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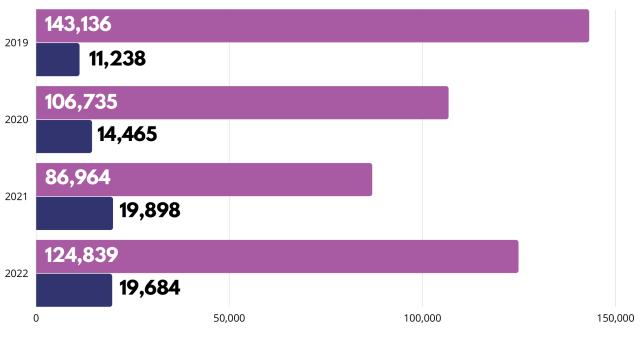
WAVERLY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Digital book and audiobook checkout numbers remained strong after an increase in awareness during pandemic closures. Physical item checkouts saw a resurgence in FY22, indicating that the public is still very much interested in the physical book.

Physical vs. Digital

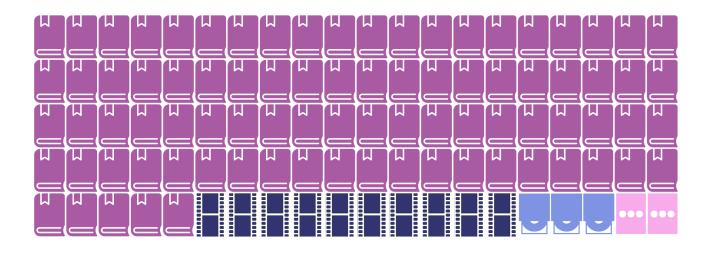


Door Count:

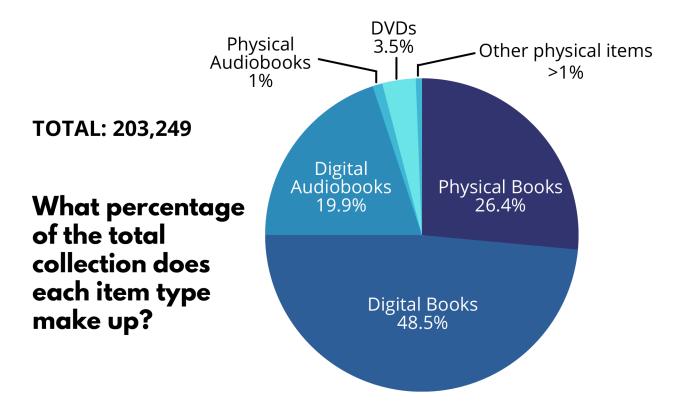
FY19: 135,983 FY20: 93,645 FY21: 17,110 FY22: 82,582 (FY20 door count affected by building closure. FY21 door count affected by building closure, appointment-based access, and limited capacity restriction.)

Library Collection: Physical Items Only TOTAL: 63,941

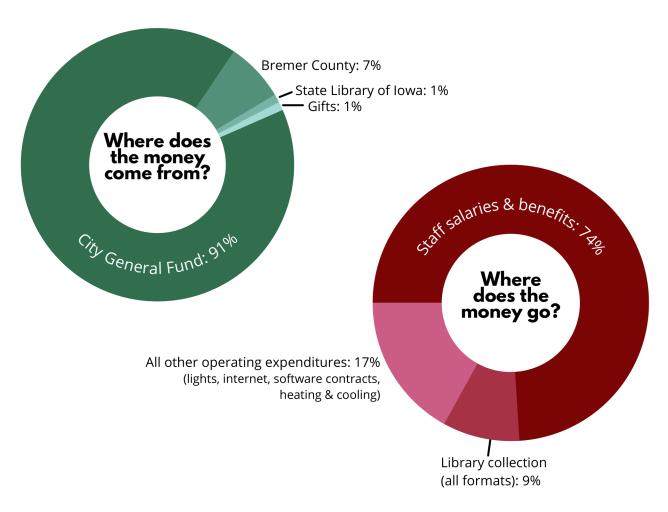
Printed books: 53,637 DVDs: 6,991 CD Books: 2,052 Other (games, dolls...): 1,261



Library Collection: All Items (Both Digital & Physical)



Operating Income & Expenditures





Waverly Public Library Staff

Paid librarians FTE: 7.5 All other paid staff FTE: 4.5 Total paid staff FTE: 12



We saw an amazing turnout for our 2022 summer events, which included a foam party, a hypnotist, a shark touch tank, and a painting class, among many others for all ages. The theme was "Oceans of Possibilities." Children who completed at least 12 hours of reading were invited to an end-of-summer pool party to celebrate.







659 registered readers















We continue to seek ways to engage with other community entities, forming partnerships that bring valuable resources and an improved quality of life to residents of Waverly and beyond. The Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way now has an after-hours drop box installed at the library. This project was designed by Wapsie Valley CAPS students Christopher Tibbots and Olivia Hershey. They repurposed an old newspaper vending box, and by painting it and adding a coded locking system, turned it into a secure drop-off location for individuals to pick up diapers, hygiene products, school supplies, etc. from the United Way. We also started offering trivia nights at the Bremer Brewing Company, held a bike safety storytime in partnership with Safe Routes lowa Northland Region, and began providing a satellite collection of books and video games to the Vogel Library at Wartburg.









Librarians were excited to return to the lowa Library Association's Annual Conference. Each year, this is a great opportunity to network with peers, make new connections, and get excited about new ideas for collections, programs, and more. The 2021 conference was especially notable because Kris Fagre and Bethany Nelson were selected to present about the Reach Out and Read Program. This nationwide program pairs early literacy education with pediatric care. Doctors provide new, age-appropriate books and information about the importance of literacy to children and parents at well-child visits. Kris spearheaded this program in our area in 2019, and so far, clinics in Allison, Janesville, Nashua, Shell Rock, Tripoli, Waverly, and Denver have distributed over 8,500 books to children. We hope that by sharing our success with this program, other community libraries will partner with their local health professionals to engage children with books and reading.



