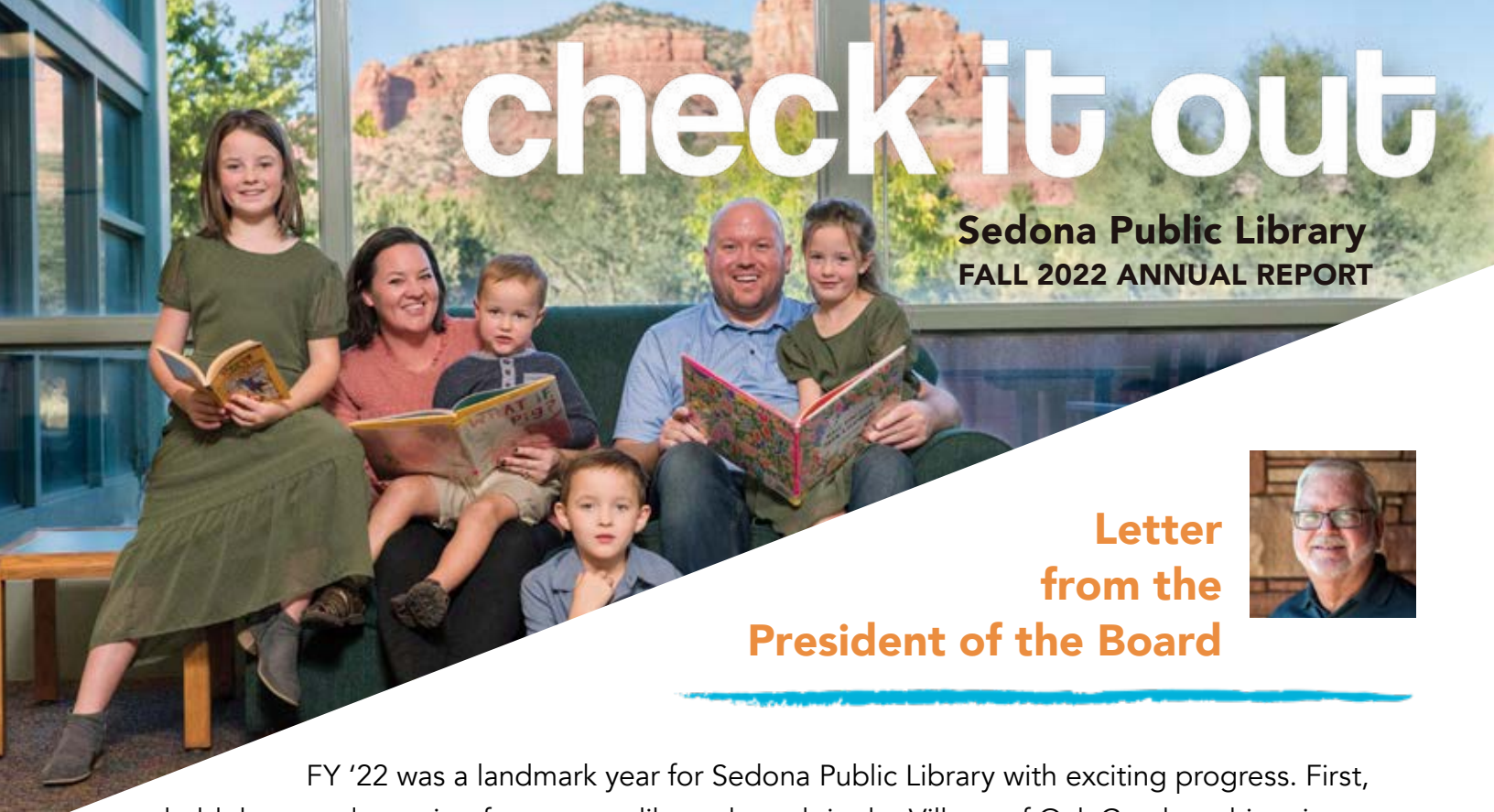


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**Sedona Public Library**  
**FALL 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**



## Letter from the President of the Board



FY '22 was a landmark year for Sedona Public Library with exciting progress. First, we held the grand opening for our new library branch in the Village of Oak Creek—a historic event that opened a world of programs and services to the Big Park community. This welcoming library has been wildly successful with patrons voicing their appreciation. Also, we completed the plan and design for another library landmark—a spectacular courtyard between the main library and the Friends of the Library Bookstore. The 18,000 square foot outdoor space includes a 10,000 square foot patio with a stage, fire circle, and beautiful landscaping, and it connects the Library to the Friends' Bookstore. Thanks to everyone who purchased pavers to support the Courtyard—it will be a vibrant community space for years to come. Sedona Public Library is clearly not standing still. We're making efforts to renew the Library and providing patrons with even better programs and services. Finally, please note that support and revenue remained strong for the year, and we will strive to make our Library even greater going forward!

*Daniel P. Gallagher*

Daniel Gallagher, President, Board of Trustees

## Your Support Helped Make These Programs Happen



### Village Opens With Rave Reviews

We opened the first full branch library in the Village of Oak Creek in November 2021. The expanded hours and quadrupled space are just two of the draws for nearly 100 daily visitors. The Library offers a great collection, strong Wi-Fi, meeting rooms, furnished patios, and more. And donors like you make this possible. Thank you!

### How Do You Build A Children's Collection?

Just ask folks from the Village of Oak Creek! Donors made cash gifts; the Library Services & Technology Act provided a grant; Sedona Village Learning Center, Verde Valley First Books, and others donated items; and many visited our Amazon Charity Wish List. Our collection of 700+ items was built by you!

### Las Clases de Español Han Vuelto

FY'22 saw the return of basic and advanced Spanish conversation classes at the main and the Village libraries. Total attendance of 354 means dozens of individuals have appreciated the opportunity to learn or brush up on their language skills!

### Library Takes Care of Its Community

In October 2021, 200 people came to the main Library to visit with the Mexican Consulate who visited from Phoenix. The consulate provided answers to an array of questions and important resources for our Hispanic community members.

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**Gifts matched up to \$40,000 through Dec 31st!**

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## Featured Donor: Carolyn Fisher



“We are a more united community with the new Village Library,” said Carolyn Fisher, referring to the new branch Library that opened on November 4, 2021. “Everybody’s just happy,” she says with a smile. If anyone understands the pulse of both the Big Park community, and the Library, it is Carolyn. She has prioritized teaching children how to read and providing books to families,

and supporting the Library, for nearly three decades. She is the director of the Sedona Literacy Center and active with Verde Valley First Books as well as numerous other community efforts. She’s an amazing conduit of connection, always an advocate and resource for others.

Carolyn’s support reaches back and goes forward. “When I heard the Library Board would really open a full branch library in the Village—I promised my support,” she said. She has kept her word and brought others into the fold, growing the Library’s funding base every day. As Larinn’s mom and a reading tutor, Catherine Moore says, “Carolyn is fantastic at organizing us and always inspires me with her dedication, energy, and grace.” Thank you, Carolyn!



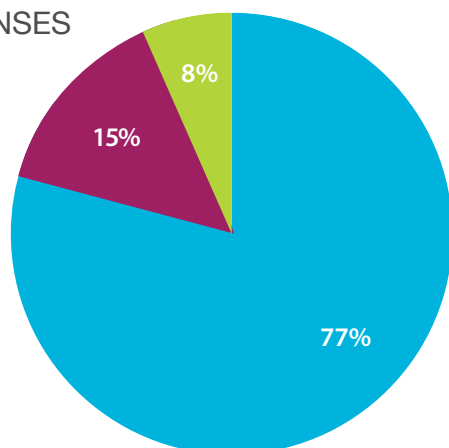
Former Literacy Center student, **Larinn Hilgemann**, now a mechanical engineer for Raytheon, said, “As a third grader, I did not like going to literacy training, but I knew I needed it. I’m dyslexic and learn-

ing to read was hard. They let me come an extra year and over the summer. Instead of falling further behind, I learned! As Carolyn Fisher says, ‘If you can read, you can succeed!’”

## Library Operations FY 22

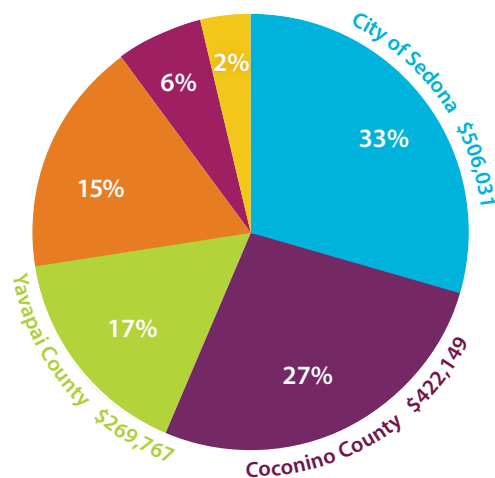
Expenses include depreciation, per the FY 2022 audit. Support and Revenue presented does not include in-kind contributions or investment gains or losses. Bequests & Gifts totaling \$1,268,380 were directed to the Capital and Real Estate fund.

### EXPENSES



■ Library Services \$1,264,399  
■ Administration \$251,615  
■ Fundraising \$133,177  
**\$1,649,191**

### SUPPORT and REVENUE



■ ■ ■ Government \$1,197,947  
■ Gifts, Grants, and Bequests \$236,984  
■ Friends of the Sedona Library \$90,355  
■ Sponsorships & Other Income \$23,533  
**\$1,548,819**



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