



MARINE LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION

*Celebrating 10 Years*

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# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT



The Marine Library Association is the 501(c)3 organization that operates the Marine Community Library (the Library).

The Library's primary service area encompasses Marine on St Croix, Scandia and May Township.

2022 marked the Library's 10th year as a fully-volunteer-run library. After Washington County decided to close the Marine Branch Library in 2011, volunteers from these communities quickly mobilized to resurrect the Marine Library Association, which had been formed in 1878, to ensure that a library remained in the community.

The Library's doors were opened in 2012. Ten thriving years are a testament to the valuable community role played by the Library. We are proud of our continued success and grateful to the volunteers, donors and patrons who, day-after-day, demonstrate the value of the service provided.

Since its launch, the Library has offered thousands of books and media for patrons to borrow, over a hundred adult programs for continuing education, and countless days of story-times and summer camp for children. This annual report covers 2022, but represents a snapshot of one year in a decade of similar years.

## PROGRAMMING

In 2022, the Library cautiously brought back live in-person programming with the new normal of hybrid programming including on-line access.

We delivered these programs:

- **JAN 20 AUTHOR TALK** Jonathan C. Slaght held a conversation about his award-winning book, *The Owls of the Eastern Ice: A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl*.
- **FEB 24 AUTHOR TALK** Ryan Rodgers via Zoom hosted a discussion about *Winter's Children: A Celebration of Nordic Skiing*.
- **APR 21 SCHOLAR TALK** Presented by the Marine Community Library and ArtReach St. Croix at the Marine Village Hall. Dr. Brenda Child discussed the contemporary Jingle Dress tradition, which is rooted in a healing tradition.
- **SEP 22 ENVIRONMENTAL TALK** Brian Anderson of the Minnesota Electric Vehicle Owner's Group offered a primer about this segment of the automobile industry.
- **OCT 7 AUTHOR TALK AND CELEBRATION** Marine Community Library celebrated its 10th birthday! The featured speaker was Michael Hall, New York Times bestselling children's author of *My Heart Is Like A Zoo*.
- **OCT 20 AND 27 CANDIDATE FORUMS** The Library hosted Marine and Scandia Mayoral and City Council candidate forums.
- **NOV 17 AUTHOR TALK** Patti Isaacs recounted her experiences in China in 1981 and 2005 covered in her new book, *The Second Long March*.



The Library was thrilled to offer in-person summer camps to two age groups for a week-long art and science day camp. Summer children's programming also featured a reading challenge, story times and community blanket bingo. Story times, maker's spaces and game nights were also offered during the school year.

The Library is pleased to partner with the Marine Film Society and offered two documentary films in 2022, as we emerged from the pandemic.



River Radio is an exciting offering sponsored by the Library and delivered by library volunteers and local residents, Jim Maher and Gayle Knutson, as a bi-weekly podcast structured like a radio show to be listened to "live" or as a podcast. Some of River Radio's 2022 guests included celebrated New York Times columnist and cookbook author Jane Brody, NPR On the Money contributor Chris Farrell, and polar explorer and environmentalist Ann Bancroft.

## OUR LIBRARY

The Library is proud of its breadth of programming, and also its value as a traditional lending library.

In 2022, patrons checked out 3,231 books and other media from the over 5,000 items in the catalog.

The Library received 300 new (published in 2022) books for our shelves from Washington County Library, direct Library purchases and donors. The Library has 1,272 card holders. Without a single paid staff member, this occurs thanks to the efforts of over 50 volunteers who dedicated 1,450 hours of their time.

While the City of Marine on St Croix provides physical space for the library and Washington County Library Department provides books for the collection annually and the opportunity to pick up County Library books in Marine, Marine Community Library receives no tax dollars for its operation or collections. All funds are provided by donors. The Library is honored by the donations from so many to continue its work. In 2022, the Library received \$35,631 in donations.

## NEW GIFT OPPORTUNITY

In 2022, the Marine Community Library Endowment Fund was established as a part of the St. Croix Valley Foundation's endowed assets. By design an endowment builds future income, using only the interest earned on the endowment fund for annual operations or special initiatives, with the principal remaining intact to stabilize the fund going forward. The St. Croix Valley Foundation's endowed assets provide economies of scale to investments that would otherwise not be available to a smaller non-profit investor, along with the benefits of a diverse investment portfolio, reputable investment oversight and experienced donor administrative support. The Marine Community Library Endowment Fund will help ensure that the Library is here for our community for generations to come.

## MARINE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY JANUARY - DECEMBER 2022

REVENUE	TOTAL
Donations - annual drive	\$35,631.27
From Jordan bequest	\$6,000.00
Book Sale and other miscellaneous	\$265.57
Interest Income	\$1,290.00
Program payments - kids	\$1,700.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$44,886.84</b>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	
Permanent book collection	\$3,579.68
Newspaper and magazine subscriptions	-
Programming and events	\$8,838.04
Marine Community Library collection software	\$495.00
Volunteer scheduling website	-
Furnishings and paint	\$2,334.03
Cleaning services	\$3,900.00
Various administrative materials	\$7,254.30
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,401.05</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$18,485.79</b>



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