



Wright Memorial
Public Library

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Discover something new when you walk through the historic doors of Wright Memorial Public Library.



Dear Residents,

2022 marked the beginning of a new era for Wright Library, as the newly renovated space opened to the community. Fresh collections, new services, flexible meeting spaces, and hundreds of dynamic programs gave nearly 100,000 visitors and dozens of community groups a place to socially, culturally, and intellectually re-engage.

In addition, more than 400 people participated in a community survey that will help shape the library's future. Our new strategic plan is under development and will ensure the best in library services for years to come.

Thank you for your trust, support, and patronage. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kristi Hale, Director

BUILDING COMMUNITY, TOGETHER



EDUCATION

Lifelong learning is the heart of the library's mission. **Learn how people of all ages are discovering new ideas and acquiring new skills at the library.**



CONNECTION

In 2022, the library's newly renovated spaces came alive with performances, lectures, exhibits, author visits, STEM programs, book clubs, and more. **Learn more inside about how people are using the library.**



TRUST

The library continued its long history of outstanding fiscal stewardship of the community's investment. **Read more inside about the library's strong financial position.**

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Financial Review

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On time and under budget

Shrewd oversight during the library's 2021 renovation delivered improved accessibility, updated infrastructure, and revitalized community resources **within budget and completion forecasts.**



Community support



\$2 million in private financial gifts and pledges were an essential part of the historic preservation and renovation of

Wright Library. **Over the last 5 years, 100% of the facility has been restored and updated.**

Wise updates

New lighting, HVAC, and roofing resulted in a 1/3 reduction in consumption of gas and electric and a **\$4,688 reduction in the library's utility costs during 2022.**



ACCESS TO NEW SKILLS

On Wednesdays, patrons who need help with technology can drop by for individual support or assistance (above). This Tech Tutoring service is one example of how patrons of all ages acquire new skills and discover opportunities at the library.

DONOR-POWERED EXPERIENCES

Through private donations to the Wright Library Foundation, the community has greater access to unique educational opportunities, such as a family rocket launch event (bottom left), live music performances, and writing workshops taught by leading Ohio authors.

See a list of the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation 2022 Annual Campaign donors at wrightlibrary.org/foundation/donors.

2022 Revenues		2022 Expenses	
State Taxes	\$1,530,331	Salaries & Benefits	\$1,227,110
Local Property Taxes	\$902,973	Debt	\$411,898
Grants & Miscellaneous	\$269,446	Purchased Services	\$278,210
Interest	\$40,413	Materials	\$223,917
Fines & Fees	\$9,140	Supplies & Capital Outlay	\$71,392
Total	\$2,752,303	Total	\$2,212,527



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AN ASSET FOR TEENS

Tweens and teens flocked back to Wright Library in 2022. Teens utilized their new area to study together, collaborate on school projects, play games, and connect with friends.

Attendance numbers surged for after-school teen and tween programs in the new Community Room. Oakwood's school clubs and teams, such as the award-winning Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team, often study at the library.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Wright Library is a strong partner for Oakwood schools. Librarians visit classrooms, host field trips, and curate book collections for teachers to enhance their lessons. Wright Library and Oakwood City Schools continue to find innovative ways to collaborate to expand literacy and learning.

"The Teacher Collection service that Wright Library offers is a valuable resource to my classroom. It provides great additional materials for our units of study. "

- Tammy Parker, Harman Elementary Teacher

ONLY HERE: A PLACE TO EXPLORE

What happens at the library? Joy, discovery and learning take place every day — especially at signature events held throughout the year. In 2022, patrons of all ages found something at the library to engage their minds and hearts.

Author visits

In 2022, Wright Library launched a new partnership with the Dayton Literary Peace Prize to host a conversation with a prize-winning author. Jordan Ritter Conn, author of *The Road From Raqqa*, shared his poignant reporting about the lives of two Syrian brothers. Other authors visited throughout the year, including award-winning author and Oakwood native Ann Hagedorn.

Music performances

Rock and roll, bluegrass, jazz, and big band music filled the library as local musicians performed regularly, often engaging with the audience even after the show.

Special events

Mapping Equity in Dayton, an exhibit on loan from Sinclair Community College, encouraged the community to engage with the difficult subject of redlining and how it impacts communities today.

"Our family feels lucky to have such a great resource that we can walk to, and there's something for every one of us to enjoy. "

- Beth Buck, community member

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

With a groundswell of support from community volunteers and donors, a new native garden bloomed in 2022 at Wright Library. The garden received financial support from the Wright Library Foundation, Montgomery County, Four Seasons Garden Club, Girl Scouts of America, and MOMs of Oakwood. Efforts were bolstered by more than 100 volunteer hours. The goal: to become a destination for educational programs, host citizen science and other events for all ages, provide passive ecology education through educational signs, inspire residents to garden with native plants, provide a peaceful place to connect with nature, and create habitat for local and migrating pollinators, insects, and birds.

At right: Wright Library volunteers and staff celebrated being named Partner of the Year by Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment.

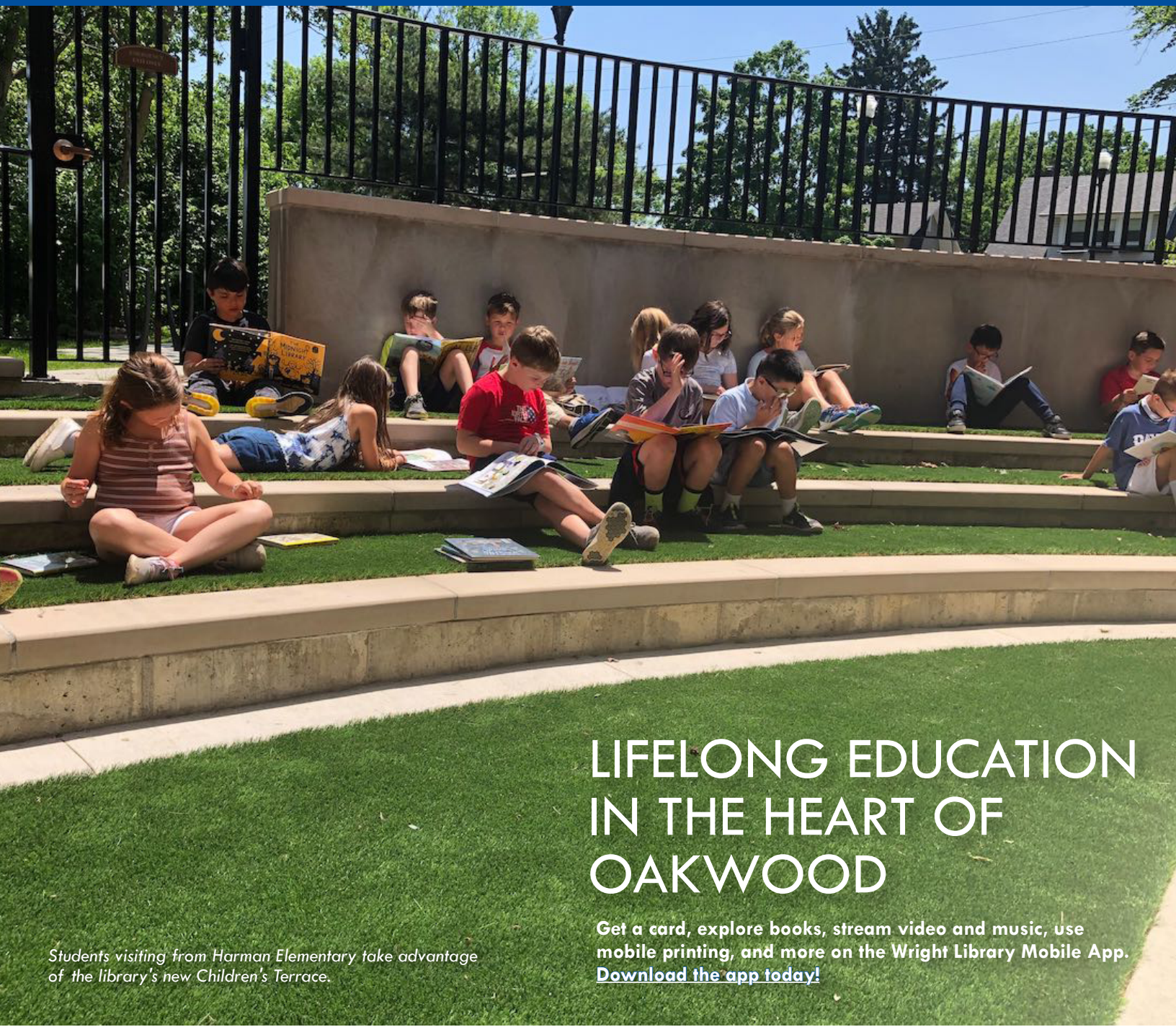




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LIFELONG EDUCATION IN THE HEART OF OAKWOOD

Students visiting from Harman Elementary take advantage of the library's new Children's Terrace.

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