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Message from the Foundation Chair



Kim Patton

Chair, The Library Foundation

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As I reflect on 2024, I’m proud to say this was a year of growth and impact for both the Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library (TSCPL) and The Library Foundation. With TSCPL’s strategic plan guiding the way, the Foundation took meaningful steps toward supporting new and exciting projects that will enhance our library for years to come.

One of the most significant initiatives we embraced in 2024 was the renovation of the Kid’s Library. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we were able to raise funds that will transform this space into a vibrant, engaging area where children and teens can learn, play, and connect. Beyond this major project, the Foundation also continued to fund a variety of smaller improvements throughout the library, ensuring that every corner of TSCPL evolves to better serve our community.

We are deeply grateful for the support we received in 2024. Your contributions are making a visible difference, and we hope you take pride in the positive changes happening within the library. Together, we can continue to strengthen and enrich this incredible resource, making it a lasting source of inspiration and learning for all.

Thank you for being a part of our journey!

Message from the Library CEO



Marie Pyko

CEO, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library

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A Year of Stories, Connections, Community and Joy Thanks to You!

As I walk through our amazing library, visit a bookmobile or stop by a Red Carpet Outreach delivery, I witness the joy and excitement of people connecting over stories, learning and the arts. Each day between 1500-2000 people visit the library. Some come to step into the wonderful Alice C. Sabatini Gallery and experience our wonderful creative exhibits like the Floor is Lava or Immersed. Some join our Kids Library staff to share stories, dance and sing while learning about animals, colors or letters. Some spend hours working on their job readiness skills, creating a podcast or designing an imprint with our cricut in the Level 2 Tech Center. Some get to meet and listen to nationally recognized authors and experts such as Lisa Scottoline or Kenneth B. Morris. Some spend the afternoon browsing the fiction collection, finding that perfect book to relax and read in our newly remodeled Reader's Lounge.

The Library is a magical and special place in our community. It's a space where stories come to life, ideas are shared, and connections are made. It's a place where everyone belongs.

Thank you for being a vital part of our library family. We couldn't do it without you. We are excited for what the future holds, and we are confident that together, we can continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our community.

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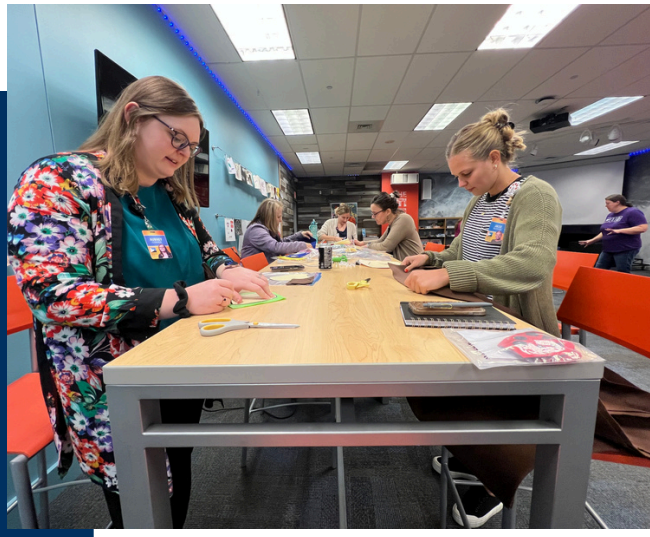

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Kathryn Moore
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Patrick A. Sampson
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Angie Reed
Deborah Reiff
Nancy Rice
Brad Rogers
Regina and Dick Rohlfs

Under $100

Rance and Lorraine Sackrider
Jon and Kathy Schaefer
Susan Schafer
Sylvia Schiller
Katherine Slattery
Mary Ann Slattery
Mary Ellen Slattery
Michael and Janel Stadler
Carolyn and Beryl Stewart
Mary Strong
Karen and Roland Swanson
Beverly Summers
Nora Teague
Lawrence Tenopir
Topeka Civic Theatre
Town and Country Christian Church
Senior Saints
Brenna Truhe
Linda Tuller
Terri Lynn Tyler
Hannah Uhlrig
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Luanne Webb
Western Sorosis Club
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E K. Willis
Linda Willis
Caroline Wittman
Greg & Ardith Woertz
Kari Zimmerman



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

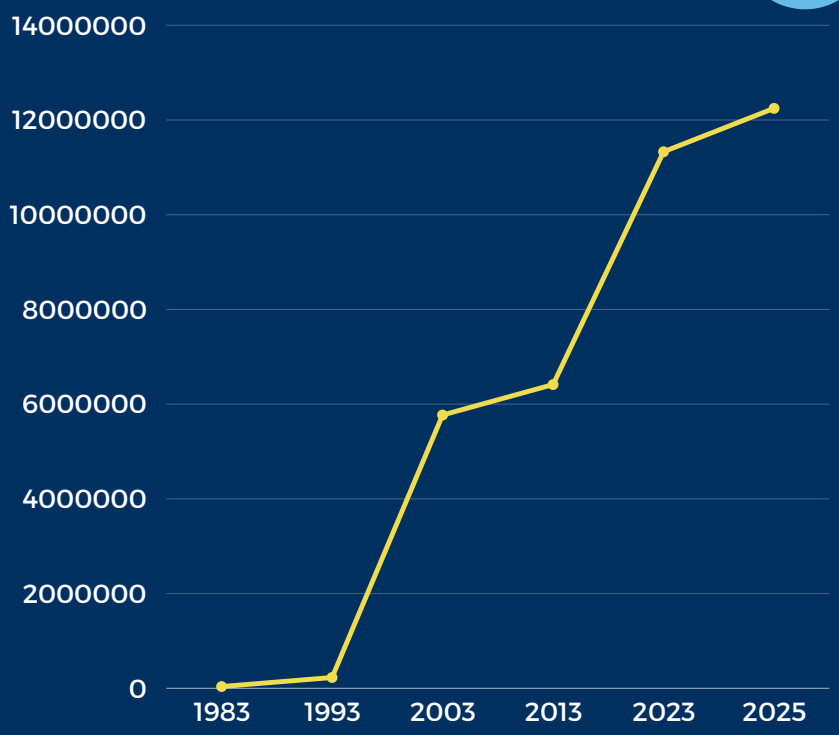
5,688
kids served

$1,444,227
lifetime raised

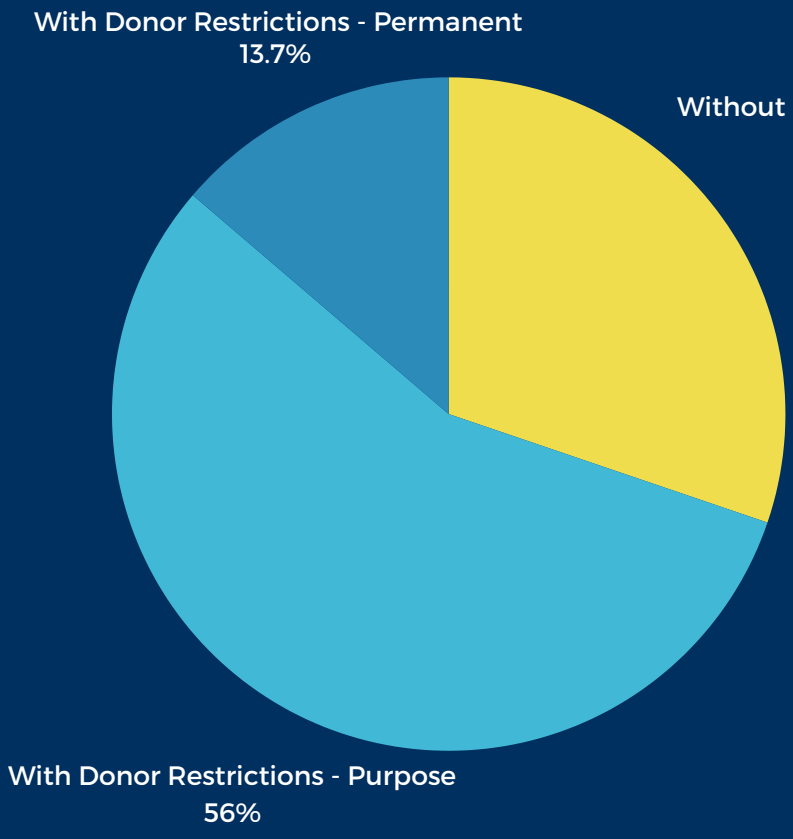
$39,403
raised in 2024



Asset Growth



Assets in 2024



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