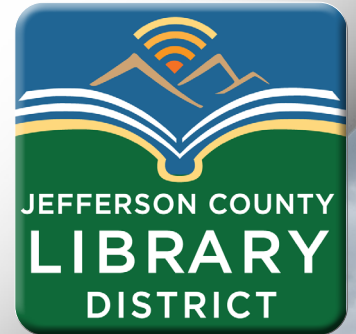


Feeding Minds - Fueling Dreams

# Annual Report

# 2023



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# From the Director

Greetings to all of our Jefferson County Library District friends – and thank you for a wonderful 2023! If you stopped by the Library, visited the Bookmobile, downloaded digital materials, or borrowed our items through one of our CLEO partners last year, you're part of this report – and part of the thriving community empowered by knowledge that we work to support each and every day.

In 2023, the Library District saw the completion of the Hagen Building, built to house our courier van and new eVehicle (slated to arrive in March 2024); created a dedicated space for our Friends of the Jefferson County Library (FOJCL) to hold their book sales; and added Chimacum School District libraries into our consortium of Cooperative Libraries of the Eastern Olympics (CLEO) partners. We grew our Digital Equity work by offering (very well-attended!) computer and internet basics classes throughout the county, and continued our partnerships with area agencies including WSU Extension's Master Gardeners and Jefferson County Public Health's Harm Reduction Services. Our program attendance continues to grow – in-person and online – and we have established regular programming events in South County, including weekly storytimes in Quilcene, summer reading events, book discussions, and programs such as mushrooming and hiking essentials. It was a busy year!

Looking ahead, we have many exciting events and projects on the horizon.

- As part of the District's commitment to sustainability and energy conservation, we are embarking on a full facility energy audit through the Department of Enterprise Services' Energy Program, the result of which will be recommendations for our planned solar installation as well as other opportunities for improved energy efficiency. We thank our Winter Giving 2023 donors who contributed over \$55,000 toward the future solar project!
- New technology is being added to the Humphrey Room (large meeting space) to improve the visibility and sound of presented media.
- Landscaping work around the Hagen Building is nearly complete and includes a rhododendron garden to honor the memory of Paul C. Anderson who left the Library District a significant donation in 2022.
- A new digital sign is slated to replace the old, inoperable sign at the corner of Ness' Corner Rd. and Cedar Ave.
- A modular "Annex" building is being designed to house Administrative Services offices and staff meeting space—it will be located next to the Library's staff entrance on the east side of the building. This added space is made possible by a generous gift from the estate of Gerald Boarino in 2023. The building will allow us to hire critical staff positions that we have been unable to physically accommodate (staff already share desks and trade off Work-From-Home days to make our existing spaces work). It will also significantly increase the number of hours our meeting rooms are available to the public (since District staff will have their own meeting space) and we will be converting an interior space into a small one-on-one consultation meeting room for the public as well.

Even with these substantial projects on our plate, we remain committed to our mission of feeding minds and fueling dreams across Jefferson County. That includes providing the best possible services, collections, and programs with the funding provided by our taxpayers, donors, and Friends of the Jefferson County Library. THANK YOU for a wonderful 2023, and we can't wait for you to see what we're bringing you in 2024!



Dr. Tamara Meredith, Library District Director



## Top 5 print books

- *Fluffy McWhiskers* by Stephen W. Martin
- *Norman Didn't Do It* by Ryan T. Higgins
- *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey
- *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

## Top 5 audiobooks

- *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- *The Cat Who Robbed a Bank* by Lillian Jackson Braun
- *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
- *The Light We Carry* by Michelle Obama
- *Spare* by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

## Top 5 DVDs

- *Where the Crawdads Sing*
- *The Duke*
- *Everything Everywhere All at Once*
- *The Banshees of Inisherin*
- *Coda*

## Top 5 WOW items

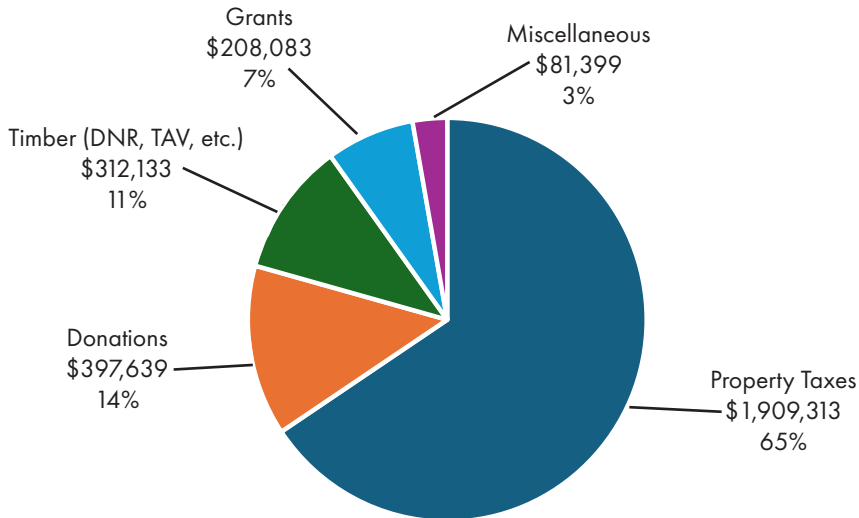
- MiFi Devices (Verizon & T-Mobile)
- Bitty Baby Doll Kit
- Frog and Toad Storybook Favorites Kit
- Dr. Seuss Kit
- Kendall (American Girl) Doll Kit

By the Numbers	JCLD*	CLEO*
Total Circulation	304,996	554,313
New Physical Items	5,808	12,161
Total Physical Items	57,601	182,067
Holds Satisfied	41,427	81,954
New Patrons	1,221	2,529

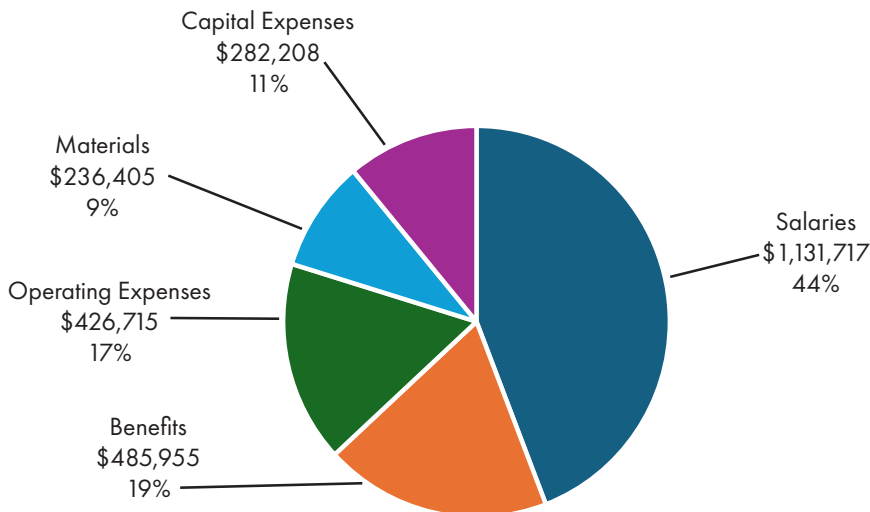
\*JCLD: Jefferson County Library District

\*CLEO: Cooperative Libraries of the Eastern Olympics (includes JCLD plus Brinnon, Chimacum, Port Townsend, and Quilcene School Libraries; Port Townsend Public Library; and McCurdy Maritime Center Library)

# Revenue and Expenses



**2023 Total Revenue – \$2,908,567**



**2023 Total Expenditures – \$2,563,000**

**Library District Director:** Dr. Tamara Meredith

## Jefferson County Library District Board of Trustees

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## Friends of the Jefferson County Library

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.

