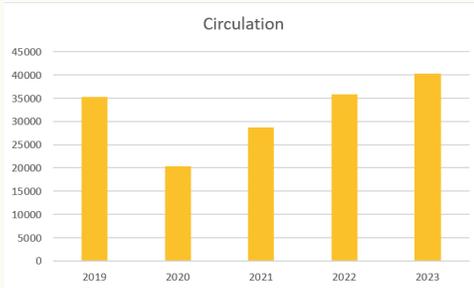


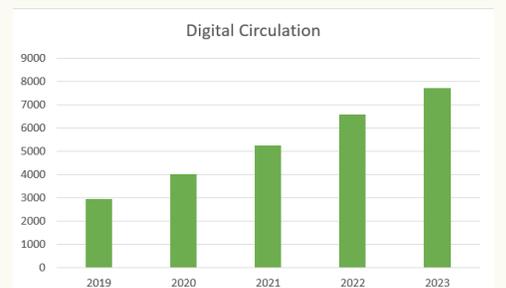
BUSHNELL-SAGE LIBRARY

INFORMING, EDUCATING, AND CULTURALLY ENRICHING
THE RESIDENTS OF SHEFFIELD, MA

CIRCULATION



In 2023, Bushnell-Sage Library circulated **40,227 items**, checking out **more than 5000 items over pre-pandemic numbers**. Many other libraries in CW MARS (Central and Western Massachusetts Resource Sharing, a diverse multi-type library consortium made up of over 100 member libraries) have yet to return to their pre-pandemic circulation numbers. We also circulated **7719 digital items**, a 17% increase over 2022.

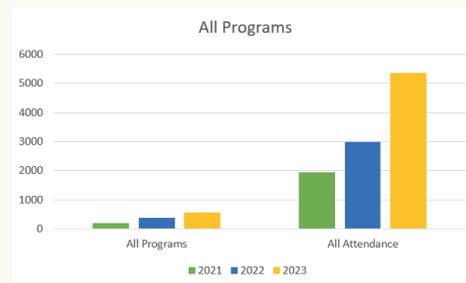


DAILY VISITORS



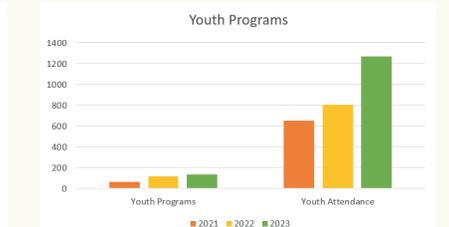
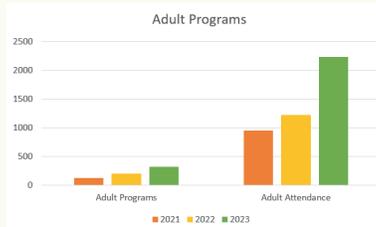
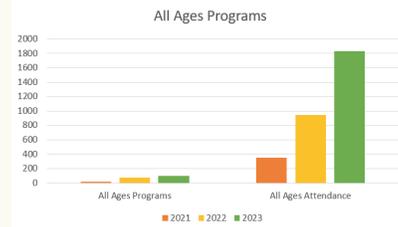
We welcomed **27,057 visitors**, a 28% increase from 2022, and signed up **154 new cardholders**. We are proud to offer **six days of service** to the public, including two evenings and both weekend days.

PROGRAMMING



We hosted **554 events** with a total of **5351 attendees** (an 80% increase). This included **98 all ages programs** with **1830 attendees**, **136 youth programs** with **1268 attendees**, **316 adult programs** with **2230 attendees**.

Partnerships included South Berkshire Kids, Sheffield Saves, Sheffield Tree Project, Sheffield Land Trust, Cadmus Lifesharing, Canine Link Therapy Dogs, Berkshire County One Book, One Community read, Beekeepers Theater, Berkshire Quilters Guild, and Sheffield Historical Society.



SUMMER READING

Summer Reading 2023: Find Your Voice was a big success! With our revamped activity sheets and expansion of the program to pre-readers, we had a total of **63 readers**, an **80% increase**, raise over **\$230 for local non-profits**. Thank you to the Friends of Bushnell-Sage Library for sponsoring Nile and the Whalemobile for our end-of-summer celebration.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

The library was the recipient of a generous gift from the Butler Sculpture Park. The library grounds now feature **two outdoor sculptures by Robert Butler**, the playful “Red Legs” in front of our library and the sweeping “In Free” on our back lawn.

Many thanks to Susan Butler, Tomich Landscape Design, Wilkinson Excavating, Library Trustees, the Friends of the Bushnell-Sage Library, and Sheffield Highway Department for their tireless work in installing these works of public art.



CROSSROADS: CHANGE IN RURAL AMERICA



Nearly 4000 visitors came to see the exhibit, hosted in the library's program room from March 26 through May 6. The program committee and our partners also ran **eleven events** and **three local exhibits** across town at locations such as Dewey Hall, Old Parish Church, Old Stone Store, Dan Raymond House, and Trinity United Methodist Church in Ashley Falls that drew **over 500 attendees**.

Thank you to our community partners for the Crossroads grant, which included Sheffield Historical Society, Sheffield Land Trust, Housatonic Heritage, South Berkshire Regional School District, Fairview Hospital, the First Congregational Church of Sheffield, Dewey Hall, the “Rural Berkshires: Always Adapting” art show committee chaired by Pattie Owen, and the Friends of the Bushnell-Sage Library.

