

St. Joseph Public Library

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Thank you for your service!



Children's Programs

Storytimes, book clubs, crafts, Racing to Read, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and more throughout the year! Pictured is Librarian Will Stuck reading to kids at the *Dr. Seuss Birthday Brunch Bonanza* in February. The event was part of a Racing to Read Library Services & Technology grant, administered by the Missouri State Library. This was a cooperative effort between the St. Joseph Public Library, United Way, Parents as Teachers, and local businesses who donated supplies, food and funds. 779 people attended on a cold February day!

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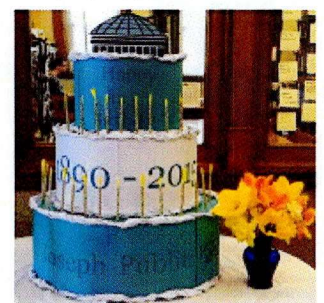
Brad Weil

The Foundation hosted a fundraiser on April 17, 2015 to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the St. Joseph Public Library.

The Foundation funded a complete upgrade and modernization of the audiovisual equipment in the East Hills Library Theater. Over 300 community groups used the meeting rooms at East Hills during the year.

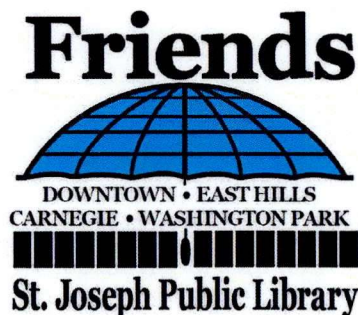


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Libraries Change Lives: Today, you need a computer with Internet access to submit applications for most jobs. A man in his early 20s used the computers at the Carnegie Library for several months to apply for jobs. He not only got a job, but was also recently able to purchase a car.

Libraries Matter!



Friends of the St. Joseph Public Library

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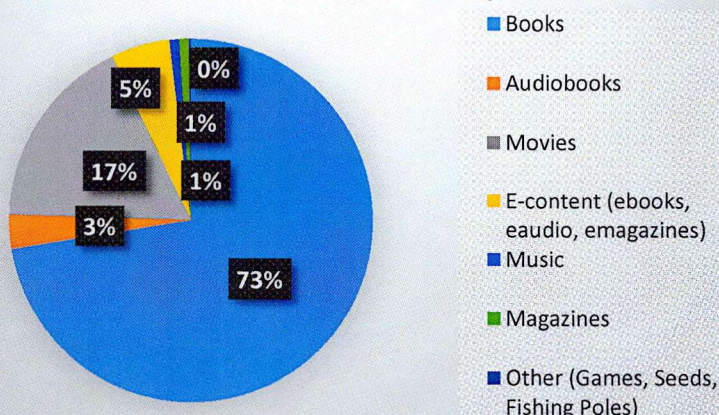
The Friends provide the funding yearly for our most popular program – the Summer Reading Program. The theme for 2014 program was *Fizz Boom Read!* Ninety-four babies, 1,624 children and 230 teens enrolled. Thank you to the many local businesses and organizations who donate prizes and funds to this program. **Kids who participate in Summer Reading are better prepared for school in the fall than kids who don't read over the summer.**

The Friends also provided free books for children attending Pumpkinfest, children and teens at Juneteenth, and children and teens in crisis through the American Red Cross.

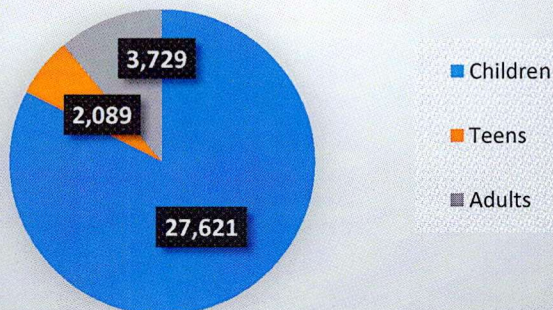
Join the Friends of the St. Joseph Public Library today!

Library Statistics

Total Checkouts: 368,889



790 Library Programs; 33,439 People Attended



Online at sjpl.lib.mo.us

INCOME

Local Tax Income	\$3,082,718
State Aid	\$ 32,532
Grants	\$ 28,285
Athletes & Entertainers	\$ 8,646
Donations	\$ 19,452
Fundraisers	\$ 1,736
CVB Rent	\$ 5,730
Other	\$ 20,801
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,199,901

EXPENDITURES

Personnel	\$1,654,158
Collection	\$ 227,508
Operations	\$ 676,448
COP Payment	\$ 615,228
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,173,342

Staff Administrative Council

Mary Beth Revels, Director
Audrey Sheets, Branch Manager, Carnegie
Karen Schultz, Branch Manager, Washington Park
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