

Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2024





AND LEARNING CENTER

A Message from our Board Chair

As we close the books on Fiscal Year 2024, I am proud to share that the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation remains in a strong financial position, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our donors and the excellent stewardship of our resources.

Our independent audit reflects that the Foundation ended the year well, with our fundraising and release from net assets supporting all of our programming. We are especially grateful for the over \$500,000 donated this year through individual, corporate, and foundation contributions, which enabled us to fund vital library operations, programs, and outreach efforts.

This year, we invested over \$1.5 million in program services, including support for extended library hours and enriching educational programming. We also continued to manage our operations efficiently, with a clear focus on maximizing the impact of every dollar entrusted to us.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to Beth Needel, who served as the Foundation's Executive Director for a decade, including through the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. Her leadership and dedication have left a lasting legacy. During the transition, we were fortunate to have the expert guidance of Sarah Blumenfeld, Kathi Torres, and Sarvi Anderson, who skillfully managed the Foundation during the search for a new Executive Director.

I am also delighted to take this opportunity to welcome Carol Varney as the new Executive Director of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation. Carol brings a wealth of experience in nonprofit leadership and a deep commitment to community engagement. We are excited for the vision and energy she brings to this role and look forward to the next chapter of growth and innovation under her leadership.

Thank you again for your continued support. Together, we are building a vibrant, inclusive, and inspiring future for our library and our community.

With gratitude,

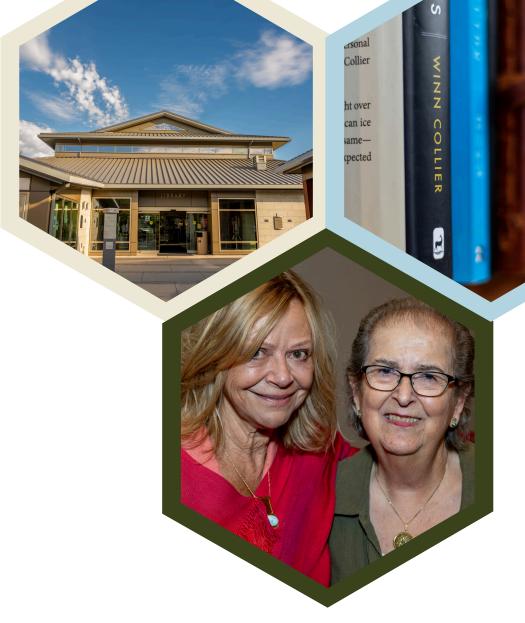
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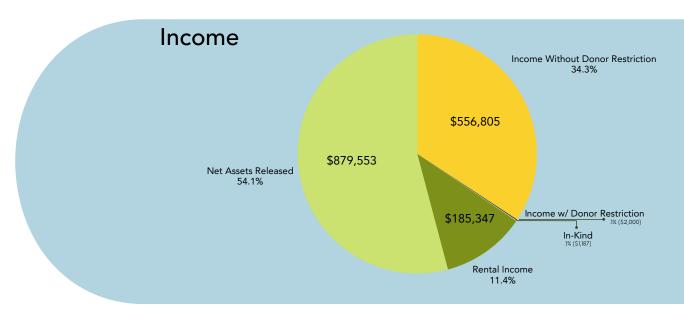


Foundation Moments



2024

Financial Summary



Total: \$1,624,892

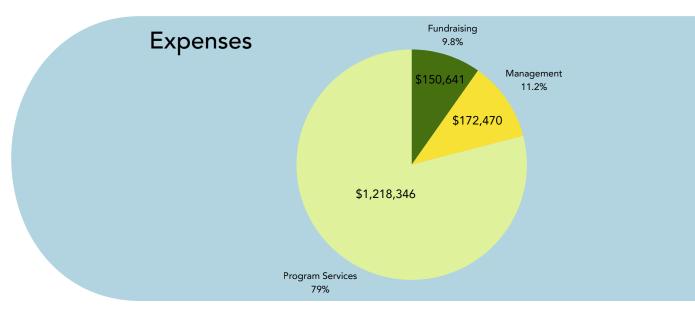
Investment Income: \$2,977,232

In FY2024, the Foundation fundraised and earned income of \$1,624,892 — support we are deeply grateful for, as it sustains the many essential aspects of the library's operations, from staffing to keeping the lights on every day. We also received \$2,000 in income with donor restrictions and are excited to begin building our program endowment with this dedicated donor support; with another program support pledge of \$1M, we are thrilled to begin to imagine a future of programming that engages the entire community and lives up to the vision of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center as a true regional resource.

In addition to raised and program earned funds, \$185,347 in rental income not only provided vital funding, it also enlivened the Lafayette Library and Learning Center by bringing more people into the LLLC's vibrant spaces and showcasing all it has to offer.

Whether you made a gift to the Foundation, rented a space, or attended a program, we are incredibly grateful for your support!

Financial Summary



Total:\$1,541,457

The Foundation's total expenses for FY2024 were \$1,541,457, with 79.04% dedicated to Program Services, reflecting the organization's strong commitment to its mission. Management accounted for 11.19%, and fundraising made up 9.77% of total expenses. With a staff of fewer than four full-time equivalents (FTEs), the Foundation focused the majority of its time and effort on delivering impactful programming and ensuring consistent support for library campus operations. More than \$1M of the expenses went to support for the City of Lafayette for its staffing of building services for the Library, for climate control, landscaping and more. You can see the total budget for the Library on the City's website, on page 34 and 102.

The Impact of Your Support: 2024

What does your support mean for the Lafayette Library and Learning Center?

More Library Hours: Over 800 "extra" library hours that are paid for by donors to the Foundation. This means that the Lafayette Library and Learning Center is open more than 40 hours every week, including evenings and Saturdays, something that would not be possible without your support!

A Vibrant Space through Rentals: The Foundation manages all of the rental spaces for the Lafayette Library and Learning Center, and in fiscal year 2024, more than 300 companies, nonprofit organizations, small businesses and community members chose the LLLC as their preferred place to hold a board meeting, a bar or bat mitzvah, a board meeting, a birthday party, a fundraiser, a piano recital, a class, or a celebration of life (among many other events). Thank you for choosing to rent a space that gives back to your library.

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Support for Teens at SWELL: In the summer of 2023, the teen SWELL program welcomed more than hundreds of teens from throughout the region, inviting them to connect with one another and have a space of their own.

Learning at Foundation Sponsored Programs: The Foundation sponsored a number of programs through its Distinguished Speakers Series in the 2024 fiscal year with authors presenting to a packed community hall. From Paul Madonna to Charan Ranganath and Joyce Maynard, audiences totaling more than 400 were welcomed to learn about science, fiction writing, the art of drawing and more.

In fall of 2023 the Foundation also held a joyful retirement celebration in honor of the Foundation's Executive Director, Beth Needel, who served the Lafayette Library and Learning Center and its community for a decade. Beth ushered in projects like Teen SWELL, the Children's Deck, and so much more. Thank you, Beth, for your service!







Thank You to Our Donors!

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering commitment of our donors. Your generosity plays a vital role in sustaining our mission to inspire learning, foster community engagement, and enrich lives through access to knowledge and culture.



Thank you for being a cornerstone of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center's continued success.

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vibrant hub at the heart of our community,
and it is because of supporters like you
that it will remain a vital resource for
generations to come.



