

October 2023

This year the Arlington Libraries Foundation celebrated 10 years of investing in the libraries we love! With your support, we have granted more than \$500,000 over the last decade for the Robbins and Fox Branch Libraries.

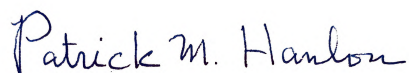
These gifts reach every corner of our community. Library visitors of all ages come looking for their next great read, a comfortable place to work, or to explore one of the most beautiful buildings in Arlington. Some visit for the engaging programs and expansive resources. Others access library materials like downloadable eBooks, audiobooks, or research tools through the library's 24/7 branch, robbinslibrary.org. **But every single visitor has one thing in common – their library experience is better because of generous support from the Arlington Libraries Foundation.**

Through donors like you the Arlington Libraries Foundation funded:

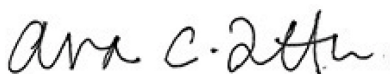
- books and digital downloads
- a new Speed Reads collection at the Fox Branch Library
- comfortable and accessible seating in the Teen Space
- additional support for the Robbins Children's Library on Sundays
- important conversations around disability rights during Arlington Reads Together.

A gift to the Arlington Libraries foundation is truly a gift to the community. Thank you to all who have supported us over the last 10 years. I hope that we can count on you to make the next 10 years just as impactful.

With gratitude,



Patrick M. Hanlon
Chair



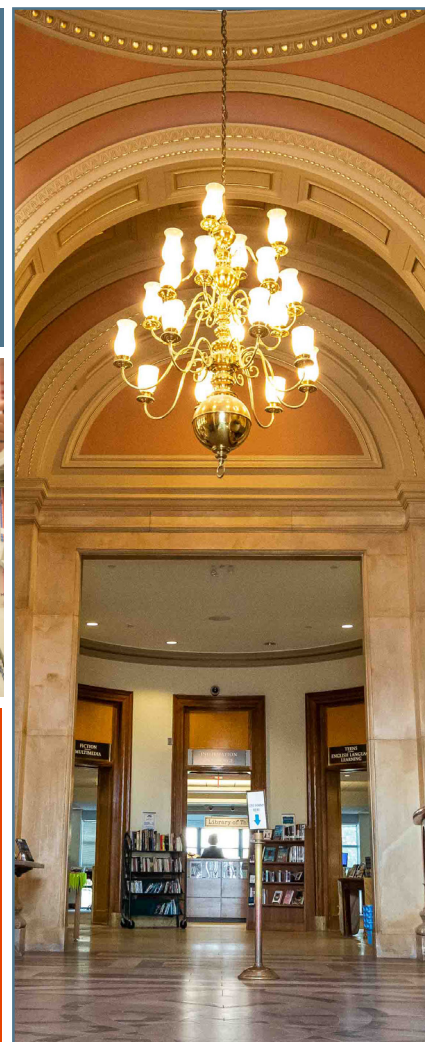
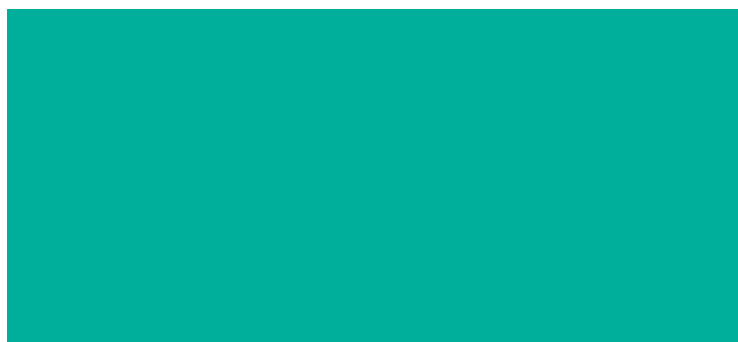
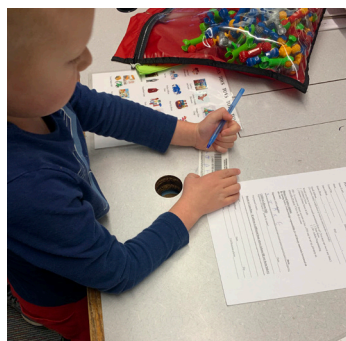
Anna Litten
Director of Libraries

P.S. You can read about ALL of the ways your donation has made an impact in our Annual Report. If you would prefer a copy be mailed to you, please contact us at info@arlingtonlibrariesfoundation.org



ARLINGTON LIBRARIES FOUNDATION

2022-23 Annual Report



Celebrating **10 YEARS** of investing in the libraries we love

SNAPSHOT

COMMUNITY WIDE INITIATIVES

Arlington Reads Together Speaker	\$6,500
Civic Engagement Programs	\$1,000

ADULT SERVICES

Overdrive Advantage e-Books	\$36,500
Overdrive Advantage e-Audiobooks	\$17,500
Books	\$1,000
Paperbacks	\$800
Hoopla	\$7,000
Arlington Author Salon	\$300

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Program Tools	\$300
Books	\$3,000
Graphic Novels	\$1,500
Learning Abilities Collection	\$700

TEEN SERVICES

Summer Reading Titles	\$1,500
Summer Reading Prizes	\$700
Teen Room Furniture	\$0

*** Rolled over unused ART funds*

FOX BRANCH

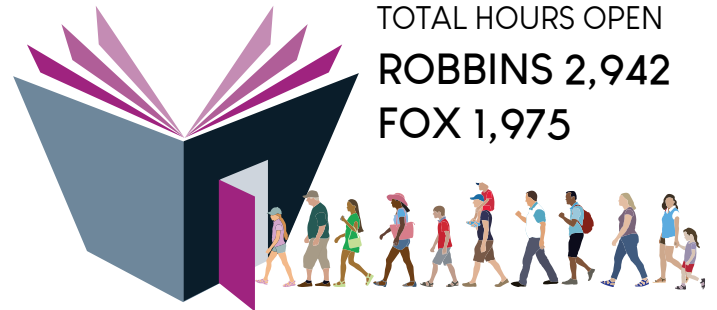
Children's Books	\$3,000
Adult Speed Read Books	\$2,000
Readalongs	\$3,280

SUNDAY STAFF

Additional Children's Librarian	\$5,500
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Carryover from previous year -\$1,426

TOTAL **\$90,654**



TOTAL HOURS OPEN
ROBBINS 2,942
FOX 1,975

TOTAL BOOK
CIRCULATION
632,786



TOTAL AUDIO
CIRCULATION
74,555

DONOR RECOGNITION

Donors like YOU make all of this possible and we want to sincerely thank you! Starting in FY 2024, we will be publicly listing donors on our website. If you don't want to be included, please email us at info@arlingtonlibrariesfoundation.org. We look forward to rolling out more donor recognition initiatives in the coming years. After all, we couldn't do any of this without your generous support.

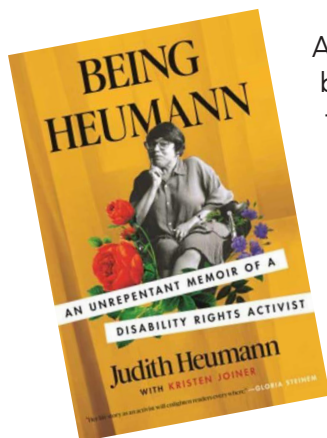
TOTAL EBOOK
CIRCULATION
122,423



YOUR GIFTS AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Your generous contributions, gifted to the library in a **\$90,654 grant** (plus a \$1,426 carryover from the previous year) help the libraries remain vibrant and relevant to the Arlington community. Some highlights include:

ARLINGTON READS TOGETHER



Arlington Reads Together (ART) brings community members together to learn and connect around issues facing Arlington. In 2023 the featured ART title was *Being Heumann*, by noted disability rights advocate Judy Heumann who was scheduled to present on March 19. However, we joined the world in mourning the untimely death of Ms. Heumann on March 4, 2023.

Together with the Friends of Robbins Library, we shifted funding priorities to co-sponsor a performance by Abilities Dance, an inclusive dance troupe. ALF funds also supported the Understanding Our Differences Communication Station Program, giving attendees an opportunity to learn about different communication tools available for vision, hearing, and mobility impaired communities.

DIGITAL CONTENT

Hoopla and OverDrive Advantage

Arlington residents love easy-to-access downloadable ebooks and audiobooks. With a 92% increase over the last five years, the Arlington Libraries Foundation supports the rapidly rising demand for Libby and Hoopla titles available to check out on a Kindle, iPad, or other device.

TEEN SUMMER READING PRIZES

Support for Teen Summer Reading raffle prizes brings a fun twist to summer reading and helps keep Arlington's teens engaged in reading at a time when many students stop reading for pleasure.

LEARNING ABILITIES COLLECTION

All kids should find magic in reading! This new collection offers materials specifically for young readers with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities.



ARLINGTON AUTHOR SALON

The Arlington Author Salon is a free reading series where four times a year, three local authors present a reading and something special to tickle the senses. This series grew out of a grant from the Mass Cultural Council. Arlington Libraries Foundation became supporting partners in 2023.

FOX SPEED READS

Want to grab a popular book without a long wait? Speed Reads, with no holds and no waits, are a great option for finding a new book. In FY23 we supported a new Speed Read collection at the Fox Branch Library, bringing another popular service to East Arlington.



SUNDAY STAFF SUPPORT

Support for Children's Librarian staff on Sundays ensures that visitors receive the same high quality help throughout the week.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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With your donations the Arlington Libraries Foundation exists to support the Arlington Libraries' collections and services, as well as any capital needs above and beyond what the Town provides. The majority of the \$176,819 in revenue was designated as unrestricted donations. These funds may be granted to the Arlington libraries to support initiatives the library leadership deems most appropriate.

REVENUE

Unrestricted Donations	\$161,481
Eleanor D. Maskell Family Fund Donations	\$9,000
Duffy-Rodriguez Fund Donations	\$250
Realized Investment Income	\$3,114
In kind Donations	\$275
Unrealized Investment Gains	\$2,698
TOTAL Income	\$176,819

EXPENSES

Grant to Libraries	\$90,654
Misc fees/business expenses	\$3,324
Printing/mailling	\$12,355
Marketing	\$3,853
Contractor/Consultant Expenses	\$5,655
TOTAL Expenses	\$115,842

YEAR END ASSETS

Cash accounts	\$227,021
Duffy-Rodriguez Fund	\$61,979
Eleanor D. Maskell Family Fund	\$29,830
TOTAL	\$318,830

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