight for slat wall)

- ▶ Funding unique end caps that will frame the teen space, helping highlight the area a special/different from the rest of nonfiction. (\$3000)
- ▶ Three (3) small slatwall panels to connect to existing metal shelving that can be moved around and be used to highlight different parts of the collection. (\$2000)



Slat wall panels for the children's area, an adult display, and Lincoln's entranceway

\$20,000 (includes freight & delivery for ALL slat wall requested in this wish list)

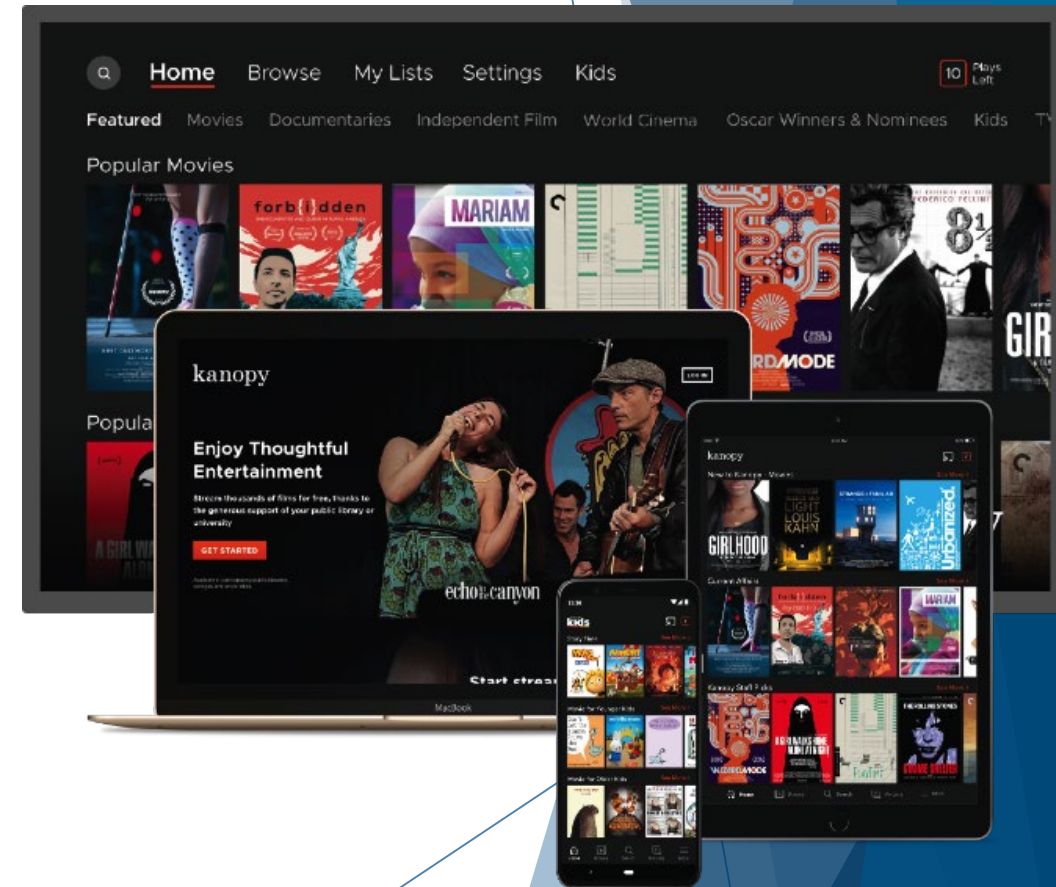
- ▶ Funding for various slat wall pieces for Helena's children's area and one of the walls around the elevator for an adult display; and, to replace metal shelves at Lincoln's entranceway.
- ▶ Will highlight new children's materials, rotating adult displays, and give Lincoln Branch Library a cleaner, more visually appealing entrance area. Can also host displays by partners.
- ▶ Makes materials more visible as they are pulled outside of our locations' extensive traditional shelving into areas meant specifically for displays.
- ▶ Slat wall is WAY more flexible than current shelving; you can have shelves for materials, single item display holders, hooks to hang bags, sign holders, etc.
- ▶ Material is wood laminate so it will look compatible with our existing design and is also visually-appealing.
- ▶ Can be moved and remounted if future renovations occur.



Pilot video-streaming service (Kanopy)

\$10,000

- ▶ Kanopy is an award-winning video streaming service providing access to more than 30,000 films – including critically acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, and award-winning foreign films.
- ▶ Well-known by the public (this is our most requested new service) and used for many years successfully by academic and public libraries. Owned by Overdrive (Libby's company) with extensive customer support.
- ▶ Pay-per-view model like hoopla with simultaneous use, but with more video content than hoopla. Kids collection can be purchased with unlimited use for \$1,000 a year.
- ▶ Accessible on mobile devices and casting to TVs using an app, or via a direct smart TV app.
- ▶ Heavily used by Bozeman and Missoula Public Library and beloved by their patrons.
- ▶ Will help LCL meet consumer demand for watching videos online.





Outreach/Bookmobile

Bretagne Brumm, Bookmobile Librarian

Lewis & Clark Detention Center Library

\$3,000



"Research shows that increasing the literacy rates and strengthening the library and information access opportunities for detained and formerly detained individuals often correlates to successful rehabilitation and reentry" (Hall, 2021).

Funding for a core legal collection for in-library use

- ▶ NOLO guides recommended by Montana Legal Services Association
- ▶ Law dictionaries (inc. one Spanish/English)
- ▶ Approximately 10-15 titles

New popular mass market paperbacks and low literacy titles for circulation

- ▶ Hardback books are discouraged
- ▶ Monthly delivery allows for new popular titles at low cost
- ▶ Core collection of low-literacy adult materials
- ▶ Approximately 10-15 titles a month

Funding to cover any lost/damaged materials borrowed through the Institutional Card

- ▶ This will set up the Institutional Card up for success and support the new partnership

Miscellaneous funds for things like one-off titles, signage, and mending materials

Additional Library Policies in WorkFlows

\$3,600

What? Enable data-gathering on individual Bookmobile stops' circulation.

How? Purchasing three (3) additional library policies for three identified bookmobile stops that will provide historical data of items that circulate at each stop.

Why? Enable a data-driven approach for mobile collection development. This will allow for more meaningful, responsive materials for local populations (i.e. with more policies by bookmobile location, we can better determine what the bookmobile should be carrying and where).

- ▶ Funding to purchase a Library Policy for the Canyon Creek Bookmobile Stop
- ▶ Year-round location with steady circulation
- ▶ Determine if the information is valuable to quality of materials provided



Memory Kits

\$3,000

What? A Memory Kit is a box or bag filled with items and activities centered around a place, time, or theme.

Why? Memory loss and confusion are the hallmarks of dementia and Alzheimer's, as the diseases progressively damage brain cells, but *photographs, music, and memorabilia from the past can trigger memories and provide a bridge for caregivers and loved ones to communicate and connect.*

Who? People experiencing dementia and Alzheimer's, caregivers, and their families.

- ▶ Fund six Memory Kits
- ▶ Potential partnership with the Historical Society and Rocky's Agency on Aging
- ▶ Funds publicity for the Memory Kits





East Helena

Andrea Eckerson, Branch Manager



East Helena FY 23/24 Request Progress Report

Book Titles enjoyed by our patrons:

Adult Patrons in Reading Circle

- ▶ West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge
- ▶ Lucky Turtle by Bill Roorbach
- ▶ Beartown by Fredrik Backman

Tween/Teen Patron Book Group

- ★ The BFG by Roald Dahl
- ★ The Last Fallen Star by Graci Kim
- ★ Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

Bathroom Sundries taken by patrons:

- ▶ 222 items taken since September, averaging 32 per month

Refreshments enjoyed by patrons:

- ▶ During Reading Circle, Learning Circle, Week of the Young Child Open House, and Movies for various age groups

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\$1000.00 for ongoing programs and book purchases

- ▶ \$150 for Program Refreshments
- ▶ \$700 for Book Group Book Purchases
- ▶ \$150 to keep the Bathroom Sundries going

\$1000.00 for a Volunteer Fair in East Helena Community

- ▶ \$355 for chair and table rentals with free delivery
- ▶ \$300 for facility rentals (EH City Hall gym and adjoining rooms)
- ▶ \$345 for food and drinks

\$2090.00 for 7-panel mobile divider

- ▶ 164 in. wide—to block entering and exiting office from patrons in meeting area

EHB Wish List 2023



Wish List 2024





Lincoln

Eleanor Pierce, Branch Manager



Lincoln FY 23/24 Request Progress Report

- ▶ International Observe the Moon Night
- ▶ Artist Events
- ▶ Open Book Club –All Ages Welcome
- ▶ Painting with a Twist
- ▶ An astronomy event, in collaboration with the school’s Science teacher, to view the planets and stars was well attended and well received
- ▶ Local author Annie Allen Clark talked about her book, Undulating La Roux
- ▶ Annie Allen Clark also conducted an artist session to create origami gift envelopes and origami Christmas stars using old music scores
- ▶ This social time is mostly attended by adults at this time but is open to all. Library staff assist to select and acquire materials.
- ▶ This event will take place in late May or early June 2024. It is a popular-request item.

Wish List FY 2025

Open Book Club

- Provide books for monthly discussion
- All are welcome
- Monthly meetings at Community Room
- Lively discussions and shared humor

\$500

Painting with a Twist

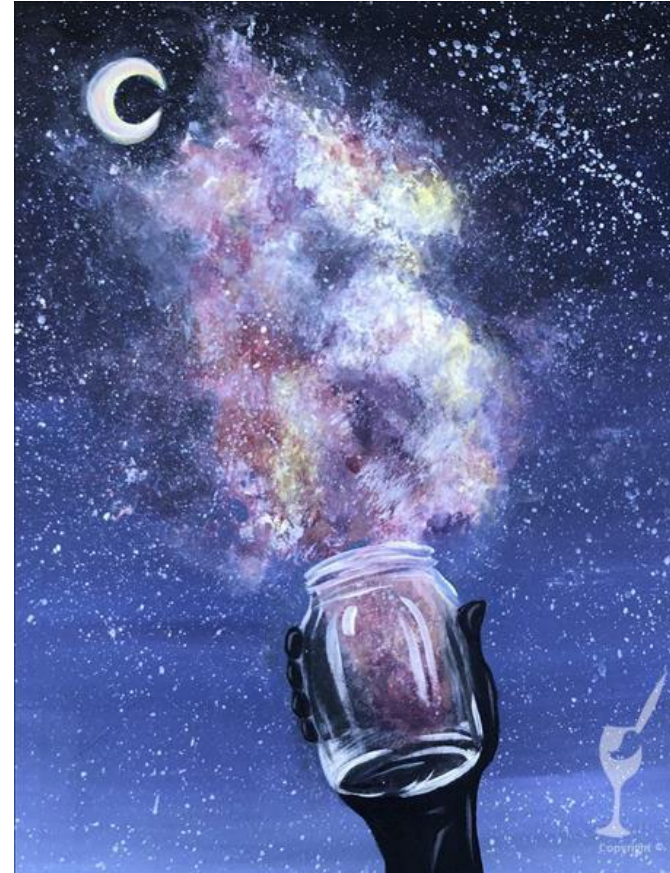
- Purchase kits for painting with online tutor
- Maximum 10 participants
- Outreach & Library goodwill
- “Anyone can paint” Popular Request

\$500

Programs-in-Planning

- Refresh toys for children’s programs
- Activities for Teens/Tweens (movies, games, pizza?)
- Crafts and activities for adults (movies?)

\$1,000





Augusta

Holly Herring, Branch Manager



Augusta Branch Wish List 2024-2025

Fiscal 2022-2023 or How It Went:

Hot Spot Fees: The Augusta Branch has two Verizon Mobile Hot Spots that were purchased with a grant from 3 Rivers Communications. The Foundation continued to pay for the fees which total about \$1000 annually. These are very popular items and are continuously checked out by Branch patrons, especially the Hutterite Colonies \$1000.

StoryTime & Play Awhile: We enhanced our wooden train set, purchased new items for sensory boxes, and added a set of Stepping Stones for movement play! \$249.74

After School Program: We were able to enrich our monthly After School Program by providing a stipend for our volunteer who loves helping to create and run this program. \$250.00

Book Group: Foundation funds sponsored two new titles for the Book Group, The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride & Northwoods by Daniel Mason both only out in hardcover. \$249.70

Summer Library Program: Foundation funds have been used for supplies and snacks for a 4 day camp offered in June 2023. \$250.00

Fiscal 2024-2025 Ask:

- ▶ Hot Spot Fees \$1000
- ▶ StoryTime \$250.00
- ▶ After School \$250.00
- ▶ Book Group \$250.00
- ▶ Summer Library Program \$250.00

Total \$2000





Staff Wellness, Appreciation, & Recognition

Lisa Skelton, Public Services Manager

\$4000 for Staff Appreciation/Recognition \$5000 for Staff Wellness

In support of Goal 4 of our Strategic Plan, we are working on formalizing Staff Recognition and Staff Wellness programs.

- ▶ Employee appreciation enhances engagement, productivity, and retention.
- ▶ A wellness program can improve morale and help employees feel more supported.



Some of our plans include:

- ▶ Healthy (mostly) snacks for staff
- ▶ Quarterly birthday celebrations
- ▶ Staff lunches on special days
- ▶ Funds for supervisors to recognize team members with a card or small gift
- ▶ Continued subscription to the Calm app- we love it!
- ▶ Chair massages
- ▶ Wellness challenges (we're kind of competitive!)

