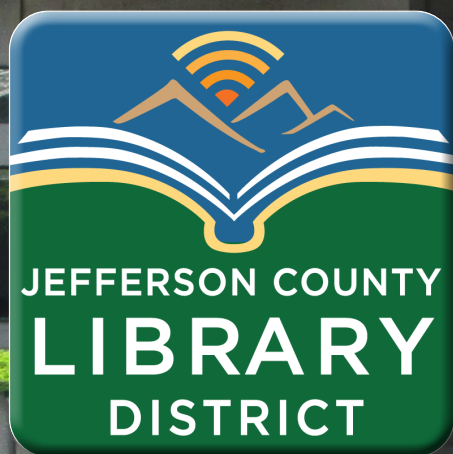


# Annual Report 2022

Feeding Minds  
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# From the Director

Growth and outreach were key focuses of the District in 2022. A mobile services expansion project was begun, with a goal of providing much-needed garage and storage space (and a future home for an electric delivery vehicle). Programs for young and young-at-heart were offered all around East Jefferson County: at the Library, on the Bookmobile, in area community centers, local schools, and through our HomeLibrary delivery program. The results of our Community Needs Assessment reinforced how patrons rely on our services, programs, and collaborations with community partners.

What's planned for 2023? Completion of the Hagen Building; computer classes, technology support, and other services provided by our Digital Equity Navigator; and welcoming Chimacum School District into the Cooperative Libraries of the Eastern Olympics (CLEO) Consortium. Stay up-to-date with the latest news by signing up to receive our weekly eNewsletter or following us on social media. We look forward to seeing you!

*Tamara R. Meredith*

## By the Numbers

<b>99,979</b> patron visits	reference questions answered <b>15,313</b>	<b>1,125</b> new cardholders
program attendance <b>5,739</b>	<b>items added</b> physical: 7,583 digital: 52,521	<b>384,568</b> items checked out
<b>7,903</b> computer sessions	database searches <b>24,198</b>	<b>10,830</b> Bookmobile visits

### Top 5 audiobooks

- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J. K. Rowling
- *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
- *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy
- *The Cat Who Talked Turkey* by Lilian Jackson Braun

### Top 5 print books

- *The Dawn of Everything* by David Graeber
- *Room for Everyone* by Naaz Khan
- *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown
- *Where's Waldo?* by Martin Handford
- *Watercress* by Andrea Wang

### Top 5 DVDs

- Dune
- The Marksman
- Best Sellers
- Knives Out
- Jungle Cruise

### Top 5 WOW items

- MiFi Devices (Verizon & T-Mobile)
- Frog and Toad Storybook Favorites (Kit)
- Check out Washington Backpack: Discover Pass
- Auto Diagnostic Scan Tool
- Bee Bot: Programmable Robot

## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional and contemporary homelands of the Chemakum, S'Klallam, Skokomish, and Snohomish peoples.

We will work with all local tribes to preserve and restore historical truths and ancestral wisdom for future generations. May we learn from one another's stories and foster strong relationships with all who share this land.

## Community Needs Assessment

In 2022, we conducted a Community Needs Assessment to answer the question, "What does our community need to thrive and be empowered by knowledge?" The over 740 responses have helped us focus on: combatting the dangers and negative impacts of mis- and disinformation; partnering with community organizations to support work that reduces barriers to housing, transportation, and addresses food insecurity; and working to market and sustain existing library services.



## Digital Equity

Our grant-funded Digital Equity Navigator position was launched in early 2022. This person serves all of East Jefferson County, with onsite services provided in Port Hadlock, Port Townsend, Quilcene, and Brinnon. Our Digital Navigator works directly with clients to apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), acquire low-cost service and devices, and also provides digital literacy training and general tech support. The Digital Equity Navigator position is fully funded through 2023.

## Partnerships

The Library District prides itself on collaborating with a wide range of partners in our community to advance our mission of "Feeding Minds and Fueling Dreams." Partners in 2022 included: Jefferson County Public Health; Brinnon, Quilcene, and Chimacum School Districts; Kaleidoscope Play and Learn; Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates; Jefferson County Public Works; WSU Master Gardeners; and many others. Together, we're working to support a thriving community empowered by knowledge!

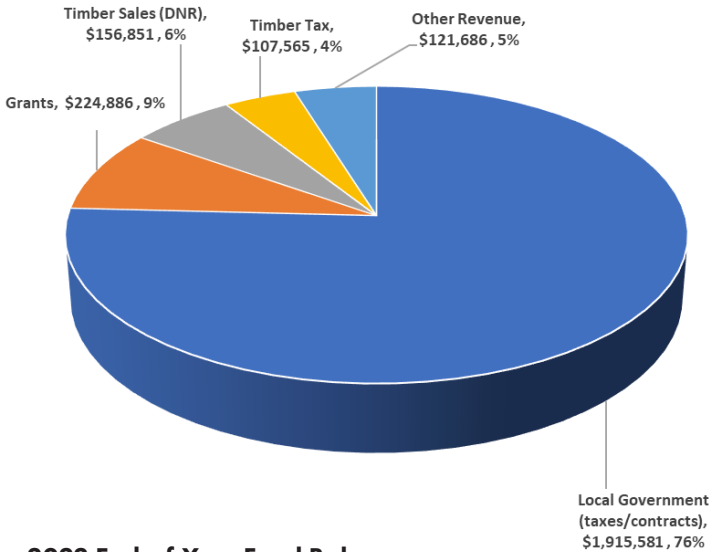


## Countywide Programming

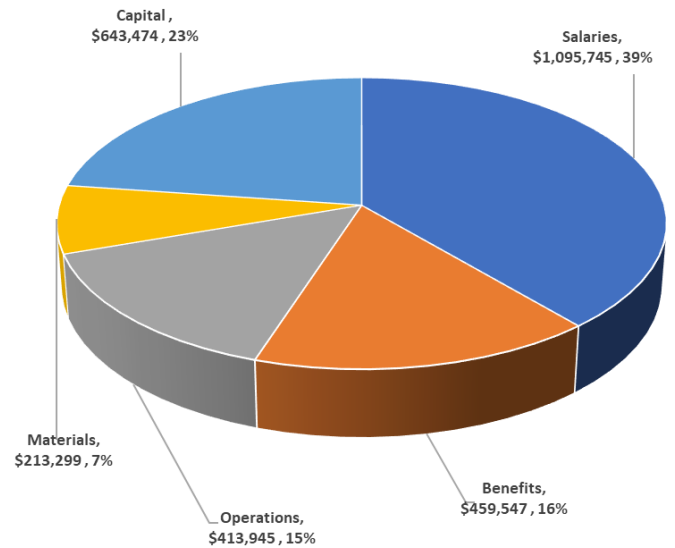
In addition to adding Digital Equity Navigator services around the county, we continued to expand our programs and events to reach patrons in Quilcene, Chimacum, and Brinnon. Storytimes were offered at H. J. Carroll Park in Chimacum and Worthington Park in Quilcene, programs were offered at Brinnon and Quilcene Community Centers, and our Youth Services Librarian spent many hours in our local schools connecting directly with students and teachers.

# Revenue and Expenses

## 2022 Revenue - \$2,526,569



## 2022 Expenses - \$2,826,010



### 2022 End-of-Year Fund Balances

General Fund	\$ 866,002
Unemployment Reserve	\$ 243,112
Board Designated Fund - Reserve	\$ 2,570,004
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,679,118</b>



The Jefferson County Library Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

### Friends of the Jefferson County Library District

An all-volunteer group dedicated to funding special projects for the library through funds raised from used book sales and membership fees. Visit <http://friendsjcl.org> for more information or to join.

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