

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



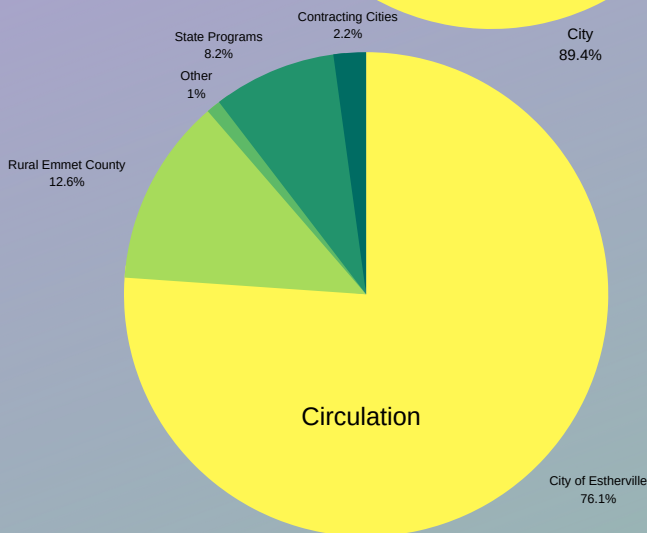
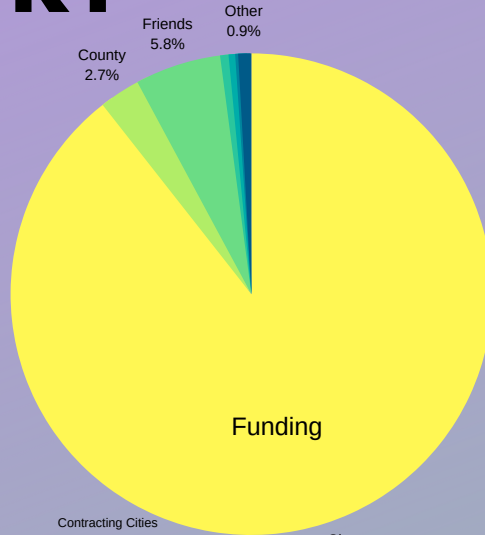
## FUNDING

The Estherville Public Library is fortunate to have strong community support, both through tax-supported operating funds and direct community contributions through the Friends organization.

Emmet County accounts for 2.7% of our income while rural residents account for 12.6% of our physical circulation.

In recent years, Emmet County has moved from the 99th position out of 99 counties in cents-per-thousand library funding to 89th this year. We have also moved from 80 up to 63 out of 99 for per capita funding for libraries.

Average per capita is \$21.66, while Emmet County is currently at \$14.77.



## PEOPLE

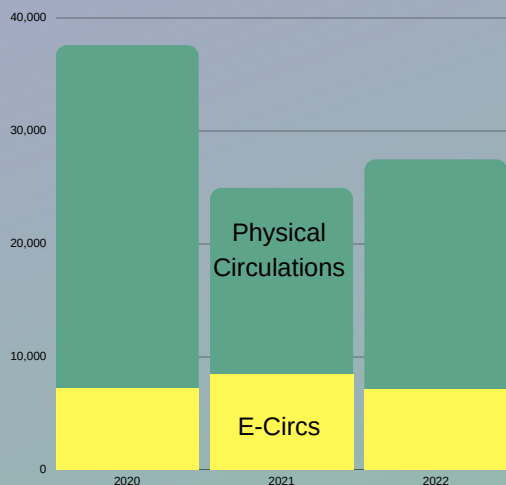
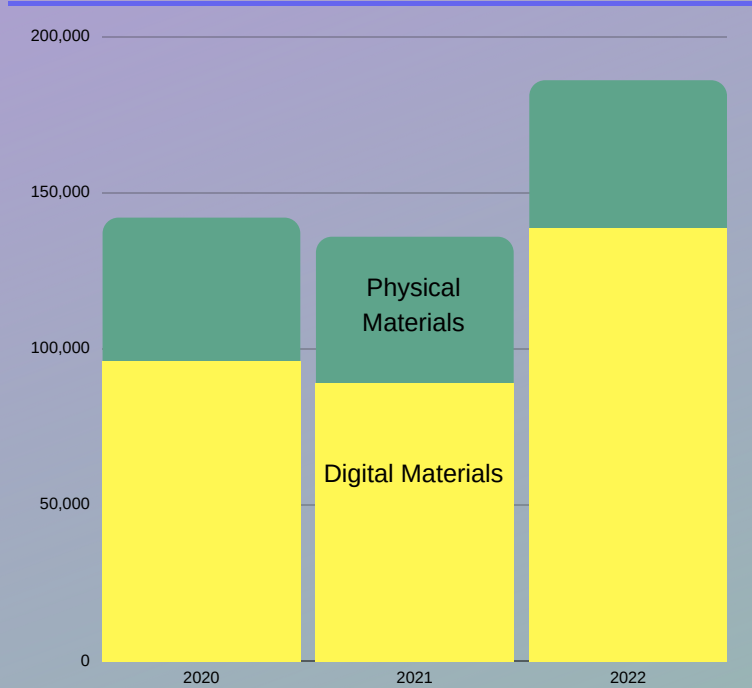
14,584 people came through the doors of the EPL in the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, and we saw over 11,000 logins to our wireless internet from personal devices.

Those who checked out physical items saved \$235,494.12 this past year. This does not account for savings related to digital items, computer and office equipment access, or any of our other services.



# PROGRAMS

The number of programs offered for the public was 159 in FY22. We've had to completely re-imagine our delivery models since 2020, and continue to develop options to suit patrons' comfort levels by providing for this need remotely through kits and online or hybrid in-person events whenever possible.



# USAGE

While physical circulation was impacted negatively at libraries everywhere due to COVID-19, we are now seeing a trend back towards physical items as electronic usage stabilizes. As seen in the above graphic, our digital offerings are now well past double our physical selections.



Our wireless internet continues to be available 24/7 and is accessible from our north parking area or on library square.

We've now added 3 hotspots for checkout, and a permanent curbside service sign. The EPL will continue to evolve to meet users' needs.

