

Aurora Public Library

Operating Budget 2024



About Aurora Public Library

APL focuses on a "community-led" approach that delivers collections and services in partnership with the residents we serve.

Reflecting upon the past year, it is with great pride that I share some of the highlights we've accomplished together.





Place of Possibilities

Aurora Public Library continues to expand our reach in new ways, aligning our strategic plan with our municipality and our many partners and stakeholders.

We are excited about the new possibilities we can offer to the community as the Aurora Town Square sees its completion.

We invite you to be part of the evolution of library service to the residents of Aurora.



In-Person Programming



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The annual Summer Reading Club provided daily activities in the Library and in parks around Town.

In 2023, the SRC expanded to include participation by teen readers.

Storytimes, Saturday specials, workshops
March Break activities and more.



In-Person Programming

Aurora Public Library continues to be a hub for all, offering a diverse range of experiences, including - author events and community celebrations that invite interactive engagement and foster community building.



Virtual Programs

Online programming allowed libraries to reach new audiences - including, in some cases, people who had never come in person to the library before.

We also deliver programs on virtual and hybrid platforms due to the high interest from the community and the scope and accessibility of these delivery models.



Creative Studio

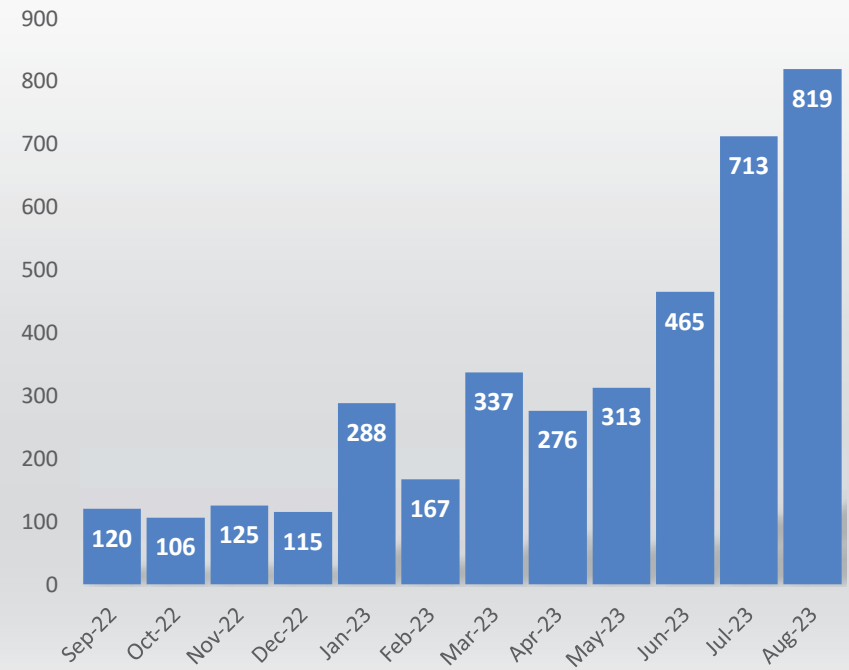
The Creative Studio is a unique space to innovate, collaborate, and enjoy a workshop.

Hands-on access to equipment such as 3D printers, laser cutters, sewing machines and more brings creative projects to life.





Creative Studio (YTD Aug)



583% increase in visits (Sept 2022 – Aug 2023)

Community Partnerships

Collaborations with community partners have resumed, providing and expanding experiential high-quality programming.

These partnerships allow us to provide multilingual programming to newcomers, in addition to arts and cultural experiences.



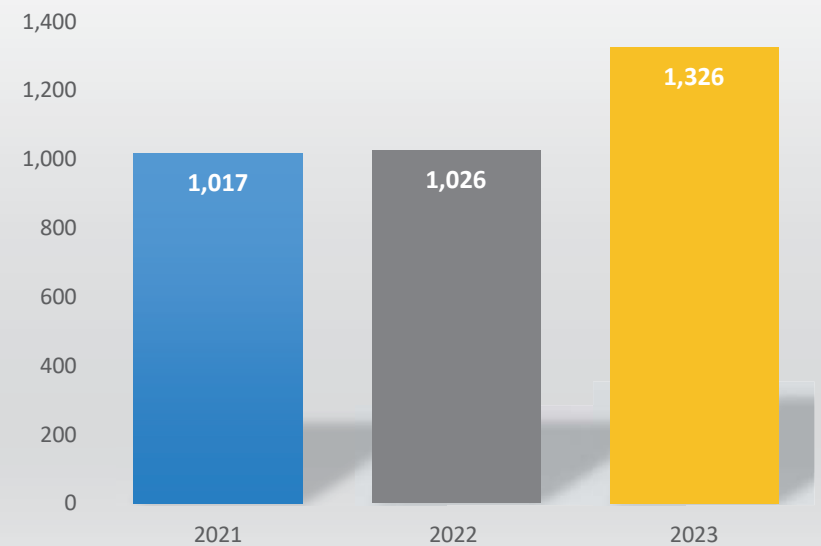
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Programs (YTD Sept)

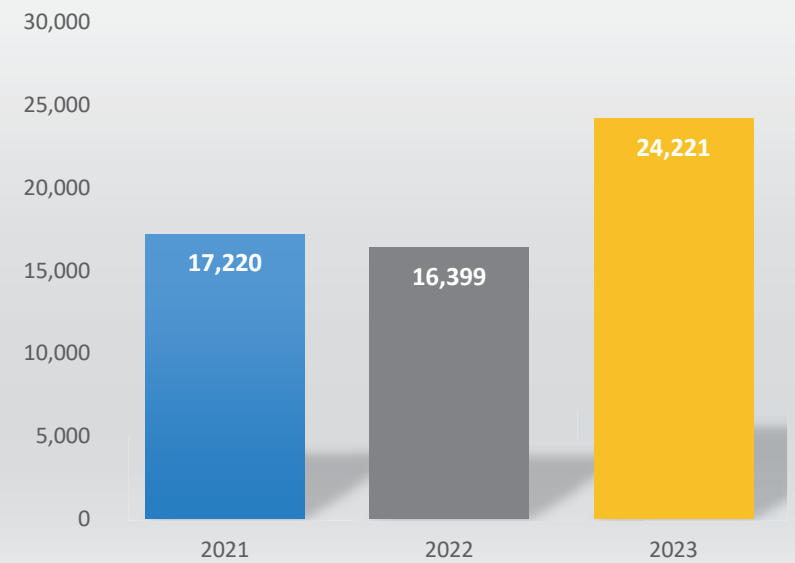


29% increase in programs (2022 - 2023)



Key Performance Indicators

Program Attendance (YTD Sept)



48% increase in program attendance (2022 - 2023)



The digital library
is **always open**.



OPEN
24
HOURS

Libby.
The library reading app

press reader

— connecting people through news —

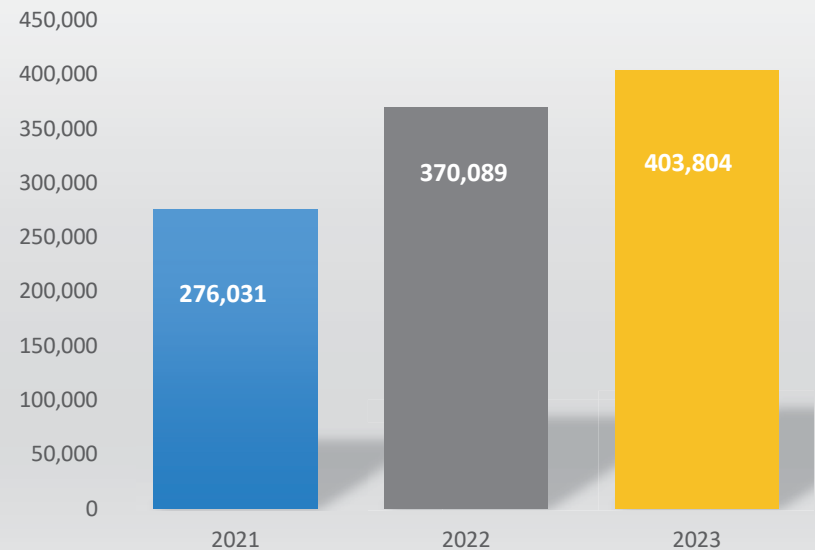


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Key Performance Indicators

Circulation (YTD Sept)

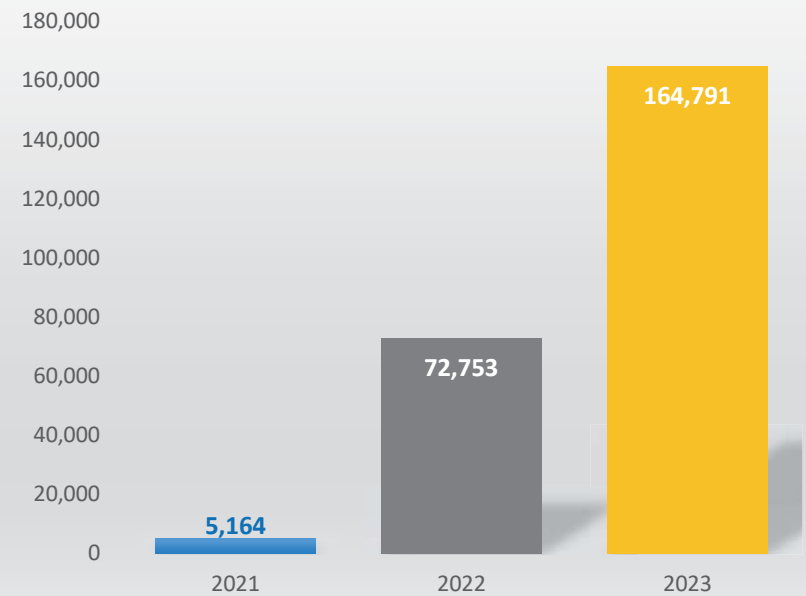


9% increase in circulation (2022 – 2023)

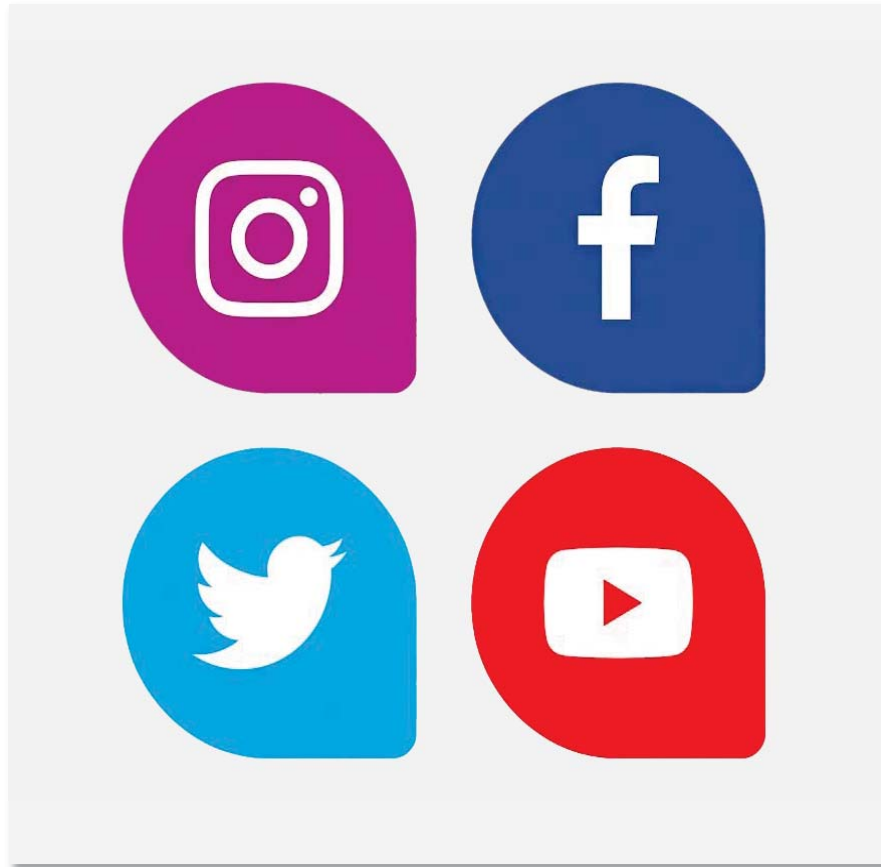


Key Performance Indicators

In-Person Visits (YTD Sept)

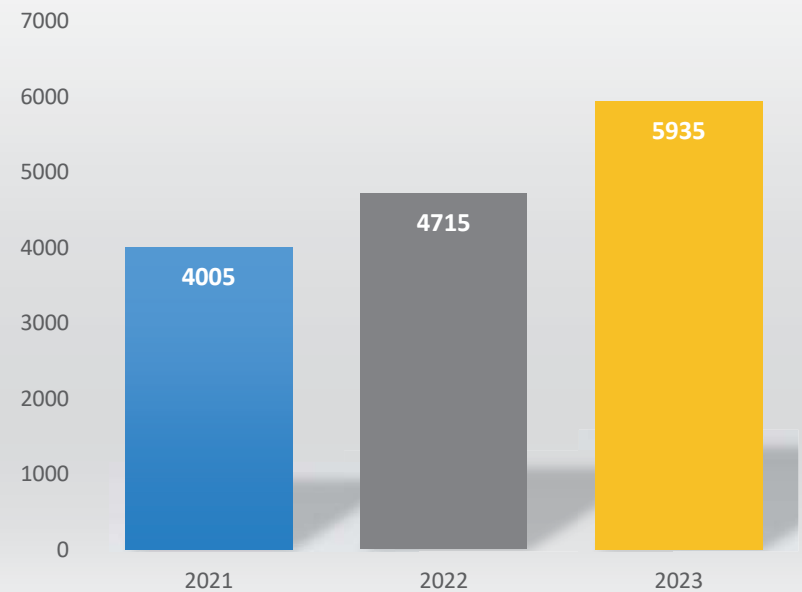


127% increase in in-person visits (2022 - 2023)



Key Performance Indicators

Online Followers (YTD Sept)



26% increase in online followers (2022 - 2023)

Libraries in the Media



Food of the Future challenges ideas of agriculture

BY BROCK WEIR
EDITOR
LOCAL JOURNALISM
RECURRING REPORTER

As our population grows, our traditional methods of farming might not be able to keep up with demand. But now, innovative ideas for sustainable and "community-based indoor agriculture" have been recently highlighted by Dr. Man Hammond and Phil Fung in a new partnership with the Aurora Public Library.

On Thursday, April 20, the duo will host Food of the Future, an Earth Day presentation, through the Aurora Public Library's API channels. The live, virtual presentation, at which the presenters will take questions from participants, has worked hand-in-hand with a model home, which has taken pride of place in the Library Living Room since April 1. And...



Know your rights: Library partners on housing rights workshops for renters and landlords

Centre serves York Region, Peel and beyond

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As we continue to experience a housing crunch, do you know your rights? If you have any questions, they can soon be answered through a new three-part Housing Rights Workshop hosted by the Aurora Public Library and the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights, formerly the Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation.

Beginning on Thursday, February 2, and continuing on April 27 and June 1, the series will cover Rental Housing Basics,

apartments [and] landlords not providing 24 hours written notice in cases where they are required to do so.

Cases like these, she adds, are "aggravated" where there is a lesser supply of housing to address demand.

"I think that's a particular problem right now in areas where there is not a lot of housing options out there, we're seeing more than that first and last month's rent request. There are protections against that, yet it happens in areas especially where there's a lack of housing options.

"[These sessions] will be a time throughout the presentation but the design of the presentations include scenarios that are true to life and really represent what tenants face in our communities

Bloomberg

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CityLab Culture

Libraries Can Unite a Lonely, Divided Nation

The time has come for a "Great Reknitting" across America. The country's most egalitarian institutions — its public libraries — are a crucial place to start.



Loneliness poses health risks as deadly as smoking, surgeon general says

About half of U.S. adults say they've experienced loneliness, Dr. Vivek Murthy said in a report.





Budget Pressures

- Cost of living increases
- Non-union salary alignment - Pay Equity review
- Collective bargaining of two CUPE units
- Ongoing funding to Library capital reserve



Aurora Public Library Operating Budget

	2023 Approved Budget	2024 Proposed Budget	% Change	2025 Proposed Budget	% Change	2026 Proposed Budget	% Change
Personnel Costs	\$3,144,000	\$3,232,000	2.8%	\$3,310,000	2.4%	\$3,389,000	2.4%
Operating Expenses	763,000	735,000	-3.7%	740,000	0.7%	745,000	0.7%
Contribution to Capital	200,000	220,000	10.0%	220,000	0.0%	220,000	0.0%
Total Expenditures	\$4,107,000	\$4,187,000	1.9%	\$4,270,000	2.0%	\$4,354,000	2.0%
General & Grant Revenue	\$55,000	\$65,000	18.2%	\$65,000	0.0%	\$65,000	0.0%
Municipal Requisition	4,052,000	4,122,000	1.7%	4,205,000	2.0%	4,289,000	2.0%
Total Operating Budget Revenue	\$4,107,000	\$4,187,000	1.9%	\$4,270,000	2.0%	\$4,354,000	2.0%

Aurora Public Library Feedback from the Community

Thank you for organizing today's amazing birth totem experience. Loved how he [Todd Jamieson] gently wove past and present together.

Everyone learned something ... From the history to the perspective, to the characterization, to the mystical moments of insight.

We wanted to thank you for the movie Inconvenient Indian to mark Truth and Reconciliation Day. My family watched it and had a great discussion about it.

APL is a dynamic and thought-provoking place! We're very appreciative to be part of that.

Just wanted to say a formal THANKS for yet another marvellous interaction with the APL--the "Apple" of Aurora's dawn-golden eyes!




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OVERDUE

The Case for Canada's Public Libraries

Why investment in public libraries is essential to Canada's post-pandemic recovery, competitiveness, and resilience

A dark blue map of Canada is shown in the background. Numerous small, light blue dots are scattered across the map, representing the locations of libraries across the country. The dots are more densely packed in the southern regions and along the coastlines.

Libraries are essential to Canada's value proposition of an inclusive and prosperous country. They are the heart of every community, open to everyone, providing connections and experiences essential to our economic opportunities, equity, and democracy. They are essential to social cohesion and the healthy functioning of modern life.

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Thank you

Adam Mobbs, Board Chair

Bruce Gorman, CEO

