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Sedona Public Library
FY23 ANNUAL REPORT

Letter from the President of the Board



As we celebrate the successes and highlights of the past year, for instance, the grand opening of our new outdoor Commons (photo above), we look forward to many more in the coming weeks and months. We begin each of our meetings of the Board of Trustees with a reading of our vision statement, that focuses on the Library's commitment to be the "heart of the community," and we take that commitment very seriously. As we work on plans to renovate and create an even more vibrant Library, we always keep in mind that we are critically dependent on the support of our donors. In helping us to serve the community through an ever-expanding array of programs and services, you have been key. You are making a difference on two different levels—not just to individual patrons but to the community at large. It is our goal to both enrich individual lives and create community connections. While it's a cliché to say that we couldn't do it without you, the truth is that we really couldn't. Thanks for being supporters of the Library, thanks for your very generous contributions, and we hope to see you soon and often!

Daniel P. Gallagher

Daniel Gallagher, President, Board of Trustees

Your Support Helped Make These Programs Happen

National Kids Author Stopped by Library

Jeff Smith, *New York Times* bestselling writer and artist of the graphic novels *BONE*, *RASL*, and *SHAZAM*, stopped by the Library on his national tour promoting his new book *TUKI*. Dozens of fans from all over the Verde Valley were dazzled by his stories and charm. Jeff signed their books and even added quick comic drawings. (Photo courtesy of David Jolkovski/Larson Newspapers.)



65th Birthday for 3 Service Organizations

Sedona Public Library, Rotary Club of Sedona, and Sedona Arts Center together celebrated their shared 65 years of community service anniversary in the Library's new Commons. We also unveiled "The Poetess," a lovely sculpture gifted to the Library by the artist Charles DeLay.

Magic at the Pool Party Inspired Readers

Our Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program opened with a lively pool party at the Community Pool featuring Jolly Roger, a world-renowned magician. Everyone loved his entertaining and hilarious magic show, and participants in the reading program logged a record 50,000 minutes of reading! The Library loves partnering with the City of Sedona to keep kids reading all summer long.



Curiosity Ruled at Summer Science Camp

The Library partnered with Arizona Science Center's Camp Innovation to host a free summer camp at the Village Library. Kids stayed busy all day long for a full week with hands-on activities incorporating problem solving and high-energy building and design challenges. Kids' curiosity was fed, and their tummies were filled with free lunch and snacks.

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Featured Donor: Janet Webber



As a child, when Janet Webber saw the *World Book Encyclopedia* that her family had purchased, magic happened. This huge investment for a family of seven in Chicago's inner city in the 50s was the beginning of her lifelong love of reading and local libraries. As the oldest daughter, Janet had little time between chores and childcare, but when she did, she entered the world

of the encyclopedia and was transported to places she could never have imagined. The magic continued and by 4th grade she proudly carried a library card. "I introduced my kids to libraries by preschool age," she says, gleaming.

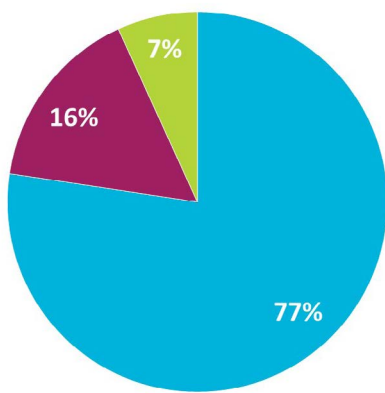
Lo and behold, Janet spent seven years—while raising her own kids—selling encyclopedias for World Book in the Chicago Merchandise Mart. She sold over 400 sets door to door! Janet's generosity to the Village Library is testament to her library love, and her most recent gift honors Dottie Vande Linde, the first Village Librarian. She also offers gratitude for our Village Librarian, Aurelia. "Dottie helped me find my way in my new hometown, and now, Aurelia continues the goodwill and always assists me with a smile."

"Libraries are necessary in communities for all ages, and our libraries always need your support."

Janet Webber
Village Resident

Library Operations FY23

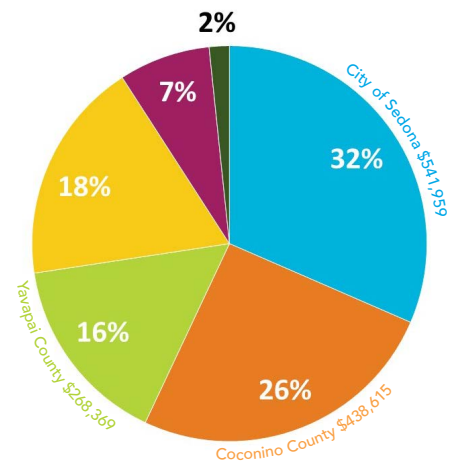
EXPENSES



- Library Services \$1,409,048
 - Administration \$287,251
 - Fundraising \$124,375
- *\$1,820,674**

*Expenses include depreciation, per the FY23 audit.

SUPPORT and REVENUE



- Government \$1,248,943
 - Friends of the Sedona Library \$128,744
 - Contributions and Fundraising \$313,904
 - Other Income \$28,367
- **\$1,719,958**

**Support and Revenue presented does not include in-kind contributions or investment gain or loss.



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