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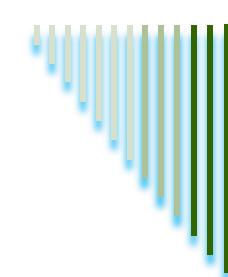
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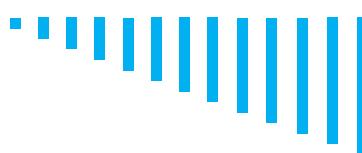


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2024**



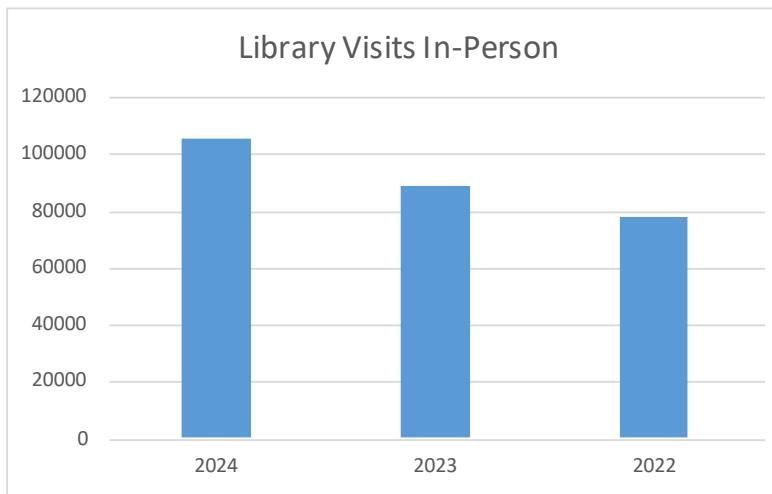
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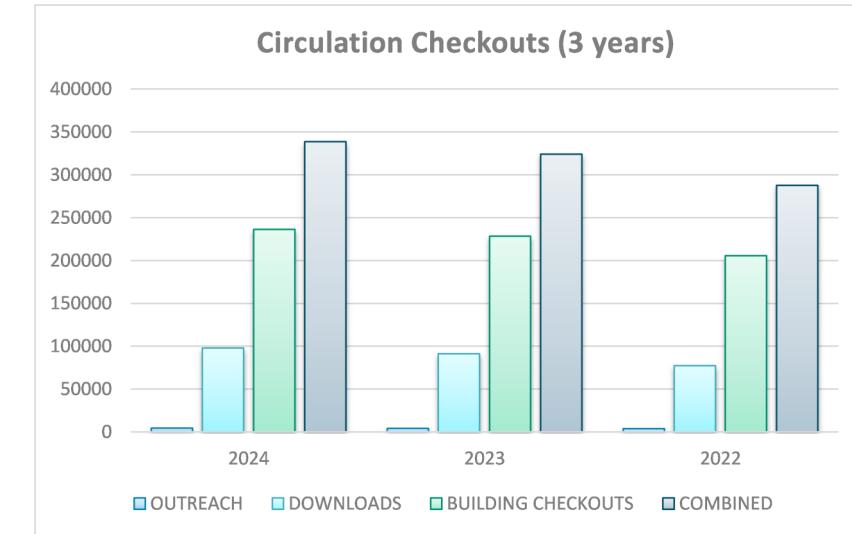
## From the Director

2024 was again a time of change for Waterford Township Public Library. On April 1, 2024, the new Library Director, Julie Schaefer began working for the Township after a thorough search by the Library and Township Boards. Julie was delighted to be selected to lead such a well-established public library and arrived in Waterford with many years of experience in the field. The library staff were very welcoming as was the entire community, and that helped enormously with the transition period and ability to accomplish much during the year.

- ◆ Most significantly to our youngest patrons, the addition of 4 small shopping carts in the Children's area! A game-changer for the little ones.
- ◆ Electrical improvements in various areas of the building including the Magazine and newspaper area as well as Children's spaces.
- ◆ A Puzzle Exchange is launched—take some, leave some. No checkout is required.
- ◆ The Waterford Friends of the Library continues its great support of the library—book sales and the 5K fun run are held with solid community support.
- ◆ The return of Friday hours is met with great happiness by the community. Thursday hours are adjusted as well and the new hours begin Fall 2024.
- ◆ The outside entrance way gets a new look with the installation of larger pavers.
- ◆ Great Eclipse Solar Glasses Giveaway of 2024! More than 1200 protective glasses are distributed prior to the eclipse and many stayed to watch it together outside sharing glasses with others.
- ◆ The public restrooms in the vestibule receive accessible door openers.
- ◆ First Wellness Event is held—a community opportunity to discover resources and organizations for mental and physical well-being.



Front Paver Project 2024



### More new features in 2024



2024 Fleet of Small Shopping Carts

- ◆ Mood & Energy Enhancing lights are added throughout the library for patrons to use in the darker months
- ◆ Aunt Flow-hygiene products are placed in the women's restroom—complimentary as needed
- ◆ Rain garden drainage system is upgraded to allow less blockage from leaves and sticks
- ◆ Air purifiers provided by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are obtained
- ◆ A collapsible cart and a rollator walker with seat are added to assist patrons with collecting items and moving around the building safely
- ◆ New wooden literature racks are installed under the public bulletin boards to provide space for flyers, brochures and other information