2023 was a good year here at our library! We have seen growth in every one of our service areas. As you can imagine growth leads to an increase in expenses as we move into post-pandemic levels of service and staffing. Thanks to our supportive community and the mill levy you approved in 2019, our expenses are still less than our revenue. This is allowing the Board of Trustees to make thoughtful long term decisions and set funds aside for future major expenses and inflationary increases.

One of our recent service additions we are most excited about is our Library of Things! As a result of the Friends of the Library’s Colorado Gives Day fundraiser in 2022, along with generous donations from local donors, we were able to add a whole host of non-traditional items to our collection. Some of the varied things you can now checkout include snowshoes, a Pickleball set, musical instruments, an ice cream maker, an extra-long extension cord, a woodburning kit, and much more! You can see the full selection in our online catalog at www.prlibrary.org when you search “PRL Library of Things.”

Looking ahead to 2024 we are excited to add another new program, Learn Over Lunch, also thanks to our wonderful Friends of the Library.

We are grateful for all the insightful information you continue to share with us. Please continue to give us your feedback and suggestions. We are proud to be your community library. We appreciate your support and look forward to what the next year brings.

Sincerely, Brenda Marshall
strategic plan

**Mission**
Connecting Community

**Vision**
To serve the whole person and the whole community by:
- Sparking Curiosity
- Supporting Lifelong Learning
- Inspiring Creativity
- Expanding Cultural Opportunities
strategic plan

CONNECT
Outcome: Pine River Library is a hub for connecting community members to resources, possibilities, and one another.

INSPIRE
Outcome: Pine River Library promotes the arts and humanities by providing programs and materials of cultural interest and creating avenues for the community to share their creativity.

THRIVE
Outcome: Pine River Library helps the community thrive by promoting economic advancement and connection, and providing resources and opportunities.

ENRICH
Outcome: Pine River Library promotes lifelong learning through programs and opportunities for all ages.
your library in 2023

- 92,823 visits
- 11,985 cardholders
- 769 new library cards
- 42,335 items circulated
- 134 checkouts of 87 Library of Things items
- 105 passport services
- 297 notary services
- 1,824 new books
- 235 new DVDs
- 30,827 e-material downloads/streams
connect

- 62,962 public wi-fi logins

learn

- 9,525 people attended 765 programs

- 990 take and make kits distributed

give

- 45 Friends of the Library members

- $13,014 raised by the Friends Group

- 9,525 people attended 765 programs
2023 funding at a glance

Where the money comes from

- Property Taxes: 81%
- SOT Taxes: 10%
- Collection Revenues: 1%
- Donations & Grants: 2%
- Other: 2%
- Investment Interest: 2%

NOTE: These are unaudited numbers

- Total: $956,583

Where the money goes

- Personnel: 64%
- SOT Taxes: 10%
- Administration: 5%
- Repairs & Maintenance: 10%
- Books & Materials: 11%
- Furniture: 1%
- Technology: 5%
- Utilities: 2%
- Treasurer's Fee: 3%
- Programming: 2%
- Other: 2%

- Total: $771,646
thank you

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