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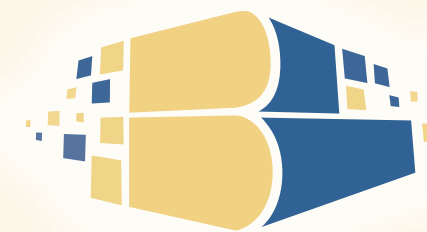
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Barry-Lawrence Regional
LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



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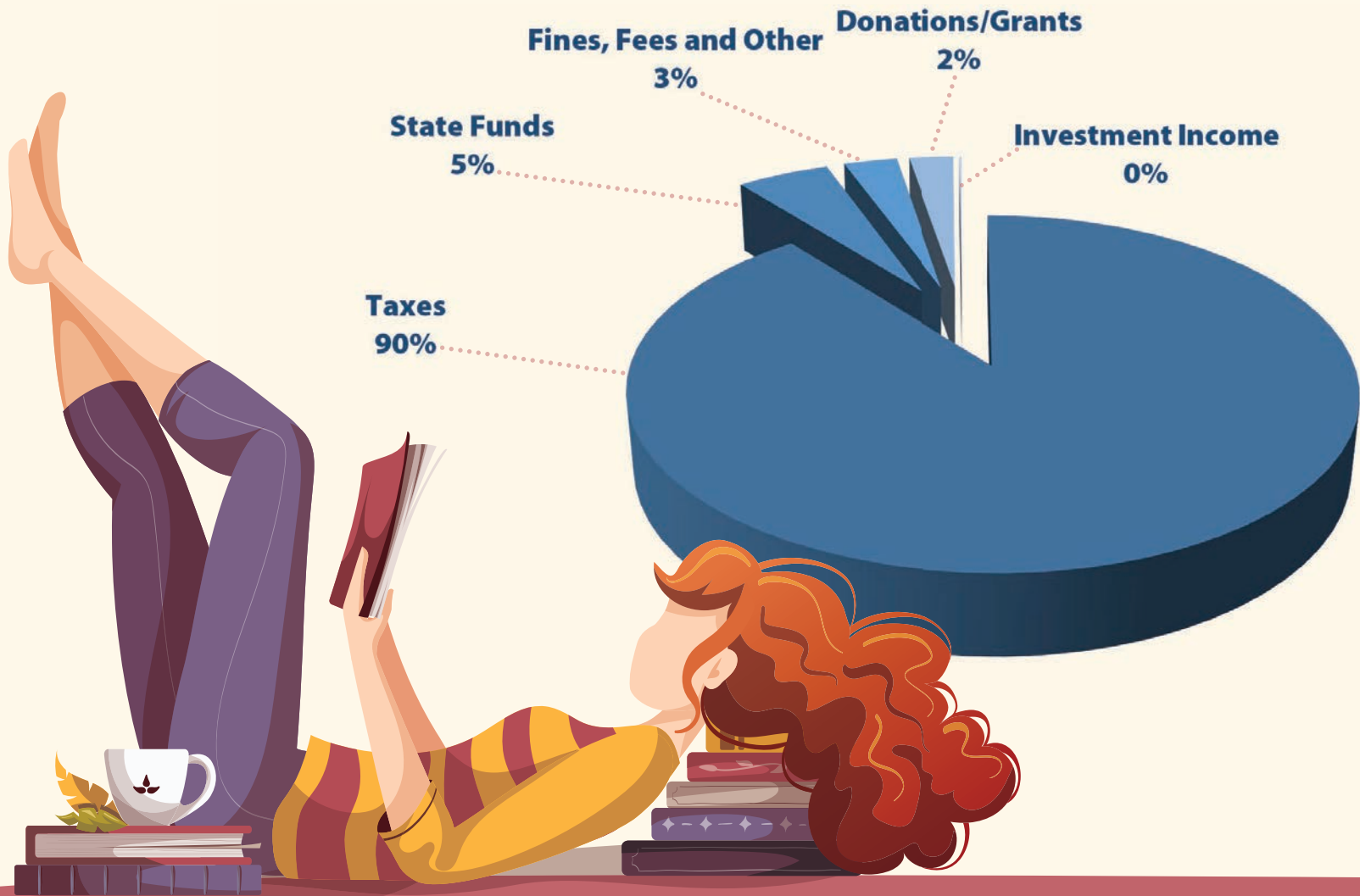


REVENUE

Taxes	\$2,628,518
State Funds	\$147,788
Investment Income	\$4,034
Gifts/Donations/Grants	\$72,261
Non-Resident Fees	\$2,327
Fees/Copier/Etc.	\$25,233
Book Sale Income	\$6,520
Miscellaneous Income	\$51,545
Total Revenues	\$2,938,226

OPERATING RESERVE

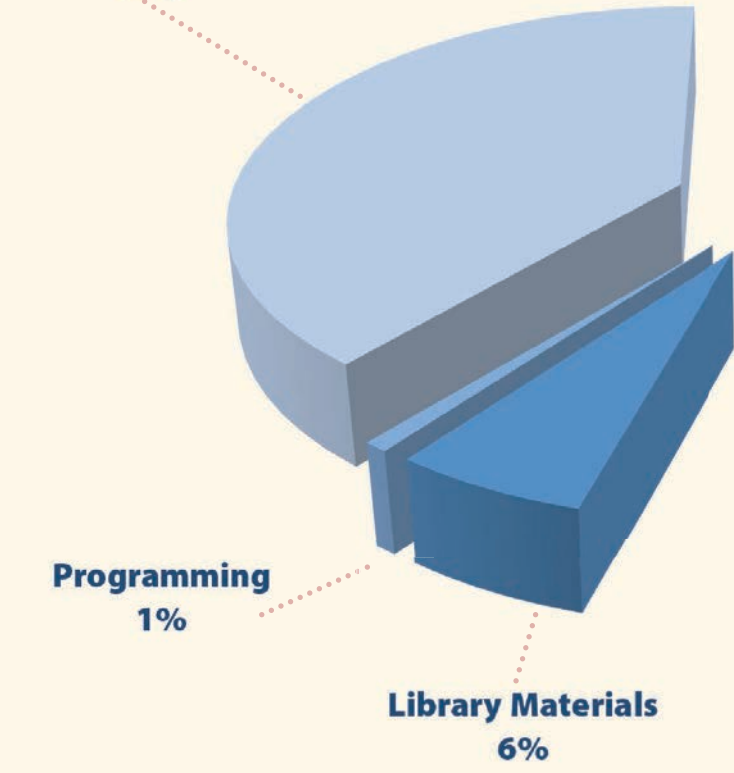
Operating Reserve \$2,006,703
(For July 1 to December 31, 2022)



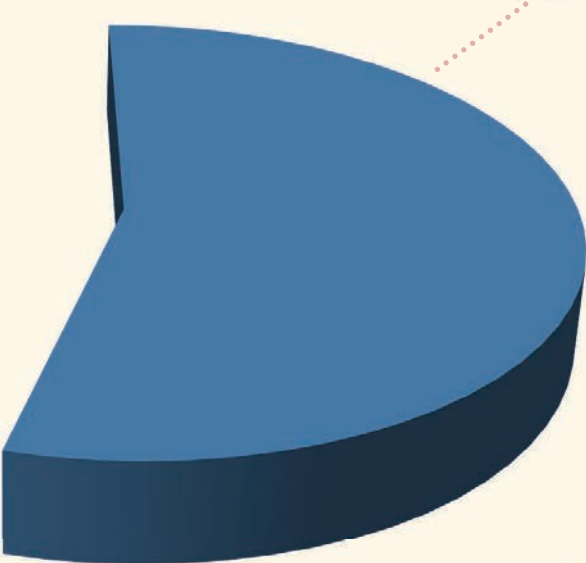
DESIGNATED RESERVE FUNDS

Monett Building Fund	\$508,336
Shell Knob Building Project	\$260,393
Cassville Peterson Funds	\$57,670

Library Operations



Payroll and Benefits



OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Payroll and Benefits	\$1,513,538
Library Materials	\$164,844
Programming	\$21,362
Professional Services	\$55,879
Office Supplies	\$19,375
Postage	\$4,678
Travel	\$2,309
Staff Training	\$3,296
Utilities	\$102,424
Auto Expense	\$8,071
Insurance	\$32,083
Furniture/Equipment	\$30,964
Maintenance/Repairs	\$167,809
Technology/Internet	\$34,531
Databases	\$78,679
Miscellaneous	\$128,616
Lease Purchase Payment	\$420,711
Total Operating Expenditures	\$2,789,169



BRANCH SUMMARIES

AURORA BRANCH

Circulation	39,671
Collection Size	34,032
Cardholders	5,825
Library Visitors	31,681
Computer Use	6,107
Number of Programs	410
Program Attendance	16,653
Questions Answered	25,792

CASSVILLE BRANCH

Circulation	44,392
Collection Size	33,946
Cardholders	7,300
Library Visitors	33,475
Computer Use	5,537
Number of Programs	361
Program Attendance	12,642
Questions Answered	37,037

EAGLE ROCK BRANCH

Circulation	10,740
Collection Size	6,435
Cardholders	672
Library Visitors	7,982
Computer Use	771
Number of Programs	204
Program Attendance	2,525
Questions Answered	11,505

MARIONVILLE BRANCH

Circulation	16,041
Collection Size	13,298
Cardholders	1,804
Library Visitors	15,808
Computer Use	1,906
Number of Programs	741
Program Attendance	14,804
Questions Answered	3,588

MILLER BRANCH

Circulation	7,827
Collection Size	7,736
Cardholders	917
Library Visitors	4,693
Computer Use	715
Number of Programs	80
Program Attendance	1,560
Questions Answered	2,262

MONETT BRANCH

Circulation	57,913
Collection Size	38,424
Cardholders	8,101
Library Visitors	41,352
Computer Use	4,550
Number of Programs	432
Program Attendance	19,386
Questions Answered	37,778

MT. VERNON BRANCH

Circulation	44,098
Collection Size	38,037
Cardholders	5,172
Library Visitors	26,741
Computer Use	6,504
Number of Programs	324
Program Attendance	8,549
Questions Answered	11,739

PIERCE CITY BRANCH

Circulation	10,399
Collection Size	14,450
Cardholders	1,247
Library Visitors	6,058
Computer Use	1,441
Number of Programs	205
Program Attendance	3,228
Questions Answered	2,236

SHELL KNOB BRANCH

Circulation	12,649
Collection Size	10,736
Cardholders	1,524
Library Visitors	9,451
Computer Use	1,650
Number of Programs	233
Program Attendance	5,192
Questions Answered	13,676

BLRL SYSTEM

Circulation	243,730
Collection Size	197,094
Cardholders	32,562
Library Visitors	177,241
Computer Use	29,181
Number of Programs	2,990
Program Attendance	84,539
Questions Answered	145,613



ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Maintenance:

- Replaced HVAC units at both Marionville & Pierce City Branch Library Locations.
- Replaced the roof at Cassville Branch Library Location.
- Landscaping updates were done at the Cassville & Mt. Vernon Branch Library Locations.

Grants:

- Steam Kits to Go (purchased with LSTA Grant funds) are hugely successful with our patrons. The kits are at the Aurora, Cassville, Marionville, Monett, and Mt. Vernon branches. The branch staff have used them for several patron programs.
- We received an LSTA \$10,635 Technology Mini-Grant from the Missouri State Library to purchase new public and staff printers.
- We received an LSTA \$17,795 Technology Ladder Grant from the Missouri State Library to replace aging computers.

Summer Reading Club 2022:

- We are working to move from paper signups to using our online reading program, BeanStack.
- A total of 1,448 patrons participated in the reading challenge—857 children, 85 teens, and 506 adults. They read 15,360 books!
- We provided 342 summer programs with an overall attendance of 10,918 patrons—201 children's programs, 40 teen programs, and 85 adult programs throughout the library district.
- We had 26 school and daycare classrooms participate, and they read 3,090 books.

New Monett Branch Building Project:

- A donor preview Open House was held on October 28, 2022.
- The new branch opened its doors to the public on October 31, 2022.
- This new 22,000 square-foot flagship facility houses a hospitality room, a community room with an Inspiration Kitchen, a state-of-the-art children's area, a teen area, study rooms, an adult reading area, a drive-up window, an outdoor patio, and plenty of parking.
- The Grand Opening was held on November 14, 2022, with festivities throughout the week.
- We received a \$3,500 donation from the 100+Women Who Care Monett Organization and an additional \$1,500 grant from the parent organization for a total donation of \$5,000. We purchased over 300 books for the new branch's children's and teen book collections.
- We thank our donors and library supporters for making this new facility possible.
- Plans are underway to renovate the old branch facility for administrative purposes.

Miscellaneous:

- Mt. Vernon Branch Supervisor Cindy Rinker retired on March 31, 2023, with 19 years of service.
- Received the 2023 Pride and Progress Award from the Monett Area Chamber of Commerce.
- New Shell Knob Library Building Fund continues to receive steady support and, with the active Friends of the Library and other community organizations, is succeeding in fundraising.



DONATIONS FOR THE MONETT LIBRARY:

\$15	Anonymous	\$500	Aarilyn and Wilder Conner
\$20	Jenny Moennig	\$510	Kay Johnson
\$20	Marlene Mareth	\$550	Kennell Family
\$25	Anonymous	\$600	Tom and Yvonne Kerr
\$25	Gary and Carolyn Sorrells	\$1,000	Mike and Phyllis Garrett
\$25	Brenda K. Stanley	\$1,000	Mark and Rhonda Duff Family
\$25	Lorrie Freitag	\$1,000	Charles Peiter and Shirley Peiter
\$30	Rick and Elizabeth Short	\$1,000	Anonymous
\$40	Susan Kelley	\$1,000	Betsy Garrett
\$40	Joan Presley	\$1,000	In Honor of Marcia J. Jones
\$50	Patric and Martha Pettegrew	\$1,000	In memory of Charles and Peggy Milburn
\$50	Ralph and Marlene Hayes	\$1,000	Greg Huntress
\$50	Edna Haynes	\$1,000	Kenneth and Ann Hall
\$50	Donna Patterson	\$1,000	Dan and Charlotte Conner
\$50	Harold and Linda Schelin	\$1,000	Walmart Foundation
\$50	Elva and Robert Sharp	\$1,000	Bob and Deb Berger
\$50	Laurence and Lucille Stoll	\$1,000	Murray and Julie Bishoff
\$50	Don Johnson	\$1,000	Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Sweeney
\$50	Jeff and Janea Coker	\$1,000	Norma Clinton
\$50	Kenneth Daniel	\$1,000	Steve Wise
\$100	Anonymous	\$1,050	David and Donna Beckett
\$100	Anonymous	\$1,400	Jean Berg
\$100	Bernadine Hobson	\$2,000	Henry & Beezus
\$100	Kathie Browne	\$2,000	Rodger and Joyce Frazier
\$100	LaNita and Ken Brumley	\$2,000	Commerce Bancshares Foundation
\$100	Sharon Burke	\$2,700	Monett Lion's Club
\$100	Ann Caraway	\$3,000	In Memory of Al Clark Lewis
\$100	Elizabeth O'Connell	\$3,000	Community National Bank
\$100	Dr. Ralph Scott	\$3,022	Kenneth and Ann Hall
\$100	Semerad Family	\$3,094	Don and Nicole Weber
\$200	Karen Standerwick	\$4,000	L. Stuart Grieb and Sharon Burke
\$200	Edwin L. Scheuerman	\$4,908	Jim and Deanna Wheeler
\$200	Library Staff	\$5,000	In Memory of John Guilfoyle
\$250	Schallert Brother Seed	\$5,000	Benevity Community Impact Fund
\$250	Linda Myers	\$5,000	Katie and Michael Brittenham
\$300	Vincent E. Sweeney	\$5,000	Ralph and Mary Scott
\$300	Martha Beckwith	\$5,000	Monett Area Foundation
\$400	Arkansas Community Foundation	\$5,000	Paul and Linda Lanning
	Ken & Rose Calton Charitable Endowment	\$5,100	Helen Veith Tauchen
	Sharon Bandy	\$5,100	Arhart and Louise Veith
\$500	Animal Clinic of Monett, INC	\$5,500	Freedom Bank of Southern Missouri
\$500	Monett Kiwanis Club	\$5,500	Arvest Foundation
\$500	Darlene Kelley	\$8,000	Win Tech
\$500	Barry County Retired School Personnel	\$9,750	Walmart Foundation
\$500	Cil Miller	\$10,000	In Honor of Howard & Vera Parker from Kay Parker Hassinger & Sara Parker
\$500	Martin Oates	\$10,000	William T. Kemper Foundation
\$500	Visionhealth Eye Center	\$10,000	Pick Family
		\$13,125	Richard Werner
		\$15,000	IMEC
		\$25,000	Terry Family Foundaton
		\$28,285	CAF America
		\$46,795	Marlena Bond
		\$100,000	Anonymous
		\$100,000	Glen and Jeanne Garrett & the Associates of First State Bank of Purdy



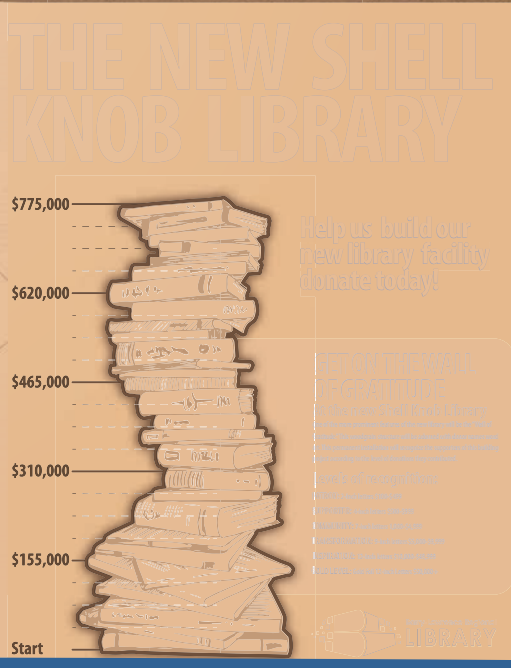
CHILI & SOUP DINNER

for the New Shell Knob Library
Dec. 9th, 4-6pm at the VFW Hall.

The Shell Knob VFW Ladies Auxiliary will host a delicious chili & soup dinner on Saturday, December 9th from 4 to 6 pm at the Shell Knob VFW Hall. 100% of the donations going to the New Shell Knob Library Building Fund.

The Friends of The Library will provide wonderful desserts. The Shell Knob Chamber will hold a Tree Lighting after dinner at 6pm at the CCC Park with s'mores & hot chocolate.

Questions? Contact the library at: 417-858-3618 / shellknob@blrlibrary.org



DONATIONS FOR THE SHELL KNOB LIBRARY:

\$6	Jason Luckey	\$67	Pat Coffman	\$300	Judith Loyd
\$10	Saundra Clay	\$75	Robert Mosley	\$300	Coast Guard Auxiliary
\$18	Doris Ott	\$75	Leland and Karol Koon	\$333	Freedom Bank
\$18	Ella Booker	\$76	Ashley Rogers	\$350	Joyce Forkner
\$20	Elizabeth Hendrix	\$86	Caroling Group	\$500	Fraternal Order of the Eagles
\$20	Margaret Pelzl	\$100	Mary Hatch	\$500	Eddie Marcus
\$20	Larry Dudley	\$100	Connie Gardner	\$500	Michael King
\$20	Pastor Clay	\$100	Rita Marts	\$500	Cyndi Montag
\$20	Wilma Quade	\$100	Mary Marts	\$500	Susanne Sickles
\$20	Shell Knob Rattler	\$100	Diane Whitley	\$500	D. Jack King
\$20	Sandra Erick	\$100	Linda Asbell	\$500	Willis Insurance Inc.
\$25	Nancy Penfield	\$100	Mary Dudley	\$525	Margaret Hines
\$25	Marsha Kelley	\$100	Sharon Brown	\$600	Ty Dickerson
\$25	Max Buckley	\$100	Billy Hadlow	\$600	Big Creek Leather Company
\$25	Kathy Valentine	\$100	Joyce Frazier	\$753	Misc. Donations
\$25	Michael Ceccanti	\$100	Janea Coker	\$1,000	Anonymous
\$25	Frank Owings	\$100	M.S. Steele	\$1,000	W.D. Gordon
\$25	Robert VanDusen	\$100	George Woodard	\$1,000	Table Rock Storage
\$25	Eileen Ploss	\$100	Lori Swift	\$1,000	Chuck and Sue Bair
\$25	P.J. Callender	\$100	Marilyn Atkinson	\$1,000	Captain Stephen Crandall
\$25	Erin Parrack	\$100	Jason Coote	\$1,00	Plumbers Steam Fitters
\$25	Captain Kevin White	\$100	Linda Harris	\$1,100	Robert Crouch
\$25	Kathryn Boswell	\$100	Susan Ballard	\$1,350	Sholom Vinitzky
\$25	Lynn Blanke	\$100	Captain Joseph Green	\$1,500	Sharon Ott-Deal
\$25	Sandra Fitzpatrick	\$100	Larry McGuire	\$1,500	Sharon Ott-Deal
\$27	Amy Crain	\$100	J.S. Bristow	\$1,500	Central Crossing Lodge
\$30	Kim Kline	\$100	Mary Holtman	\$1,500	Teresa and Mike Olson
\$34	Shell Knob Porch	\$100	Marvin Morgan	\$1,555	Pence Lutheran Church
\$35	Priscilla Six	\$100	Sue Carter	\$1,565	Thrivent Financial
\$37	C. Gibbons	\$100	Shell Knob Pest	\$2,500	Fraternal Order of Eagles
\$49	Nadine Schnackenberg	\$100	David Walters	\$3,000	Shell Knob Lions Club
\$50	Diane Suett	\$100	Mohamed Kotob	\$5,880	Discovery Quilters
\$50	George Marts	\$100	Sheila Wiley	\$8,396	Shell Knob Friends of the Library
\$50	Thomas Kelley	\$100	J.A. Fouser	\$150,000	Barry-Lawrence Regional Library
\$50	Post & Auxiliary	\$100	Susan Rosebaum		
\$50	Marlas Birk	\$100	Gordia Parrott		
\$50	John Crain	\$145	George Dickerson		
\$50	Eunice Blazek	\$150	Judith Geraghty		
\$50	Lucinda Thomovsky	\$150	Michael King		
\$50	Oleta Smelter	\$150	Marilyn Malousek		
\$50	Brent Lugena	\$160	Council of Catholic Women		
\$50	Dogwood Trail Club	\$160	Phyllis Abraham		
\$50	Dean McCarville	\$200	Vicki Wisner		
\$50	Deena Koch	\$200	Knights of Columbus		
\$50	Red Barn Antiques	\$200	United Methodist Women		
\$50	Debra Koelkebeck	\$200	Brad Tow Anesthesia		
\$50	William Crawford	\$200	Service 1 Credit Union		
\$50	Patricia Perry	\$220	Phillip Buntin		
\$50	Norma Jones	\$230	Jackie Witherspoon		
\$50	Nancy Mallamo	\$240	Richard Talbot		
\$50	Lyle Smith	\$250	MLS USA Corp		
\$50	G. A. Conde	\$250	Barbara Ball		
\$50	Cheri Cowherd	\$250	Mari Corp U.S.		
\$50	Mr. and Mrs. William Haas				

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EMPOWERING PARENTS

The Barry-Lawrence Regional Library values the community’s trust, especially regarding library services to children. The Library’s policy has always been to empower parents to decide about their children’s access to Library materials. Due to changes in the State of Missouri Regulations, the BLRL deactivated all children’s library cards in July of 2023. Parents were required to acknowledge their responsibility for their children’s access to library services and agree to reactivate the Library cards of their minor children.

Other required changes included separating some books and displays by age groups and labeling programs with age group designation. Also, some changes to reporting and library processes changed. Overall, BLRL patrons are not significantly impacted by these changes due to our Library’s policies and procedures being well-developed and having a high degree of transparency.

These changes to States Regulation are pursuant to 15 CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors subsection (c)

More information about this issue and other library policies can be found at the following link:

<https://www.blrlibrary.com/policies-procedures>