

# 2023

GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

Glencoe's place to discover, connect, and enjoy.



## **2023 BY THE NUMBERS**







**74,695** patron visits (up 47% from 2022)

**164,114** physical checkouts

**42,127** digital checkouts

17,108 questions answered

### **Collection Highlights**

**57,323** books

**1,062,740** eBooks

5,290 audio recordings

729,919 eAudio recordings

8,378 DVDs

129 print magazines & newspapers

**40** premium database subscriptions

Your preferences in library materials are changing, and we're changing with you. In 2023, we expanded our collection of eBooks by 17% and our eAudio recordings by 233%!

## YEAR IN REVIEW

Patrons poured back into the library building this year (a 47% increase over 2022) and many were headed to programs. Our vast array of offerings for kids included a family STEAM expo, an instrument petting zoo, Dot Day, a portable planetarium, Dino-Vember, and a bubble-themed summer reading club. Adult options included presentations on Glencoe's black heritage (with the Glencoe Historical Society), a panel discussion on libraries as the last public space, and a new series of craft programs. 2023 also saw the debut of our **Library of Things**, which lends non-traditional, occasional-use items to Glencoe cardholders. Now you can check out a Roku, a GoPro camera, a telescope, a metal detector, a ukulele, and much more!

**425** in-library and virtual programs (up 36% from 2022)

**9,753** program attendees

**253,050** views and **5,943** hours of watch time on both YouTube channels

Including community and school outreach events, overall attendance for library programs increased 30% over 2022.



Young patrons spun the summer reading club prize wheel 1,934 times in 2023.

In 2023, the library learned it was designated one of 2022's **America's Star Libraries** by *Library Journal*. The ranking was based on our 2020 statistics for per capita circulation, visits, program attendance and other criteria. We're doing our best to keep up the good work for a great community!

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