

# GALESBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



Your Galesburg Public Library

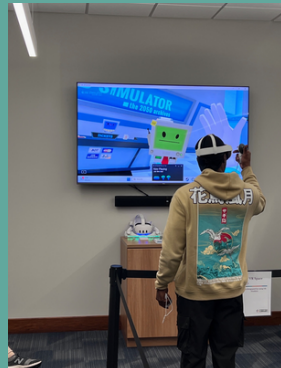
Mom: “Well, is it everything you thought it would be?”

Child: “And more! I just love libraries!”

## SIX MONTHS OF GROWTH AND GRATITUDE: CELEBRATING OUR NEW LIBRARY TOGETHER

Time has truly flown by—our new library has been open for six months! The community's response has been heartwarming, with new features in the library becoming cornerstones for learning and interaction. The state-of-the-art technology in our labs and engaging programs have enriched everyone's experience, enhancing our community's connection to the library. With growing numbers of library cards and a thriving children's library, our community's library is open and off to a wonderful beginning.

*Thank you for making a Difference*



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# OPENING MONTH TRIUMPHS: UNPRECEDENTED ENGAGEMENT AND GROWTH AT OUR LIBRARY

May showcased the growing enthusiasm for our new library!



Library card sign-ups **QUINTUPLED** compared to May 2023!

The Reference Department handled an astonishing **6,000 additional inquiries** compared to May 2023.

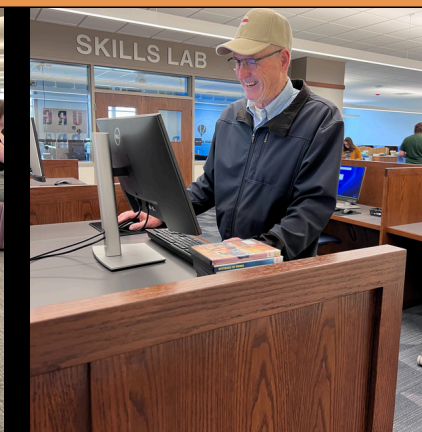


We welcomed **2,000 more visitors** than our busiest month in 2023, setting a new record!

Book checkouts saw an **increase of 5,000** over the same period.



The incredible achievements we've seen reflect the dedication of our staff and the strong support of the community.





## Read Renew Repeat: How Your Support Made a Difference This Summer

The Foundation proudly sponsored the 2024 Summer Reading Program, Read Renew Repeat, which was a tremendous success. The program engaged 562 children and 245 adults in a summer filled with reading, discovery, and fun, helping to foster a love for reading across all ages. Many different programs offered at many different times made it so there was something for all ages and needs. See below for some of our favorite memories captured this summer!



## Richardson Scholarship 2024: Celebrating Our Recipients

Congratulations to Kaitlin Hutchcroft and Bailey Hill, this year's recipients of the William K. and Dorothea Richardson Endowment Scholarship. This scholarship supports our library staff in their pursuit of a Master of Library Science degree, directly contributing to the professional development of our future library leaders.



**Kaitlin Hutchcroft**



**Bailey Hill**

As we reflect on the remarkable achievements and milestones of the past six months, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and enthusiasm of our community and donors. The Galesburg Public Library has not only grown in services and facilities but also in its impact, bringing people together and fostering a love of learning and literature.

Looking forward, we remain committed to supporting the library as it enhances its offerings, expands its reach, and meets the evolving needs of our community. Your continued support is pivotal as we embark on new initiatives.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we'll continue to make the Galesburg Public Library a cornerstone of discovery and community engagement.



**Make a Difference!**

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