ANNUAL REPORT
FY24
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OUR MISSION

WE EMPOWER PEOPLE BY CREATING OPPORTUNITIES THAT ENRICH THEIR LIVES WITH INFORMATION, ACTIVITIES, AND SERVICES.
As we reflect on FY2024, we can take pride in the Eastern Oklahoma Library System’s (EOLS) exceptional performance in serving the community. Our circulation numbers are up, and our innovative programs, catering to all age groups from toddlers to seniors, have set new participation.

- We had a 19% increase in e-circulation due to a system-wide initiative to enhance online access.
- Patron visits increased by 21%.
- We experienced a 7% increase in program attendance, with 64,809 attendees across 3,560 programs.
- Thanks to generous grants and supporters, we added outdoor story walks and a music garden so patrons can enjoy outdoor literacy activities.
- Touch-a-Truck, Muskogee Public Library’s popular annual fundraiser, saw over 1,500 attendees this year and raised over $6,000 for summer programs.

In FY2025, we will launch a facility campaign to improve our buildings. Repairs and renovations at Eufaula Memorial Library, Warner Public Library, and Rieger Memorial Library are among the projects already underway. A comprehensive, multi-million dollar fundraising campaign for the Muskogee Public Library will kick off this year. Like most of our work, these efforts will be collaborative. EOLS is fortunate to have supportive town and city governments, Friends of the Library groups, and generous community entities who believe in the power of libraries to transform communities. We look forward to working with them to reimagine our facilities.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to EOLS staff, volunteers, board members, and patrons. Your support and commitment have been instrumental in the system’s success. Together, we are building a stronger, more vibrant Eastern Oklahoma. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

Kathy Seibold, MLIS, Ed.D.
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Hulbert Community Library

Grove Public Library

Rieger Memorial Library

Tahlequah Public Library

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FY2024

REVENUE

*City/County Support includes McIntosh County sales tax, Ft. Gibson city support, Muldrow city support and Jay city support. Expenditures reflect increases/changes for those locations.
FY2024 Expenditures

Emergency Reserve
FY24: $75,000  
FY23: $0

Salaries
FY24: $4,132,105  
FY23: $4,132,105

Operations
FY24: $1,065,000  
FY23: $1,065,000

Equipment
FY24: $30,000  
FY23: $30,000

Materials
FY24: $1,085,302  
FY23: $1,085,302

Total Expenditures
FY24: $4,544,284  
FY23: $4,544,284

FY2024  
08/12

30,000  
30,000
6 Counties
15 Branches
4,163 sq. mi.
232,940 Residents
79,603 Cardholders
### Items Borrowed
693,675

### Patrons who used library computers/Wi-Fi
126,964

### Program Attendance
64,809

### Programs Offered
3,923

### Library Visitors
503,195

### Community Meetings Held
2,602

### VALUE*

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**Total Value:** $12,710,251

*ALA Library Value Calculator, FY24
BRANCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Grove Public Library installed a beautiful music garden thanks to an ARP grant, Friends of the Library, and Grove Rotary Foundation.
- Muldrow Public Library installed a StoryWalk® at Muldrow City Park thanks to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and Institute of Museum and Library Services.
- Touch-a-Truck, Muskogee Public Library’s annual fundraiser successfully raised more than $6,000 for summer programs.
- Muldrow and Sallisaw Branch Manager Bethia Owens received the Rural Renewal Citizenship Prize.
- Our libraries in Jay, Grove, and Fort Gibson received Oklahoma Humanities “Let’s Talk About It” program grants.
- Stilwell Public Library received a Health Literacy grant for a community garden and nutrition classes.
- The system implemented LibraryCalendar and now offers online room reservations.
- Muskogee Public Library received a Kirschner grant to purchase give-away books.
- Tahlequah Public Library received funds from the Tahlequah Community Fund and Friends of the Library to purchase an Obie Interactive Projector System.
- Grove Public Library received the Grand Impact Award for services and programs.

SYSTEM-WIDE INCREASES
FY23-FY24

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## LOCATIONS

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