

CITY OF MADISON

Budget Fact Sheet: Madison Public Library

Total Library Budget

The 2024 Library budget is \$20.7 million.



- **Personnel = 67%**. This funds librarians, technology specialists, maintenance staff, and other key roles.
- Non-Personnel = 21%. This funds the city's contribution to the South Central Library System, program supplies, and other costs.
- **Charges = 1%.** This funds payments made to other city agencies.
- **Debt Service = 11%.** This includes the Library's debt service costs for capital improvements.
- Books and other items in the library's collection are primarily funded through the Capital budget.
- In addition to Library's property tax revenue there are statutory contract payments to the library from other library systems of \$2 million. The library also receives private gifts.

Public Facilities

The Library budget is part of the Public Facilities group.

Madison Public Library operates nine (9) libraries, one service center, and a mobile Dream Bus. The Library is considered part of the General Fund when looking at the City's budget because it is mostly funded through property taxes.

> 2024 Adopted Operating Budget by Function (General Fund)



Other Public Facilities

Monona Terrace is another city-operated public facility. However, Monona Terrace is an "Enterprise Fund" meaning their services are not funded through property tax revenues. Because of this, they are not included in the totals above.

All numbers reflect the 2024 adopted general fund budget, unless otherwise noted.

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Library Service Highlights

Collections

Library collections are available in multiple formats and genres/subjects for all reading and viewing interests. Residents checked out 2.3 million items in-person in 2023. With an additional 700,000 checkouts of ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, and streaming videos, total checkouts topped 3 million. Cooperation with other public libraries in Dane County and South Central Library System provide seamless service and efficient resource sharing across seven counties. 42% of residents have library cards.



Spaces & Programs

Library spaces are used by many residents for a wide variety of purposes, from quiet studying and work meetings, to story times and community meetings. Libraries received 1.28 million visits, and 25,907 uses of library meeting and study spaces in 2023. The library hosted 4,753 programs, with a total attendance of 88,967. Community partnerships extend and diversify library programming in areas of literacy, education, wellness, economic opportunity, social connection and lifelong learning.



Computers & Internet

Libraries offer free computer service, wifi access, and expert computing assistance at all nine libraries (with wifi access on the Dream Bus). Visitors logged 131,000 computer sessions in 2023 in addition to 3.5 million wifi uses. Residents use library technology to apply for jobs, work remotely, connect to government and other services online, and stay connected. Additional services include printing, copying, faxing and scanning for free or at affordable rates.



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