



**Libraries
Without Borders**
US

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Nina Safane
Executive Director

Dear friends,

We are deeply grateful to the generous supporters and partners who made the work at Libraries Without Borders US possible in 2024. In the pages ahead, you'll find key highlights from the past year, along with a look at the programs that continue to expand our impact.

In 2024, LWB US undertook some of its most ambitious work to date. We launched ten new partnerships between libraries and local schools, school libraries, and school districts with the goal of ensuring sustainable access to library resources for kids, families, and educators. Simultaneously, we continued to bring critical library resources to communities nationwide, especially those historically underserved or overlooked.

As we move into 2025 with federal funding for public libraries remaining uncertain, we are reaffirming our commitment to building and sustaining the library infrastructure that communities rely on. Our focus will remain on scalable, community-driven solutions that increase access to knowledge, opportunity, and connection.

At LWB, we firmly believe in the transformative power of libraries to respond to today's most pressing challenges, from education equity to digital access. We know that libraries are adaptive, resilient, and essential. And we are evermore committed to ensuring libraries have the tools, partnerships, and support to thrive.



Patrick Weil
Founder and Board Chair

WHO WE ARE

Libraries Without Borders US expands access to **critical information, educational opportunities, and local resources.**

WHAT WE DO

LWB US supports public libraries and community organizations to identify and remove barriers **preventing underserved communities** from accessing the knowledge and resources to pursue more promising futures.

WHY WE DO IT

With over 17,000 branches across the US, public libraries serve as **lifelines to education, resources, and social connection.** Yet, fundamental barriers stemming from historic neglect and systematic racism prevent communities who would benefit most from accessing the library's most vital resources. Simultaneously, many libraries face structural and logistical limitations that inhibit their capacity for outreach and innovation.

That's where LWB US comes in: creating sustainable solutions that bring resources, knowledge, and power outside the library walls and into local communities.

OUR WORK IN 2024



LWB US made significant progress on initiatives that increase access to critical community resources



MOBILE LIBRARY STRATEGY

Conducting local and national research spanning 100+ mobile library strategies across the country to **inform and enhance bookmobile and library courier services** in Fayette County, West Virginia.

LIBRARY LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Guiding a **comprehensive internal and external assessment of library offerings and community needs** to inform a strategic plan in Newark, New Jersey.

CULTURAL COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

Preserving and protecting the rich cultural heritage in Loiza, Puerto Rico by capturing oral histories and cultural assets through community-driven digital archive training and technical support.

NATIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Building the National Library Directory of Puerto Rico to **equip communities with relevant information about library resources, services, and facilities** to increase library access and usage.

NEW LIBRARY- SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

In 2024, LWB US launched one of our largest efforts yet to connect students, families, and educators to local library offerings.

We successfully **piloted this model in ten communities** across New Jersey, New York, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, and Maine and will expand the program in the year ahead building on these promising strategies:

Hosting awareness campaigns to promote local library services and offerings

Offering library programming, events, and workshops on-site at schools

Launching self-checkout stations to enable a seamless library access at school

Facilitating collection sharing between libraries and school systems



OUR REACH IN 2024

We made
significant strides
toward sustainable
library access
over the past year...



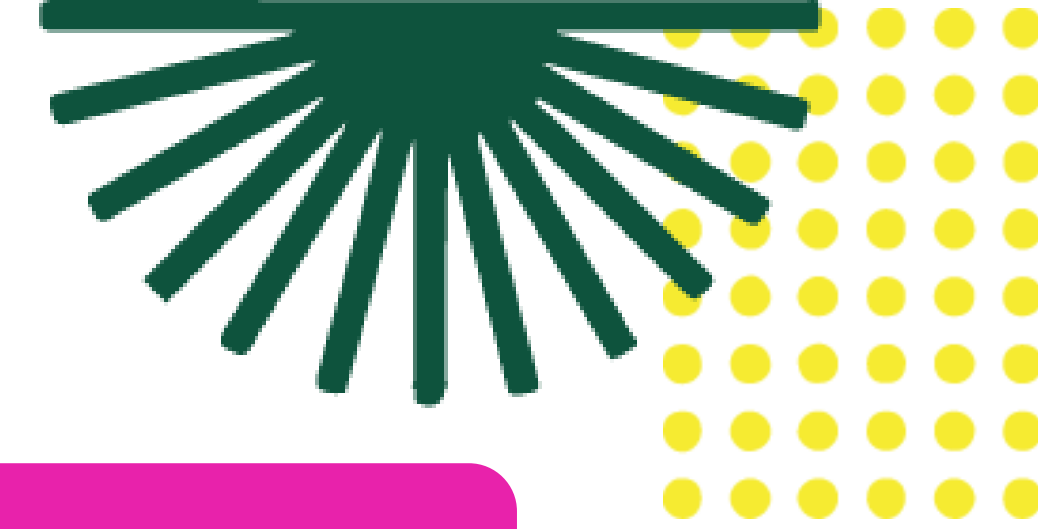
10
states & territories
engaged across the US

17
projects & pilots
expanding library access

1,000 +
community members
& library staff trained

6,000+
students & families with
increased library access





OUR IMPACT IN 2024

Our metrics reflect our commitment to **long-term systemic change** and include...

Increasing access to and usage of essential library resources and **services** within underserved communities

Spurring personal and educational growth and a love of learning **for students** through increased access to literacy and learning opportunities

Supporting family **stability and economic advancement** through access to language and literacy classes, legal services, tax support, training, and more.

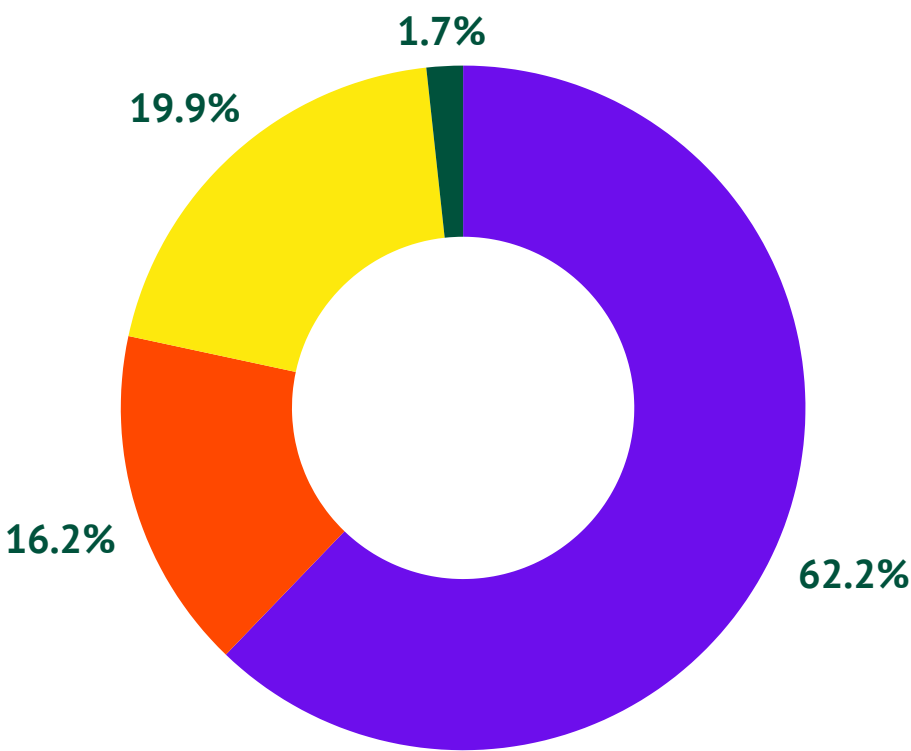
Enhancing sustainable **partnerships and coordination** between libraries and community-based organizations

Building confidence and capacity within **library staff** to continually address evolving community needs

Revenue & Support

Grants & Contracts	\$981,158
Individual Donors	\$145,808
In-Kind Services	\$350,560
Other Income	\$29,944

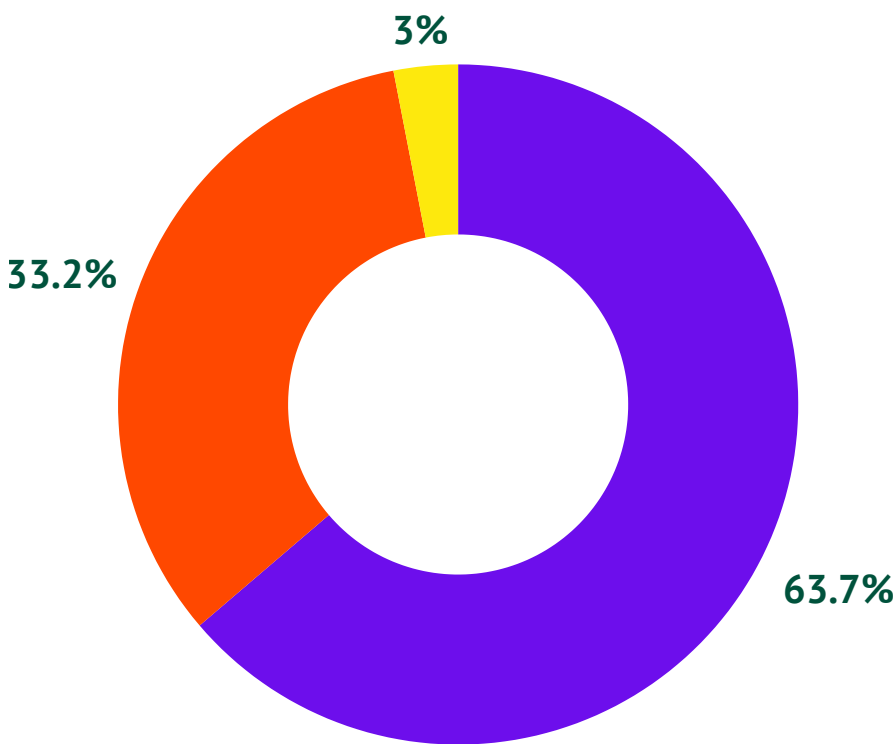
Total Revenue \$1,507,470



Expenses

Program Services	\$848,333
Administration	\$441,959
Fundraising	\$40,588

Total Expenses \$1,330,880



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Auburn Public Library	Jersey City Free Public Library
Connecticut State Library	Newark Public Library
Curtis High School	Plattsburg Public Library
Englewood Public Library	PS 5 Ellen Lurie School
Erie County Public Library	Spanish Peaks Library District
Evanston Public Library	Southwest Harbor Public Library
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