



2024 ANNUAL REPORT




Celebrating 100 years, looking to the next!

2024 started our celebration of a rich history of education, arts and culture, and community partnerships. 2025 will build on this history and begin Wagnalls next chapter serving our community!



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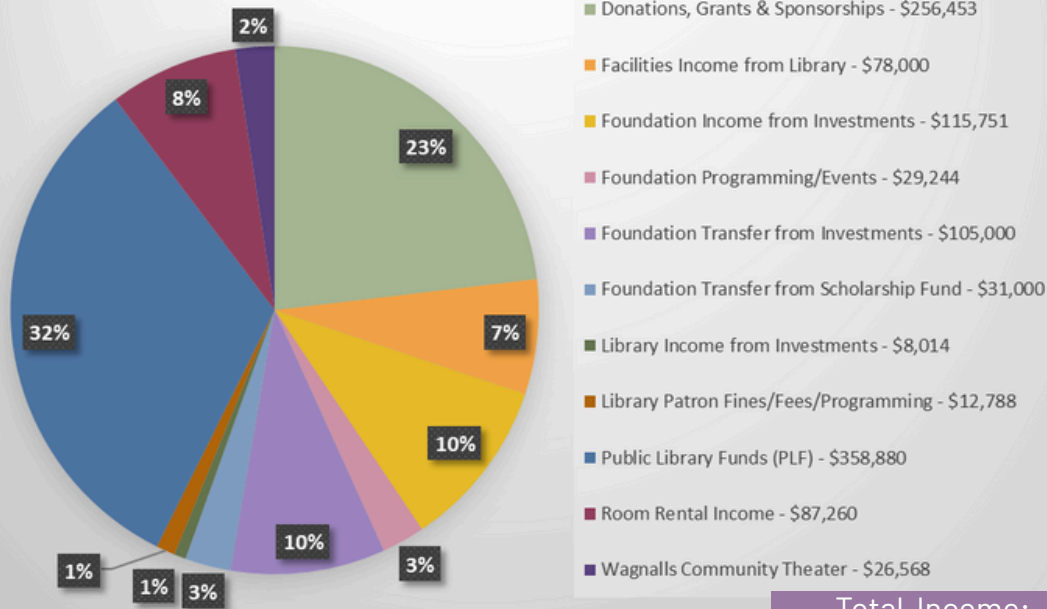
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Wagnalls Financials

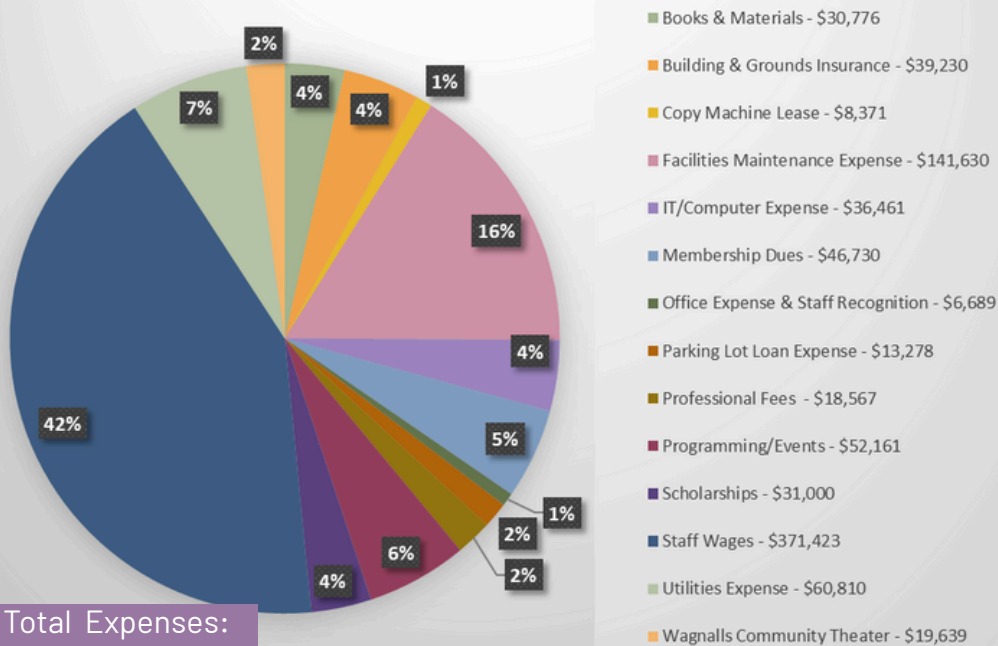
2024 brought significant resources to support the operations of the Memorial and begin some repairs and restoration work. The second annual gala raised approximately \$26,000. A private donor made a stock gift value just over \$100,000 for restoration of the original stained glass and lead glass windows. The Library was also a recipient of \$50,000 of OTSCIF monies through the State of Ohio budget thanks to Senator Shaeffer to repair windows in the library. Just a start to a very big undertaking.

The Wagnalls Memorial Operating Income



Total Income:
\$1,109,317

The Wagnalls Memorial Operating Expenses



Total Expenses:
\$876,764

Public Library Funds (PLF)

Our Library does not receive any county tax dollars. We do receive a portion of the State of Ohio's PLF. Over the past two years, our percentage of the Fairfield County PLF, has decreased by 1.49%, which is approximately \$75,000 annually. We received \$358,880 in PLF for 2024. We used \$50,000 in Library carryover funds on our 2024 budget, which we do not have for future years. This has resulted in the Library reducing/changes in staff and fewer hours of operation. Here is the breakdown of how these funds were spent.

Books & Materials	\$30,776
CLC Membership Dues	\$43,183
Facilities Maint. Exp.	\$82,085
IT/Computer Exp.	\$34,370
Library Staff Wages	\$204,793
Library Programming	\$13,612

Foundation Endowment

2024

Restricted/Scholarship Fund: \$1,286,062
Foundation Fund: \$ 630,026

2023

Restricted/Scholarship Fund: \$1,088,910
Foundation Fund: \$ 677,257

The Wagnalls Memorial Library

New Opportunities at the Library

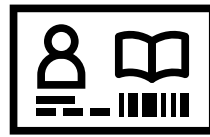
2024 brought new opportunities for our community to learn and express their talents. Inspired by the sharing of Wagnalls producing a student literary journal years ago by Carol Gaal, our historian, staff resurrected a teen literary journal, Ink & Stone. Teens from around central Ohio were published in the first edition!



In October 2024, the Lancaster- Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for our new Wagnalls Studio. Inspired by the enthusiasm of our Junior Librarians' podcasts, staff wrote and received a _____ grant from the Fairfield County Foundation. The studio is located in the Children's library. Patrons may book two-hour audio/video recording sessions after a brief orientation of the studio with our Tech Tutor.



Basic Library Stats



7,407
cardholders



35,256
unique visits
to the library



138,694
physical and
digital items
borrowed



7,763
participants
in 424
programs



63,011
items in the
collection



**2024 Volunteer of the Year, Nancy
Messerly**



2024-25 Scholarship Recipients

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers!

The beauty of Wagnalls and the excellent service our patrons receive is only made possible with the help of many volunteers! In 2024, 33 library volunteers gave over 1,000 hours of service, 15 gardeners gave over 300 hours, our webmaster is a volunteer, as well as our Wagnalls Community Theater production team!

We are grateful to Scout Troops 241 and 7241, the Bloom Carroll Football Team, the Bloom Carroll National Honor Society, and the Bloom Carroll Key Club for volunteering for grounds clean-up, spreading mulch, and decorating at Christmastime.

We welcome new volunteers! New opportunities are available. Stop in and chat with Deb Silvia, Executive Director to find out more.



Wagnalls is also incredibly grateful to our Friends of Wagnalls group. This an all-volunteer group has several fundraisers throughout the year to provide needed resources for the library and its programs. Please consider joining them as another way to support Wagnalls, friendsatwagnalls@gmail.com.



We're turning 100!

Since Memorial Day 024, we have been celebrating our centennial with a variety of activities highlighting our mission to continue building upon the Wagnalls legacy by serving as a hub of opportunities to foster community unity, diversity and appreciation through arts, culture and educational programs and services.

Join us on Memorial Day as we celebrate our 100th anniversary! We will be honoring David Wynkoop, local business owner and former board member; Lee and Peggy Smith who may have seen Mabel way back when; and Wretha Bowen, a local resident and former employee of the library. Local officials will join us and many fun activities are planned!