



JOSEPHINE  
COMMUNITY  
LIBRARY   
FOUNDATION

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



## MISSION & VALUE

### MISSION

We foster a culture of giving to libraries in Josephine County to open minds to the past, present, and future.

### VISION

A world where knowledge and culture are accessible to all.

# GRANTS PASS LIBRARY

In June 2023, the foundation purchased property located between 6th and 7th Streets in downtown Grants Pass — the future site of a brand new library.

With the help of board members, local businesses, and community leaders, the foundation was able to purchase the property debt-free!

Original concept designs propose a community center to help expand the library's reach and revitalize that section of downtown. Updated concept designs will be presented for community review after an information-gathering and planning period.

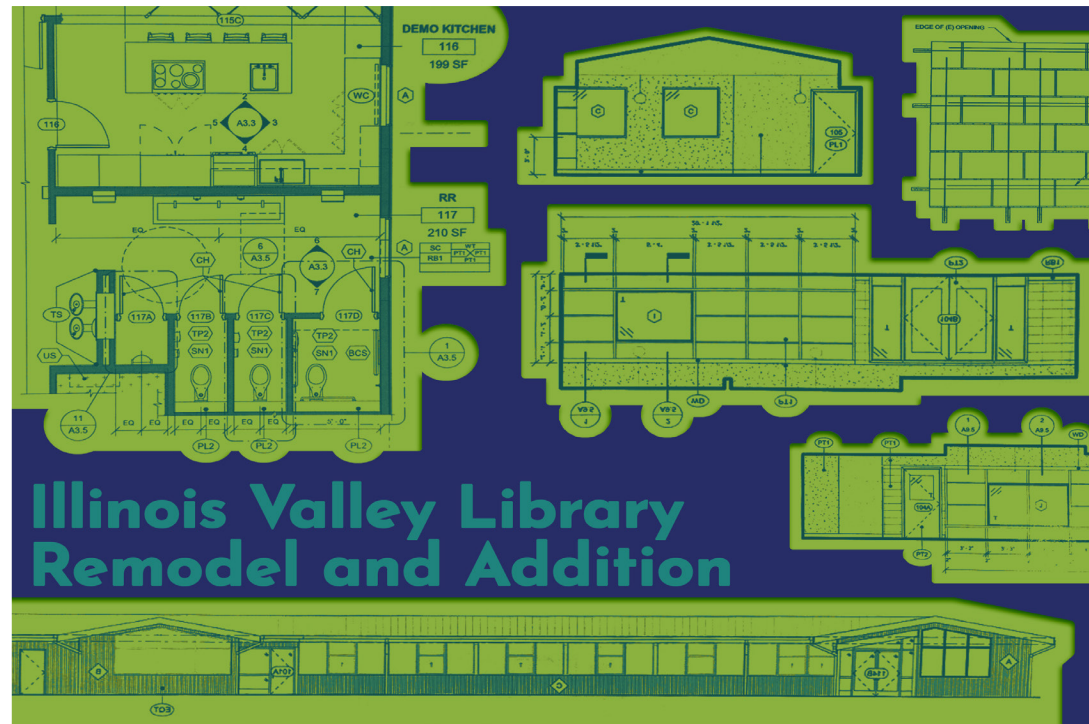


# ILLINOIS VALLEY LIBRARY

In partnership with the City of Cave Junction, the library district will renovate the Illinois Valley branch in 2024, a long-needed building update and expansion.

This year the foundation worked to align this project with its budget, through ongoing fundraising and grant applications.

The foundation secured funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) with support from Representative Lily Morgan and the Oregon State Legislature, as well as the Carpenter Foundation.



## Illinois Valley Library Remodel and Addition



# WILLIAMS LIBRARY

The new Williams branch is quickly becoming a reality. The foundation contracted with ZCS Engineering & Architecture and Vitus Construction to renovate an existing structure on a newly purchased property.

Updates include an ADA restroom and parking lot, broadband internet, and an expanded collection of books and materials. Construction began in June and is scheduled to finish in the fall of 2023.

The property purchase for this project was made possible by the sale of donated property in Williams, plus generous grants from the Four Way Community Foundation and the Oregon Community Foundation.





# WOLF CREEK LIBRARY

In May 2023, library volunteers and staff worked together to reconfigure the Wolf Creek branch to better suit the needs of school-age children.

Lower, age-appropriate shelving was installed and the children's area was arranged to suit the needs of young readers, including the library's partners at Sunny Wolf Charter School.

This reconfiguration was made possible by contributors to the foundation's annual drives.



# PROGRAMS & IMPROVEMENTS

In fiscal year 2022-23, the foundation supported the district with **\$64,538** to fund programs and improvements, including:

- Books for library collection
- Library card sponsorships
- Summer Reading Program online tool, printing, and partnerships
- Wi-Fi Hotspots Lending program
- Baby's First Book
- Teen/Tween Book Boxes
- Wolf Creek shelving reconfiguration
- Maintenance (HVAC repair and septic pumping)



# REVENUE & CONTRIBUTIONS

Our foundation depends on grant revenue and business and individual contributions to support our projects.

The foundation received **\$154,211.40** in annual contributions from **478 donors** with an average gift size of \$318.43.

We also received **\$547,485.68** in capital contributions from **221 donors**, with an average gift size of \$2,477.31.

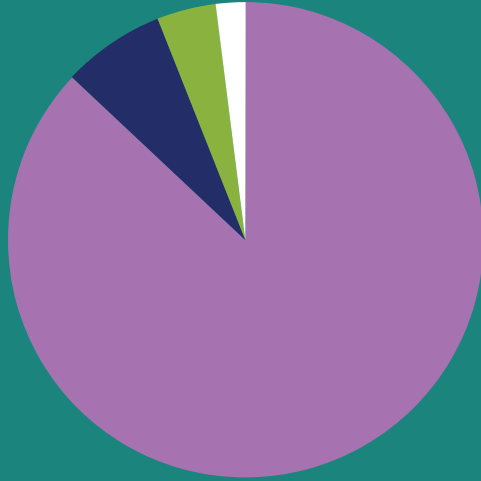
Community crowdfunds with matching donations by local grantfunders and businesses were our most successful fundraisers for the Williams and Grants Pass projects.





# EXPENSES & REVENUE

ANNUAL EXPENSES  
\$2,184,280.60



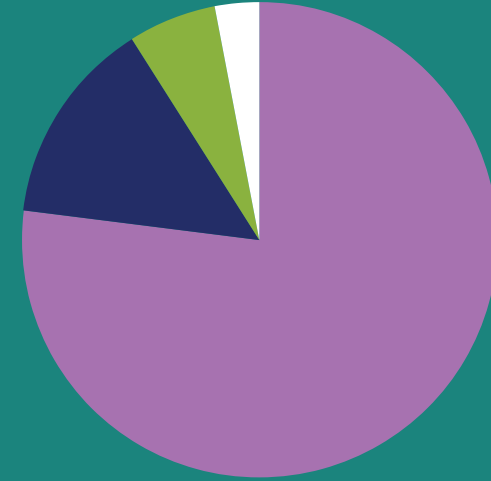
Capital expenses **87%**

Administrative **7%**

Library district support **4%**

Other **2%**

ANNUAL REVENUE  
\$1,491,776.51



Capital grants & contributions **77%**

Annual contributions **14%**

Investment income **6%**

Other **3%**





## STEERING COMMITTEE

Our foundation funds special projects which are beyond the reach of the library district's tax-funded operations budget, such as construction. The Capital Campaign Steering Committee is led by library district and foundation board presidents, and includes major donors and foundation board members. Their valuable input will be key in the next phase of our building projects.



## FOUR WAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Four Way Community Foundation sponsored our Next Chapters Crowdfund with a one-to-one matching capstone gift of **\$250,000**. Including this match, the crowdfund raised over **\$500,000** to support the purchase of our new property in downtown Grants Pass.

We are so thankful to Four Way Community Foundation for such an important gift!



# THANK YOU

Thank you to the donors, sponsors, and grantfunders who make our support of the library possible!

## SPONSORS AND GRANTFUNDERS

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